



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
JANUARY 17, 2023**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

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; Reagan Maudlin, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Phillip Van Leuven, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Christy Tanner, Assistant Professor of Practice-Field Crops; Alysia Rodgers, Economic Development Catalyst, City of Lebanon; Audrey Raschein, OSU Extension Board; Michelle Webster, OSU Extension Services Office Manager; Richard Riggs, Regional Director, Linn County Extension Services; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Joanna Mann, Reporter for *Democrat-Herald*.

1, 2, 3. At 9:30 a.m. Vice-Chair Tucker called the meeting to order. The flag salute and roll call followed. Commissioners Will Tucker, Vice-Chair and Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger were present, as well as, Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer, and Courtney Leland, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Roger Nyquist was excused.

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

A. Communicable Disease and Vital Statistics Reports – Dr. William Muth, Linn County Health Officer (*via teleconferencing*.)

Dr. Muth provided the Board with a Vital Statistics Report. A copy of his report is 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 a monthly Environmental Activity Report. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Mr. Sanderson provided two possible follow ups to Dr. Muth's logistic report: The history of Linn County and sexually transmitted infections and clarification about Kratom being a possible causal link. The County had higher sexually transmitted infection rates within the state; Linn County was in the top 25% of the counties in Oregon. Mr. Sanderson planned to reduce this number by using some of the Health Department's Modernization Funds to hire a Community Health Worker to work on communicable disease throughout the County. The position would require reaching out to homeless camps for intervention techniques and education. Mr. Sanderson also clarified that Kratom was often used in a powder form. The reason it ended up in Dr. Muth's report as a possible causal link was because Kratom unlike most over the counter vitamins, wasn't packaged in FDA inspected facilities and didn't follow standard protocol for packaging.

Commissioner Tucker asked for clarification about why there were three numbers for the number of births in Dr. Muth's report with the numbers being 53, 54, and 49. Mr. Sanderson stated that there should only be two numbers and he would provide Commissioner Tucker with an updated record. The Health Department records were more accurate than the State and that is why there were two different numbers but there should not have been three numbers listed.

C. Resolution 2023-018 reappointing members on the Linn County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2023-018. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution & Order 2023-021 approving an Amendment No.1 to a Personal Services Contract between Samaritan Health Plans, Inc. and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-021. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Resolution & Order 2023-022 approving a Personal Services Contract between CIGNA Health and Life Insurance Company and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-022. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Resolution & Order 2023-025 approving Amendment No.1 to an Intergovernmental Agreement for the National Association of County and City Health Officials and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator stated that this Amendment gave an additional \$26,250 not to exceed \$101,250, in extra funding and extends the termination date to June 20, 2023.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-025. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Resolution & Order 2023-033 approving a Student Affiliation Agreement between Western Seminary and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-033. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Resolution & Order 2023-036 approving an Agreement between Intercommunity Health Plans dba Intercommunity Health Network CCO and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; stated that this was funding from the Oregon Health Authority in the amount of \$49,000 to provide outreach, enrollment, education and system navigation activities and it was to extend the contract from August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-036. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Special Transportation – Reagan Maudlin, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-023 approving the proposed allocations for Special Transportation Funds for 2022-2023 and delegating authority to submit an application to the State of Oregon on behalf of the County.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Orders 2023-023 and 2023-030.

Commissioner Sprenger withdrew her motion for combining both 2023-023 and 2023-030. Ms. Maudlin hadn't provided information on 2023-030.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-023. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-030 approving an Amendment No.1 to the Subrecipient Agreement for Special Transportation Services between Linn County and Senior Citizens of Sweet Home dba Linn Shuttle.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-030. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2022-222 accepting and recording certain real property granted to Linn County for road purposes (County Road No.0826, Thomas Creek Drive).

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-222. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2022-223 accepting and recording certain real property granted to Linn County for road purposes (County Road No.0826, Thomas Creek Drive).

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-223. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution & Order 2022-224 accepting and recording certain real property granted to Linn County for road purposes (County Road No.0826, Thomas Creek Drive).

