



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
OCTOBER 18, 2022**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 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; Steve Braaten, Linn County IT Director; Gene Karandy, County of Attorney Linn County; Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce; Lagea Mull, Executive Director, Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce; Ron Edwards; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Joanna Mann, Reporter for *Democrat-Herald*.

1, 2, 3. At 9:12 a.m. Chair Nyquist called the meeting to order. The flag salute and roll call followed. Commissioners Roger Nyquist, 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. Commissioner Will Tucker, Vice-Chair, was on vacation.

4. Approval of Agenda.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve the agenda. The vote was called. The motion passed.

5. Approval of the October 11, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve the October 11, 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 September, 2022. A copy of the reports are on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

He stated that there were 423 cases of Covid-19 and 15 Covid-19 outbreaks during the month of September, 2022. Dr. Muth stated that testing was not happening regularly. Commissioner Nyquist asked Dr. Muth to define "outbreak". Dr. Muth stated that it was cases over two. They are taking a specific look at long-term care facilities. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Nyquist asked Todd Noble if the Health Department was focusing on the greater risk areas and homes where seniors live in order to make vaccines and boosters more available. Mr. Noble stated that his department was doing that exact thing; keeping an eye on the long-term facilities and seniors.

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 September, 2022. A copy of the report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Sprenger asked Mr. Sanderson why the pre-cover requests were so high and Mr. Sanderson stated that owners were wanting to get their pre-cover request in before the rainy season began.

Lastly, Mr. Sanderson wanted to inform the Board, given the earlier Covid-19 discussion, that the Communicable Disease team was working directly with the long-term facilities on a daily basis.

Mr. Todd Noble provided background information in regard to the following items:

C. Resolution & Order 2022-364 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the National Association of County and City Health Officials and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Commissioner Nyquist stated, for the record, that this, in large part, had to do with setting up vaccination clinics at the Fair Expo and stated that they had done a fantastic job.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2022-364. The vote was called. The motion passed.

D. Resolution & Order 2022-366 approving an Amendment No. 3 to the Intergovernmental Grant Agreement for Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment (Contract No. 154991-3) between the State of Oregon, Oregon Health Authority and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2022-366. The vote was called. The motion passed.

E. Resolution & Order 2022-369 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Linn-Benton Community College and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2022-369. The vote was called. The motion passed.

F. Resolution 2022-377 appointing a member to the Linn County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution 2022-377. The vote was called. The motion passed.

7. Reports of Staff and Committees: There were no reports of staff and committees to come before the Board.

8. Information Technology – Steve Braaten, Linn County IT Director.

A. Resolution & Order 2022-374 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG), Lincoln County, Benton County and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Mr. Braaten stated that this agreement would help to get faster internet into the homes in the rural areas of Linn County and that there was a Request for Proposal in the process. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that, with Mr. Braaten's leadership, it will get done. Mr. Braaten stated that there was a lot of funding available right now and his goal was to capture that funding for Linn County. He stated that the Cascades West Council of Governments was heading up this project.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2022-374. The vote was called. The motion passed.

9. Correspondence: There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

10. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms.

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

B. Resolution 2022-381 appointing a representative of Linn County to the Association of O & C Counties.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that Commissioner Tucker was being appointed as representative and Commissioner Nyquist was designated as the alternate.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution 2022-381. The vote was called. The motion passed.

C. Resolution 2022-382 appointing a representative of Linn County on the Council of Forest Trust Land Counties (CFTLC).

Commissioner Sprenger stated that Commissioner Tucker was being appointed as the representative.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution 2022-382. The vote was called. The motion passed.

D. Resolution 2022-383 appointing a representative of Linn County on the Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT).

Commissioner Sprenger stated that Commissioner Nyquist was being appointed as the representative and she was being designated as the alternate.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution 2022-383. The vote was called. The motion passed.

11. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Sprenger noted that two or more of the Commissioners may be attending the retirement celebration for Randy Porter on Friday, October 21, 2022 at the Fair and Expo Center.

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

13. Announcements: There were no announcements.

14. Business from the Public (3-minute limit per speaker): Ron Edwards, Lebanon, OR provided the Board with a newspaper story from The Epoch Times dated Friday, October 14, 2022. A copy is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.


Mr. Edwards stated that personal identification was being given to China and if that information was connected to voting machines then people were susceptible. Discussion followed.

Steve Braaten, Linn County IT Director, responded to Mr. Edward's concerns. He stated that Linn County's election systems and tally machines were completely separate from the internet. He stated that there was no infiltration for hacking as there are multiple systems in place for safeguards. Discussion continued.


Next, Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce, introduced Lagea Mull as the new Executive Director for the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Sprenger wished her all the best and Commissioner Nyquist stated that the Board supported her in her new role.

15. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 25, 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