



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
APRIL 23, 2019**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Todd Vian, Captain Programs Division, Linn County Sheriff's Office; Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director; Brian Carroll, Linn County Parks and Recreation Director; Darrin Lane, Linn County Roadmaster; Bill Palmer, Linn County Accounting Officer; Mark Volmert, Linn County Special Rural Transportation Coordinator; Michele Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Andy Stevens, Linn County Assessor; Rich Kellum and Alex Paul, Reporter for the Democrat-Herald.

1, 2, 3. At 9:30 a.m. Chairman Nyquist called the meeting to order. The flag salute and roll call followed. Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Chairman; John K. Lindsey, Vice-Chairman and Will Tucker were present, as well as, Ralph Wyatt, Linn County Administrative Officer and Marsha Meyer, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners.

4. Approval of Agenda.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of the April 16 and 17, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve the April 16 and 17, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Sheriff's Office – Todd Vian, Captain Programs Division, Linn County Sheriff's Office.

A. Resolution & Order 2019-101 approving an Amendment for a contract for services between Aramark Correctional Service, LLC and the Linn County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Tucker stated that he had gone out to the Jail for the annual inspection and has eaten the food. Commissioner Lindsey attended the annual inspection last year and was impressed with the condition of the equipment in the kitchen.

Approved – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2019-101. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

7. 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 the month of March, 2019. A copy of the report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

He stated that Benton County had six youth held in detention last month with an average length of stay of 8.4 days; Linn County had 35 youth with an average length of stay of 9.2 days. The numbers for detention were up a little bit the last couple of months with two Measure 11 youth; one from Benton County and one from Yamhill County. Also, he stated that a Linn County youth, involved in a stabbing case in Lebanon, was committed and moved to the Oregon Youth Authority. He continued to provide additional statistical information and stated that the numbers have been up by about 80 youth as compared to a year ago.

Mr. Lynn stated that, in regard to the Title II Funds, there are funds available but there is no Resource Advisory Committees (RAC) so funds can't be allocated for projects. It amounts to about \$38,000 for his department this year that cannot be counted on because they're not able to get the funds. Commissioner Tucker stated that the Forest Service RAC's should be able to meet and take action if every single member attends, however, the BLM RAC does not have enough members to meet. He stated that the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture assigns the members to the committees and that he had reapplied for his position on BLM RAC but had not heard back from anyone. Mr. Lynn asked that the Board keep this matter at the top of the pile as it relates to his department.

Next, Mr. Lynn read a complimentary email that was written to Rob Perkins, Supervising Probation Officer, Linn County Juvenile Detention, in regard to the Juvenile Department's Firewise Program. A copy of the email is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File. Mr. Lynn stated that this program was very important and provides services that are lifesaving to those that are unable to keep their property clear and safe. It serves citizens who are handicapped and veterans. Commissioner Tucker stated that the supervisors lead by example; they are amazing kids and adult leaders.

8. Parks Department – Brian Carroll, Linn County Parks and Recreation Director.

A. Resolution & Order 2019-113 approving a Personal Services Contract between Legacy Contracting, Inc. and Linn County.

Action - Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2019-113. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Road Department – Darrin Lane, Linn County Roadmaster.

Mr. Lane provided background information regarding the following two items.

A. Resolution 2019-111 delegating authority to Darrin L. Lane, Roadmaster, to purchase paving services for various intersections located in the Albany Maintenance District.

Action Taken Below.

B. Resolution 2019-112 delegating authority to Darrin L. Lane, Roadmaster, to purchase paving services for various intersections located in the Halsey Maintenance District.

Action - Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolutions 2019-111 and 112. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, April 24, 2019, was Budget Hearings and he asked if Mr. Lane could attend the Linn Economical Develop Group (LEDG) meeting that is proposed to meet tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Nyquist stated that he would talk to Mr. Lane later to confirm what meeting to attend; either Budget or LEDG. Mr. Lane did state that he would be testifying Wednesday evening on behalf of Representative Shelly Boshart-Davis' safety bill and needed to be in Salem by 5:00 p.m.

