



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023**

**The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.**

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Steve Wills, Planning and Building Director; Alyssa Boles, Planning Manager, Linn County Planning and Building Department; Carol Gordon, Code Enforcement Officer, Linn County Planning and Building Department; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Breeanna Oxford, Linn County Deputy Treasurer; Andy Stevens, Linn County Assessor/Tax Collector; Heidi Tandy, Office Manager, Linn County Assessment and Taxation Department; Amy Holt, Taxation Manager, Linn County Assessment and Taxation Department; Matt Pitcher, Deputy Assessor, Linn County Assessment and Taxation Department; Rachel Adamec, Linn County Real Property Program Manager; 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. 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. Chair, Roger Nyquist (*participated via teleconferencing*).

4. Approval of Agenda.

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

5. Approval of the March 21, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Nyquist seconded the motion to approve the March 21, 2023 Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Juvenile Update – Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director.

Mr. Lynn provided the Board with a Juvenile Update for February, 2023. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk’s Office in the Commissioners’ Staff File.

Commissioner Sprenger asked Mr. Lynn if the Juvenile Department had the resources they needed to help the youth with their mental health concerns. Mr. Lynn stated that the need for mental health support exceeded what services were available right now. There were no further questions.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-078 adopting a new classification for Licensed Practical Nurse (Juvenile Detention) (SEIU – Pay Range 15).

Commissioner Sprenger asked for clarification on what adjustments needed to be made in order to adopt the new classification. Mr. Lynn stated that they had to adjust the job description to fit a criterion that allowed the Licensed Practical Nurse to legally work under the Medical Director’s license. Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer provided more background information.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Nyquist seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-078. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

A. Resolution & Order 2023-045 accepting and recording certain real property granted to Linn County for road purposes (County Road No. 0328, Goldfish Farm Road).

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Nyquist seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-045. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Resolution & Order 2023-087 delegating authority to the Roadmaster to execute a Purchase of Supplies Contract with Western Emulsions, Inc.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Nyquist seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-087. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

8. Planning and Building Department – Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director. Alyssa Boles, Planning Manager, Linn County Planning and Building Department presented the following items.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-093 approving a Zoning Map Amendment Application by Laura Lynn Weber White Revocable Trust to change the zoning map designation on a 60.01-acre property.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Nyquist seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-093. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Ordinance 2023-094 approving an Ordinance amending the Linn County Zoning Map.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Nyquist seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-094. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

A. Order 2023-127 accepting an expenditure of a certain grant within the Grants Fund, \$4,000.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Nyquist seconded the motion to approve Order 2023-127. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Order 2023-128 accepting an expenditure and revenue increase within the Law Library Fund, \$ 29,000.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Nyquist seconded the motion to approve Order 2023-128. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

C. Order 2023-129 approving the transfer of certain appropriations within the Health Fund, \$40,000.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Nyquist seconded the motion to approve Order 2023-129. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

*Commissioner Tucker recessed the regular Board meeting at 9:51 a.m.*

*Commissioner Tucker reconvened for the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m.*

10. Public Hearing – In the Matter of the reduction of the redemption period for a tax foreclosed property – Andy Stevens, Linn County Assessor/Tax Collector.

Commissioner Tucker asked if the Board had any exparte communication or conflict of interests to declare; with there being none, Commissioner Tucker called upon Andy



Stevens, Linn County Assessor & Tax Collector, to give the Board a report regarding this matter.

Mr. Stevens stated that this was a property located on West B Street in Lebanon and the Board approved the request to initiate proceedings to reduce the redemption period at a regular scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. The purpose of this hearing was to determine if, indeed, the property was subject to waste or abandonment.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that, for the record, this was a legal action and the staff in the Assessment and Taxation Department was helpful in providing background information on the matter. Mr. Stevens stated there were four years of past due taxes. He indicated that the property was in poor condition and the Planning and Building Department approached him about the safety concerns affiliated with the property.

Commissioner Sprenger asked if, in that 4-year period, had they paid anything toward the past due taxes. Amy Holt, Taxation Manager, Linn County Assessment and Taxation Department stated that, in the 2-year redemption period, the owners could have paid all four years of unpaid taxes and redeemed the property. Ms. Holt also indicated that they had been tracking all digital mailings since 2018 and certified letters were being refused and returned.

Carol Gordon, Code Enforcement Officer, Linn County Planning and Building Department provided additional background information. Ms. Gordon indicated that a reduction of time on this specific foreclosure would reduce additional fire danger and transient activity inside due to the property being abandoned.

Commissioner Tucker opened the Public Hearing at 10:17 a.m.

Commissioner Tucker opened the Public hearing on the proposed reduction of redemption period for a tax foreclosed property on West B Street as described by Mr. Stevens. He stated that this matter had been properly noticed and advertised and that there was a sign-in sheet for anyone wishing to speak at the hearing; there was no one signed up to speak. Commissioner Tucker then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak in support or opposition of this matter. There was no one wishing to speak. Commissioner Tucker stated that his son lived on West B Street and he was familiar with the property and there had been three fires in the last three years and two of those fires were started from "warming fires" during the colder months.

Commissioner Tucker closed the Public Hearing at 10:18 a.m.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Nyquist seconded the motion to accept into the record the following documents: A document dated Monday, March 27, 2023 which referenced the Oregon Revised Statue 312.122; a case narrative for 685 West B Street from the Linn County Planning and Building Department Director, Steve Wills; and, a memo to the Board of Commissioners from Andy Stevens, Linn County Assessor/Tax Collector dated Tuesday, February 21, 2023. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

A. Resolution & Order 2023-057 approving the reduction of the redemption period for a tax foreclosed property and order calling for the Tax Collector to deed property to the County.

**Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Nyquist seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-057. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Nyquist stated that, for the record, a timeline should be laid out for the neighbors so they understand the laws and, at the same time, the impact this has had on the community.

Commissioner Tucker stated that, for the record, the Board had received a letter regarding a property on Porter Street in Lebanon and that the property was previously an RV repair facility but was now vacant with no power, water or sewer. He stated that he forwarded the letter the Board received to Ms. Gordon, Ms. Adamec, Mr. Wills and the County Attorney.

The Board thanked Ms. Gordon for keeping the neighbors informed.

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

12. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms.

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

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars.


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

15. Announcements: There were no announcements.

16. 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.

17. 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. on Tuesday, April 4, 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 4-4-2023