



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY MEETING  
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200  
NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

**The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022. *(The Board met on Monday due to the Annual Association of Oregon Counties Conference which began on Tuesday, November 15, 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; Shane Sanderson, Linn County Public Health Program Manager; Kris Barnes, Linn County Fair and Expo Director; Kevan McCulloch, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce and Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer.

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.

**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 8, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the November 8, 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 October, 2022. A copy of the reports are on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Sprenger asked Dr. Muth about the "Food and Waterborne Illnesses", specifically, the contributing factor of being around dogs and/or chickens and how the factors and statistics were used to impact the health and safety, as well as, mitigate infection. Dr. Muth stated that he did not have an easy answer to the questions but recommended that she speak with Shane Sanderson, Linn County Public Health Program Manager. Commissioner Sprenger stated that Mr. Sanderson was in the meeting and she would ask him.

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

In Mr. Sanderson's report, he mentioned that there were two food service facilities that failed to comply with their inspections. He stated his office was implementing a new procedure in regard to the "failure to comply" and including all facilities with critical violations. The new procedure included photo documenting the violation so, if it was ever called into question, the department would have that information in their record. He stated that this reinforced the integrity of their process. Commissioner Nyquist stated that he did not like the new procedure and he stated that the relationship with business owners was very good; we've always worked to educate the owners. Commissioner Nyquist stated that taking pictures could be construed as a change in the status and the tone of the licensee. He then asked Mr. Sanderson if there had been a dispute between the licensees about what the inspector found. Mr. Sanderson stated, yes, quite often when there is a licensee not present for the inspection or lives in a different city. He stated that he would be comfortable with keeping the process at it was. A lengthy discussion followed regarding this matter.

Mr. Sanderson stated that he appreciated the discussion; it helped him understand the Board's vision and priorities. Mr. Sanderson continued with the rest of his update.

Commissioner Nyquist asked, in regard to the earlier discussion, if Mr. Sanderson was aware of any food borne illness or outbreak in the County over the past five years that were related to a restaurant licensee. Mr. Sanderson replied that there was one suspected but the State never identified the cause. Commissioner Nyquist stated that, with hundreds of licensees in Linn County, there was only one suspected outbreak with one licensee in the past five years and it was unsubstantiated. Mr. Sanderson stated that was correct. Commissioner Nyquist stated that the County should keep their relationship with the licensees in the context as it is.

In regard to the previous question asked by Commissioner Sprenger to Dr. Muth regarding how the County mitigated the possible infection from dogs and chickens, Commissioner Tucker explained that twice in the past years the County had asked OSU and the Public Health staff to prepare articles on the handling of chicken. Discussion followed.

Mr. Sanderson stated the way to stop transmission and exposure would be to cook at the proper temperature and washing hands before eating. He stated that he would be opened to compiling data that would help in determining what could be done in regard to education to intervene between the transmission path and exposure. Public education around thanksgiving could be helpful. He stated that he would be happy to pursue messaging grants to help get the word out.

Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator, provided background information regarding the following items:

C. Resolution & Order 2022-365 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Klamath County and Linn County.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-365. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

D. Resolution & Order 2022-373 approving an Agreement with MODA Health Plan, Inc. Participating Provider Agreement delegating authority to execute originals.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-373. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

E. Resolution & Order 2022-378 approving an Amendment No. 1 to an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Oregon Health Authority and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-378. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

F. Resolution & Order 2022-394 approving an Amendment No. 1 to an Intergovernmental Agreement between Multnomah Education Service District and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-394. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

G. Resolution & Order 2022-398 delegating authority to execute Facility Use Agreements with other government agencies.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-398. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

7. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Fair/Expo Update – Kris Barnes, Linn County Fair and Expo Director.

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

Mr. Barnes stated that revenue was strong due to a lot of new events being scheduled. He also stated they were starting to get a lot of the cancelled events back that were cancelled during COVID.

There was some discussion about how many days were needed for set up for the Hoof-n-Holler New Years' event and whether or not they were paying for all five days scheduled.

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

9. 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.**

10. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Nyquist stated that the Board would be attending the Association of Oregon Counties annual meeting in Eugene the rest of this week and that there would be times when all three commissioners would be in the building attending various meetings and events. Certainly, they anticipated that there would be no discussion between the Board about anything related to Linn County business or policy. Commissioner Nyquist stated that the Counties would be facing substantial challenges over the next couple of years in regard to State initiated programs and activities and certainly could not afford to get stuck doing a program without compensation.

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



12. Announcements: Commissioner Nyquist announced the holiday meeting schedule and noted that the schedule could change if there were items or business that would need to be conducted before the end of the year. He stated that this schedule represented the Board's best attempt to be available year-end and year-beginning.


- Tuesday, December 27, 2022 – The Board would only meet if there was year-end business to be conducted;
- Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – The Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, to accommodate the "Swearing-in Ceremony" for newly elected and re-elected officials on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 1.

13. Business from the Public (3-minute limit per speaker): Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Grizzle stated that she was heartened to hear the discussion this morning regarding the new procedure for inspections. She stated that she understood they have to balance public safety and the interest of businesses. Ms. Grizzle stated, on behalf of businesses she represents, she appreciated the thoughtful conversation and asked that they take a partnership approach as opposed to a punitive approach.


Commissioner Nyquist mentioned to Kevan McCulloch, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County, that while the election had not yet been certified, it appeared that the moratorium passed prohibiting Psilocybin manufacturers in Linn County. He stated that, if there was anything the Board needed to do in the way of a local ordinance, that his office let the Board know. Mr. McCulloch agreed.

14. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

 Recorder  
For Board of Commissioners  
Marsha Meyer

**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Roger Nyquist, Chair

  
William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair

**ABSENT**

Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 11-22-2022