



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY MEETING  
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200  
NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

**The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.**

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director; Alyssa Boles, Planning Manager, Linn County Planning and Building Department; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Phillip Van Leuven, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Alysia Rodgers, City of Lebanon; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Joanna Mann, Reporter for Democrat-Herald.

1, 2, 3. At 9:30 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, Marsha Meyer, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners. Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer, was absent.

4. Approval of Agenda.

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

5. Approval of the November 1, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the November 1, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Planning and Building Department – Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director.

Mr. Wills provided the Board with a Planning and Building Department Update for October, 2022. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

He stated that there would be a Planning Commission meeting, tonight, Tuesday, November 8, 2022. There are no land use hearings scheduled before the Board in November, 2022. There was a contract city meeting and all cities were represented except for the City of Lyons. They had a round-table discussion and the meetings are going well.

Mr. Wills then gave an update on the wildfire recovery and stated that his department had waived approximately \$113,381 in fees for permits. There were no wildfire dwelling or electrical permits issued in October. Discussion followed.

In regard to Planning and Building Code Enforcement, Mr. Wills provided the Board with the total number of cases opened and closed. A lengthy discussion followed in regard to the cleanup project at the property located at 2187 Mill Street in Lebanon.

Commissioner Sprenger asked Mr. Wills and Carol Gordon, Linn County Code Enforcement Officer, to brief both Commissioners Tucker and Nyquist with background information on this cleanup project as they continue to move forward. Discussion continued.

Lastly, Mr. Wills informed the Board that, through the Legislature House Bill 5006, Linn County was awarded \$275,000 in response to the wildfires. He would start compiling the numbers to indicate how much had been used.

B. Resolution & Order 2022-362 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan between the State of Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-362. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

C. Request for Refund from Darrin Tuers to the Linn County Planning and Building Department for \$4,913.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the Request for Refund for \$4,931. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

7. Road Department – Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster.

Mr. Mink provided background information regarding the following items.

A. Resolution & Order 2022-327 accepting and recording certain real property granted to Linn County for road purposes (County Road Number 0304, Hoefer Drive).

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-327. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Resolution & Order 2022-372 approving a Contract Amendment (Change Order No. 1) for the Thomas Creek, Richardson Gap Road (Shimanek) Covered Bridge Project between Marcum & Sons, LLC and Linn County.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-372. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

C. Resolution & Order 2022-388 delegating authority to Wayne E. Mink, Roadmaster, to purchase a Chevrolet diesel powered service truck.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-388. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

D. Resolution & Order 2022-389 delegating authority to Wayne E. Mink, Roadmaster, to purchase two Chevrolet gasoline powered service trucks.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-389.**

Commissioner Nyquist stated that for those who may wonder and based on the price of gasoline, why the County was not purchasing electric vehicles. It's because they are not available; there is a two-year wait to get those vehicles and we need vehicles now.

**The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

8. Appointment of Reagan Maudlin, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator, to the Linn-Benton Loop Technical Advisory Committee.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to appoint Reagan Maudlin. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**



9. Correspondence: Letter dated November 8, 2022 assigning the proxy vote for the Council of Forest Trust Land Counties (CFTLC) meeting to be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Commissioners Sprenger and Nyquist agreed to have Commissioner Tucker vote on behalf of all three Commissioners should a vote be necessary among that group. Commissioner Tucker stated that he was voted to be the regional person for the County along with other counties for the CFTLC. He stated that Commissioners Sprenger and Nyquist were both invited to attend the annual meeting.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to give Commissioner Tucker the totality of the Board’s vote for the Council of Forest Trust Land Counties meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

10. 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.**

11. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Tucker stated that he would be in the Veteran’s Day parade and attending the Veteran’s Memorial. He also stated that both he and Commissioner Sprenger would be attending the Meet and Greet of Sweet Home leaders in Sweet Home on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Commissioner Nyquist asked that they send his regards as he has an AMEDC meeting to attend.


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

13. Announcement: The Board announced that next week’s Board meeting would be held on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. due to the Annual Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Conference. Commissioner Nyquist asked that the Board’s holiday meeting schedule be ready for next week’s meeting.

14. 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.

15. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 14, 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 11-14-2022