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-224. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution & Order 2022-328 accepting and recording certain real property granted to Linn County for road purposes (County Road No. 0304, Hoefer Drive).

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-328. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2023-009 amending the loan for funds from the Road Fund to the General Fund of Linn County for the purpose of purchasing property at Old Salem Road, Millersburg, Oregon.

Ms. Hawkins requested to shorten the loan for the Intermodal Facility, taking it from a 9-year loan to a 5-year loan with only \$1 million owed on the current loan.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-009. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Order 2023-031 accepting an expenditure of a certain grant within the Health Fund, \$157,800.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Order 2023-031. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Order 2023-034 approving the transfer of certain appropriations within the Health Fund, \$89,064.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Order 2023-034. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-010 approving the sale of tax foreclosed property by private sale.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-010. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution & Order 2023-028 approving the sale of tax foreclosed property by private sale.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-028. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution & Order 2023-032 approving the sale of tax foreclosed property by private sale.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-032. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars.

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

13. Announcements: There were no announcements.

14. Presentation from OSU Extension Service – Christy Tanner, Assistant Professor of Practice – Field Crops.

Richard Riggs, Regional Director, Linn County Extension Services discussed an accident that occurred at 6 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at the OSU extension office building when a vehicle drove through the building, no one was injured and it was now being repaired. Mr. Riggs also wanted to show recognition to Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer, on an Award that he received at the annual OSU Extension Conference. He was awarded the Cooperator Award for his dedication.

Commissioner Sprenger thanked Mr. Paul for his representation of Linn County and expressed how she was complemented over the weekend about the Board of Commissioners communication and was grateful for Mr. Paul, as he was a big part of that.

Christy Tanner, Assistant Professor of Practice - Field Crops; gave a presentation regarding the issues with weed control for local farmers; she expressed great concern with seed crops. Ms. Tanner stated that an important part of weed control was herbicides. Many local farmers were growing grass seed and Rough Stock Bluegrass was impairing production. Rough Stock Bluegrass was difficult to manage and the seeds spread throughout crops for many years.

Ms. Tanner had been closely working with other researchers at OSU Extension's Weed Science program to adopt new types of control methods. Herbicide trials were being used regularly and researchers looked closely at Rough Stock Bluegrass biology and it was much more resistant to Herbicides and was much more resistant to water logged resistance as it preferred moist soils.

Ms. Tanner stated that, moving forward, she was working to put together an educational workshop for local farmers. She was investigating options for row spraying which would spray the rows in between the crops without causing any harm to the crops.

Ms. Tanner discussed wanting to get local farmers involved with more recent technology and she stated that there was a new camera technology connected to a drone that would create a map as a tool to spray the weeds. Commissioner Sprenger asked Ms. Tanner how the camera would know how to identify the weeds from the crops and Ms.

Tanner explained that different cameras could differentiate a wide-variety of infrared color. For specific weeds, there are different bands that allowed the camera to see what the naked eye cannot.



Commissioner Sprenger indicated that this was spending tax payer's money well and thanked Ms. Tanner for her hard work.

Commissioner Tucker asked Ms. Tanner how the spread of Rough Stock Bluegrass had increased over time. Ms. Tanner explained that from her research she believed that Rough Stock Bluegrass had increased over the last 10-20 years due to more equipment moving seed around. To thoroughly clean farm equipment and get rid of all of the seeds, was a hard task and could have caused this issue to magnify.

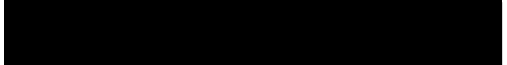
15. Business from the Public (3-minute limit per speaker): There was no one from the public wishing to use this forum in person or telephonically.

16. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m. by unanimous consent.

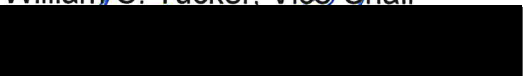
The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at the Linn County Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd E, Albany OR, 97322.


Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Courtney Leland

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 1-31-2023