



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Dr. William Muth, Linn County Health Officer (*via teleconferencing*); Shane Sanderson, Linn County Public Health Program Manager; Brian Carroll, Linn County Parks and Recreation Director; Randy Porter, Linn County Fair and Expo Director; Kris Barnes, Linn County Fair and Expo Operations & Events Manager; Kevan McCulloch, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce; Alysia Rodgers, City of Lebanon; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Joanna Mann, Reporter for Democrat-Herald.

1, 2, 3. At 9:00 a.m. Chair Nyquist called the meeting to order. The flag salute and roll call followed. Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Chair; Will Tucker, Vice-Chair and Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger were present, as well as, Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer and Marsha Meyer, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners.

4. Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that he had a few items to discuss under Agenda Item No. 10-Correspondence and asked the Board to amend the agenda.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of the September 13, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the September 13, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Board of Health – Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator.

A. Communicable Disease and Vital Statistics Reports – Dr. William Muth, Linn County Health Officer.

Dr. Muth provided the Board with an overview of the Communicable Disease and Vital Statistics Reports for August, 2022. A copy of the reports are on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

B. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report – Shane Sanderson, Linn County Public Health Program Manager.

Mr. Sanderson provided the Board with an overview of the Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report for August, 2022. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Tucker thanked Mr. Sanderson and his staff for their work at the Art and Air event and his communication with the Board. He thanked him and his team for working with a vendor to get them up and running to be able to serve safe food. Commissioner Sprenger stated that Mr. Sanderson was quick to respond and she appreciated that level of service.

In regard to receiving additional funding from the State, Commissioner Nyquist stated that he would caution all departments, including the Health Departments on the use of funding from the State and how they would apply those funds. Residents come to rely on those services and the departments need to proceed with caution and have strategic conversations on the level of funding in the future.

C. Resolution & Order 2022-320 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Oregon Health Authority (Agreement No. 177747) and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

There was discussion about the breakdown of the money for this item and where the money would come from. Mr. Noble stated that it would not be subsidized by Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-320. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Parks Department – Brian Carroll, Linn County Parks and Recreation Director.

A. Resolution & Order 2022-353 authorizing the Linn County Parks Department to apply for a County Opportunity Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for a RV Waste Water Disposal Facility Grant and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-353. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Fair/Expo Update from Randy Porter, Linn County Fair and Expo Director.

Mr. Porter provided the Board with a Fair/Expo Update for August, 2022. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Tucker thanked Mr. Porter and his staff for their assistance with the set up and tear down of the 9-11 event on Sunday, September 11, 2022.

Mr. Porter informed the Board that he had followed up, as instructed, with Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) about their horse arena and he was told that their facility was educational based and not an agricultural center. Mr. Porter stated that LBCC's arena would not have an impact on the Fair and Expo Center.

B. Resolution & Order 2022-335 approving a Contract for Services between **Forks and Corks Catering, LLC** and Linn County.

Action Taken Below.

C. Resolution & Order 2022-336 approving a Contract for Services between **Honeybrine Catering** and Linn County.

Action Taken Below.

D. Resolution & Order 2022-337 approving a Contract for Services between **Jacopettis Catering** and Linn County.

Action Taken Below.

E. Resolution & Order 2022-338 approving a Contract for Services between **Loafers Station** and Linn County.

Action Taken Below.

F. Resolution & Order 2022-339 approving a Contract for Services between **McKillips Catering** and Linn County.

Action Taken Below.

G. Resolution & Order 2022-340 approving a Contract for Services between **N'Reener's Event Catering** and Linn County.

Action Taken Below.

H. Resolution & Order 2022-341 approving a Contract for Services between Southpaws Pizza and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Orders 2022-335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340 and 341. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Board Recognition of Randy Porter – The Board presented Randy Porter, Linn County Fair and Expo Director, with a plaque for his 24 years of service to Linn County. Mr. Porter will retire at the end of December, 2022.

The Board stated that they were grateful for the work Mr. Porter had done over the years. Mr. Porter thanked the Board and stated that they would be in good hands with Kris Barnes, Linn County's new Fair and Expo Director.

10. Correspondence: Commissioner Nyquist handed the Board a copy of an email he received from Coos County Commissioner, Bob Main on Monday, September 19, 2022 that included the deed that transferred Coos County trust lands to Oregon Department of Forestry on July 1, 1940. A copy of Commissioner Main's email is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that the Supreme Court would not be reviewing the case of Linn County and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) which started in 2016. There was a 21-day trial in Linn County Circuit Court in 2019; the jury and judges saw it differently than the higher courts.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that the email from Commissioner Main had two attachments; the deed for a parcel of their property to ODF and referenced a copy of the act. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that the question was what it meant for Linn County residents:

1. ODF intends to cut down fewer trees. This reduction and management of the forest will likely increase the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires with pre-empted shutdowns of power.
2. When people get their paychecks and look at their deductions for state income tax, creating homes for owls that don't show up, it is not in the best interest of Linn County as to where their money should go while people are struggling.
3. We press on to the legislative level and the next governor. We need to continue to press the issue and force the conversation on what these policies mean.

Commissioner Tucker stated that we need to stand together. He was surprised that the Supreme Court did not listen to the case and appreciated Commissioner Main reaching out to Linn County and others regarding the breach we all believed occurred.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that those were decisions being made outside of the Forest Practices Act.

11. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to accept the Personnel Action Forms list as Exhibit 1. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2022-345 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and A & R Farms, Inc.

Action Taken Below.

C. Resolution & Order 2022-347 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Koos Seed Co.

Action Taken Below.

D. Resolution & Order 2022-348 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Apex Property Clearing and Recycling.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Orders 2022-345, 347 and 348. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Tucker noted that there would be an event that all three Commissioners may attend for the celebration of the Cascadia Park being transferred from the State Parks and celebrating the Cascadia Post Office. Also, one or more of the Commissioners may be attending the meeting with Christine Drazan, candidate for Governor. Both events were scheduled on Wednesday, September 21, 2022.


13. New Business: There was no new business to come before the Board.

14. Announcements: There were no announcements.


15. Business from the Public (3-minute limit per speaker): There was no one present from the public wishing to use this forum neither in person or telephonically.

16. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m. by unanimous consent.


The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

 Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 10-25-2022