



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
NOVEMBER 29, 2022**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Brian Carroll, Linn County Parks and Recreation Director; Tristan Davis, Parks Operations Supervisor, Linn County Parks and Recreation Department; Alysia Rodgers, City of Lebanon; Nathan Conroy, Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network (RAIN); Phillip Van Leuven, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; 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 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, participated telephonically.

4. Approval of Agenda.

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

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

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

Mr. Mink provided background information on the following item.

A. Resolution & Order 2022-409 delegating authority to Wayne E. Mink, Roadmaster, to purchase a Freightliner cab and chassis.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-409. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Treasurer's Office – Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer.

Ms. Hawkins provided background information on the following item.

A. Order 2022-408 approving a transfer of certain appropriations within the General Fund, \$20,000.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Order 2022-408.

Commissioner Nyquist stated, for clarification, that Dee Baley-Hyder, Veterans Service Officer, came before the Board with a presentation fully intending to operate within her budget and the Board concluded that what she was doing was so important in having value to the citizens of the County that the Board agreed and voted to increase the funding from the General Fund of \$20,000.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Carroll provided background information regarding the following items.

A. Resolution & Order 2022-404 approving a Grant Agreement between the State of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for restroom and ADA access at Lewis Creek County Park and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-404.

Commissioner Nyquist asked, for clarification, what the timeframe would be to complete the master plan and whether there was a dollar amount attached. Mr. Carroll stated that, if they were to complete the project all at once, it would be a \$7 million project. However, they would be doing the project in phases so, what it would cost at today's dollars versus what it would cost in five years to complete, it could be more. Mr. Carroll stated that, in regard to the timeline, they would like to complete the project within 3-5 years but he suspected it would take longer. He recognized Tristan Davis, Parks Operations Supervisor, who was in the audience to provide additional information if the Board had specific questions. Discussion followed.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2022-413 approving an Amendment No. 4 to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and a Special Use Permit for campground and related Granger-Thye Concessions and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-413. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Parks Update.

Mr. Carroll stated that his department was in the process of continuing to build yurts and some other projects were underway. He also stated that they were working on the water system at Sunnyside Park and the restrooms at Lewis Creek Park because the infrastructure in the ground is over 50 years old and a lot of time has been spent on repairs. Mr. Carroll stated, that in the future, the Board may see a grant in regard to replacing that infrastructure.

Commissioner Nyquist asked Mr. Carroll how much of the \$7 million dollars would be done with a grant and whether or not the County should set aside economic development dollars to help with the infrastructure cost. Mr. Carroll stated that it would be helpful but his department was always seeking grants for their projects. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that she was impressed, not only with the County's Park System, but that Mr. Carroll manages the Parks Department without using General Fund dollars. Commissioner Tucker agreed and asked Mr. Carroll to consider, as he builds the timeframe for projects, to provide the Board with a time path forward to show what is used with Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) and what is used from other funding sources. This would give the Board a list of prioritized projects and scheduled timeframes to determine what may be available from economic development dollars.

Commissioner Nyquist then asked Mr. Carroll how many people come through the parks in a year. He stated that he was given a number of 700,000 and asked if that was over a 20-year period or for one year. Mr. Carroll stated that it was an estimate for one-year attendance and stated, at a minimum, half a million people come through the parks system. Discussion followed.

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

10. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker 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 Nyquist announced that on Thursday, December 15, 2022 there would be a ceremonial grand opening of the Intermodal Facility as announced by the State and the LEDG Board (Linn Economic Development Group).

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): Nathan Conroy, 2973 Essex Ave NW, Albany. He stated that he was coming before the Board as a representative for RAIN (Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network) and thanked the Board for their ongoing support of their activities and of the entrepreneurs within Linn County. Mr. Conroy then handed the Board a copy of RAIN's third quarter report along with a flyer. A copy of the report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File. Mr. Conroy stated that he would like to come before the Board sometime in Spring, 2023 for a presentation regarding how RAIN trains entrepreneurs on how to be more effective as they communicate with policymakers and help policymakers understand some options available to make their community and County more entrepreneur-friendly. Commissioner Nyquist thanked Mr. Conroy for the information.

There was no one else present or telephonically wishing to speak under business from the public.

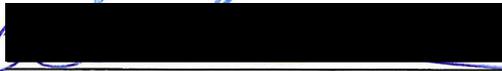
15. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. by unanimous consent.

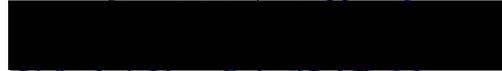
The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

, Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 12-13-2022