



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Breeanna Oxford, Linn County Deputy Treasurer; Heidi Tandy, Office Manager, Assessment and Taxation Office; Amy Holt, Administrative Assistant II, Assessment and Taxation Office; Rachel Adamec, Linn County Real Property Program Manager; Andy Franklin, Captain Support Division, Linn County Sheriff's Office; Bruce Davis, Lieutenant Civil Division, Linn County Sheriff's Office; Kevan McCulloch, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Daineal Malone, County Engineer, Linn County Road Department; 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, Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer and Courtney Leland, 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 February 7, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the February 7, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Staff and Committees:

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

Mr. Wills provided the Board with a Planning and Building Update for January, 2023. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Tucker asked Mr. Wills to thank Carol Gordon, Code Enforcement Officer, Linn County Planning and Building Department for her participation in the Oregon Code Enforcement Association.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2023-055 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Oregon, Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Commissioner Tucker indicated that he supported the railroad crossing but was concerned there would not be enough money to finish the project as a similar project in Sweet Home, OR was over one million dollars due to the difference in grades. Mr. Mink stated that there was a \$700,000 grant that he was hoping to receive in order to keep the estimate under \$700,000 and, if he was unable to do so, he would come back before the Board for further discussion of the project budget.

Commissioner Nyquist stated he supported the project without knowing what the cost of the project would be. He had reason to believe that it would be more than \$800,000 as he had previously witnessed in similar projects.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that the infrastructure had to be built for safe crossing. Hopefully there would not be too many surprises and stated that this would be a good thing for Millersburg.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-055. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Treasurer's Office – Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer was represented by Breeanna Oxford, Linn County Deputy Treasurer, who presented the item on her behalf. Andy Franklin, Captain Support Division Linn County Sheriff's Office, was present and provided more background information on the following item.

A. Order 2023-062 accepting an expenditure of a certain grant within the Grants Fund, \$274,335.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Order 2023-062. 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 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.

B. Request for Refund from Linn County Environmental Health Department to Karl Lonebeck, \$1,200.

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

11. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars and Commissioner Nyquist indicated that he would be out of the office on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

12. New Business: Commissioner Tucker wanted to discuss a piece of property, previously owned by a constituent, that the County had ownership of now. He indicated that the constituent had received a notice to vacate the property and had been told he couldn't redeem ownership of the property since the deadline had passed. Commissioner Tucker wanted to reach an agreement and a timeline for giving authority and direction to Ms. Adamec for the upcoming process.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that, for the record, if the constituent showed up with a payment in full for the delinquent taxes on the property, then he would vote to waive the policy for him to redeem ownership.

Commissioner Sprenger indicated that this was not a new process and had been ongoing for six years with the constituent. She indicated that foreclosure has an ORS statue and asked Ms. Adamec if the County had liability of the property and had Ms. Adamec followed the procedures with this property. Ms. Adamec indicated she had followed the standard procedures. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Tucker advised Ms. Adamec to wait and file a writ until the 30-day mark. A writ would give authority to Ms. Adamec to proceed with removal of belongings from the property shall payment not be received by the constituent. The Board agreed to allow 30 days before taking this course of action.

Bruce Davis, Lieutenant Civil Division, Linn County Sheriff's Office provided additional information to the matter.

13. Announcements: There were no announcements.

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 10:13 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.



Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Courtney Leland

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT

Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 2-21-2023