



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY MEETING  
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

**The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 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; Kris Barnes, Linn County Fair and Expo Director; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Andy Stevens, Linn County Assessor/Tax Collector; Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Rachel Adamec, Linn County Real Property Program Manager; Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce; 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. Commissioner Will Tucker, Vice-Chair was present and Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger (*via teleconferencing*), 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 to approve the agenda. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

5. Approval of the February 14, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve the February 14, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

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 January, 2023. A copy of the reports is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

There was a lengthy discussion in regard to Dr. Muth's Communicable Disease and Vital Statistics Report.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that they want to hear about the risk factors; however, with so many different factors involved, it can, at times, result in a negative report. Shane Sanderson, Linn County Public Health Program Manager, offered his opinion that, in the future, Dr. Muth could provide a written summary report instead of a verbal report. Commissioner Tucker wanted to hear more of the selective, or rare cases moving forward.

Dr. Muth agreed with Commissioners' Tucker and Sprenger and would discuss how to proceed going forward.

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 January, 2023. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

C. Resolution & Order 2022-371 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Lincoln County and Linn County.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2022-371. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

D. Resolution & Order 2023-026 approving an Amendment No. 1 to an Intergovernmental Agreement for contact tracer guidance between the Greater Albany Public Schools and Linn County.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-026. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

E. Resolution & Order 2023-047 approving an Amendment No. 2 to an Agreement between United Healthcare and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-047. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

F. Resolution & Order 2023-050 approving an Agreement between Intercommunity Health Plans dba Intercommunity Health Network CCO and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-050. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

G. Resolution & Order 2023-065 approving an Amendment No. 1 to a Medical Group Agreement between Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-065. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

H. Resolution & Order 2023-068 approving an Amendment No. 6 to a Letter of Agreement between Samaritan Lebanon Hospital and Linn County.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-068. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

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 January, 2023. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Mr. Barnes stated that he planned to discuss with Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer, the redesigning of employee positions and hiring new personnel in the future.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2023-042 accepting and recording certain real property granted to Linn County for road purposes (County Road Number 0328, Goldfish Farm Road).

**Action Taken Below.**

B. Resolution & Order 2023-043 accepting and recording certain real property granted to Linn County for road purposes (County Road Number 0328, Goldfish Farm Road).

**Action Taken Below.**

C. Resolution & Order 2023-044 accepting and recording certain real property granted to Linn County for road purposes (County Road Number 0328, Goldfish Farm Road).

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Orders 2023-042, 043 and 044. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

9. Assessment & Taxation Office – Andy Stevens, Linn County Assessor/Tax Collector.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-056 reduction of the redemption period for a tax foreclosed property.

Mr. Stevens stated that Linn County was in the two-year redemption period on a foreclosed piece of property and the foreclosure was set to take place in the fall of 2023. He was trying to accelerate the process while the weather permitted. He stated that the Linn County Planning and Building Department couldn't get a response from the property owners and this was a request for public safety because the home had previous fire damage. Mr. Stevens stated that there would be a Public Hearing held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. for anyone who wanted to come before the Board.

Carol Gordon, Linn County Code Enforcement Officer, held a meeting with Mr. Stevens and Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County, and both were in support of the accelerated foreclosure. Commissioner Sprenger stated that the weather was not her biggest concern; the opportunity to leave the property with the owners was her biggest concern and she wanted to make sure that opportunity had taken place prior to this request. Mr. Stevens reassured Commissioner Sprenger that the owner had plenty of opportunities throughout the process, as they made over a dozen attempts to reach the owners prior to this course of action.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-056. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

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

11. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to accept the Personnel Action Forms list as Exhibit 1. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

B. Resolution 2023-064 reappointing members to the Linn County Budget Committee.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution 2023-064. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

C. Resolution 2023-066 appointing members to the Linn County Labor Management Committee.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution 2023-066. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:



A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars.

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

14. Announcements: Commissioner Tucker announced that the Public Hearing in regard to PLN-2022-00807, applications by the City of Millersburg, was continued to Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd, NE, Albany, OR.


15. 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.

16. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. by unanimous consent.


The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

 Recorder  
For Board of Commissioners  
Courtney Leland

**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Roger Nyquist, Chair

  
William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair

  
Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 2-28-2023