



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County; Michelle Duncan, Linn County Sheriff; Stacey Whaley, Linn County Parks and Recreation Director; Diana Denham, Fiscal Services/Health Administrative Manager; Forrest Reid; Ron Edwards; Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Shayla Escudero, 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 (*via telephone*) 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 Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of the October 15, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve the October 15, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Staff and Committees: None

7. Juvenile Department – Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director.

A. Resolution & Order 2024-348 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for transition services between Greater Albany Public School District 8J and Linn County.

Commissioner Nyquist indicated that he had no conflicts of interest to declare but wanted to disclose that he's a member of the Greater Albany Public School District Governing Board.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-348. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2024-352 approving an Amendment No. 1 to a Personal Services Contract for physician services between Veritas Direct Primary Care, P.C.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-352. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2024-231 authorizing the publication and distribution of the Request for Proposals for the Cox Creek (Waverly Drive) Bridge Project.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-231. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2024-370 approving an Agreement for Purchasing and Removing Aggregate to be used by the Linn County Road Department between Robert Potter, Trustee of the W. Allen Wodtli Living Trust dated May 3, 2007 and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-370. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution & Order 2024-372 approving an Amendment to the Memorandum of the Agreement for the North River Drive (County Road No. 0035) Improvements between the Federal Highway Administration and Linn County and delegating authority to Roger Nyquist, Chairman.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-372. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Nyquist indicated that, years ago, the County purchased a parcel of land at the intersection of Grand Prairie and Three Lakes Road. He asked Mr. Mink about the status of that project. Mr. Mink indicated that a portion of that land was in the East Albany Plan and that project is extended out 20 years. Discussion followed.

9. County Attorney – Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County.

A. Ordinance 2024-371 approving an Ordinance amending the Linn County Outdoor Assembly Code codified at Linn County Code Chapter 580 and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Karandy stated that on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 the Board directed him to amend the Outdoor Assembly Code and, in order to adopt the Ordinance on an emergency basis, he was required to perform two readings of the Ordinance in a Public Meeting. He stated that he would do that by title only, unless, otherwise instructed by the Board; Mr. Karandy performed the First Reading of the Ordinance by Title only. He then stated that the Amendments proposed were to require all levels of the Outdoor Assembly Code to have the same application process, staff review process and public hearing process to ensure that all assemblies were conducted on appropriate terms; the reason it was proposed as an emergency was to secure effectiveness in 2025. Discussion followed.

Mr. Karandy performed the Second Reading of the Ordinance by Title Only and stated that the Outdoor Assembly Code Amendments would become effective Tuesday, October 22, 2024 if the Board decided to approve the Ordinance today. Commissioner Sprenger asked if anyone had contacted him with any concerns. Mr. Karandy indicated that he had correspondence from Forrest Reid.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2024-371. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Health Department – Diana Denham for Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator.

A. Resolution & Order 2024-375 approving Amendment No. 2 to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Oregon Health Authority (Agreement No. 180198) and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-375. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

12. 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.

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 was no announcements.


16. Business from the Public (3-minute limit per speaker):

Ron Edwards, Lebanon OR.


Mr. Edwards encouraged the Board to re-read the documentation he provided them a year ago regarding Green Peter Reservoir. He also gave the Board an update about the study being performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Willamette River Basin. Commissioner Nyquist stated that the irrational situation occurring at the dams appeared to be enlarged by a political problem and should be treated accordingly. He indicated that the Staff who was put in the position to enforce these policies were in a very difficult position; we should recognize that and proceed accordingly.

17. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

 Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Courtney Leland

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 10-29-2024