10. Accounting Department – Bill Palmer, Linn County Accounting Officer.

A. Resolution & Order 2019-117 approving an Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Contract and Software Contract between Superior, LLC and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Mr. Palmer provided the Board with background information regarding this item.

Action - Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2019-117. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 2019-118 approving an Oregon Department of Revenue Assessment and Taxation Grant Document.

Action - Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2019-118. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Special Transportation – Mark Volmert, Linn County Special Rural Transportation Coordinator.

A. Resolution & Order 2019-105 approving the Linn County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Plan and delegating authority to execute originals.

Mr. Volmert provided background information regarding this item. A copy of his summary of the Plan is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Nyquist thanked Mr. Volmert and everyone involved for their work on this matter. He asked if this was the point and time to put their performance goals and desires into effect and, if so, have we done that. Commissioner Nyquist stated that the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) received millions and millions of dollars since conception and has not increased access to ridership at all so how does this plan compare to that benchmark and is this the time to address that? Mr. Volmert replied that the Rural Transportation Program's track record was significantly different with increases of 5310. He stated that the Linn Shuttle had increased rides from four to seven times a day and, from Lebanon to LBCC, from six to 11 times a day so this was a consideration. Sweet Home has a shopper special to give people a more fixed route other than the more expensive dial-a-bus; Lebanon has done this as well. The programs

have been successful the last five years versus the money that has come through the MPO; this, in a sense, compliments the MPO.

Commissioner Nyquist clarified and asked Mr. Volmert if he thought the matter before the Board appropriately spends the taxpayer's dollars to increase capacity of the transit system in Linn County? Mr. Volmert, as well as, Commissioner Tucker, replied yes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2019-105. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tucker added that Mr. Volmert was also asking for the Board to authorize the Linn County Special Transportation Advisory Committee to work with ODOT to review the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Plan and answer questions, as well as, for Mr. Volmert to continue his role in that position.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to authorize Mr. Volmert to continue in his role on the Transportation Advisory Committee. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tucker stated that he was continually pleased with what he sees happening in Lebanon and Sweet Home. Mr. Volmert added that the history of the senior centers of Lebanon and Sweet Home had been a good value to the public. They are consistent with their efforts and there has been numerous conversations at the advisory committee and with all of the providers, that this is a unique opportunity provided by the Legislative Assembly and they intend to fulfill that to the best of their ability and provide a good value to the taxpayers which is their continuing commitment to the Board.

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

13. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms were read into the record for: Sarah Daniels and Desire Velasco (Alcohol & Drug); Cathy Exline (Fair & Expo); Josh Leahy and Eric Rice (General Services); Edgar Flores (Juvenile Detention); Obadiah Perue and Misty Stebbins (Mental Health); Adam Brenneman, Steven Edwards, Wesley Pike, Scott Puskar and Floyd Sperle (Parks & Recreation) and Eelyssa Scofield (Roadmaster).

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to accept the Personnel Action Forms as read into the record. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2019-110 approving the 2019 Linn County Small Business First Time Employment Youth Wage Grant Program.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that Linn County has been doing this program for a while and he absolutely supports it. However, he stated that the Board should make a projection of the Economic Development Fund which has been running about \$500,000 a year; some of those projects have been paid off. The Board made up to a quarter of a million dollar a year commitment to the Millersburg Reload Project that he didn't think they would have to pay out but didn't expect they would be where they are at this point with the project.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that he saw the Fair/Expo Budget yesterday and saw that there was \$220,000 of economic development money that budget which doesn't work with the commitment they have with the reload facility if we are doing the Youth Wage Grant Program. Commissioner Nyquist stated that they would need to be aware and watch the numbers to make any adjustment as they go along. Commissioner Tucker stated that Budget time was the best time to make sure everything adds up as we've made commitments.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2019-110. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 2019-116 appointing a member to the Linn County Compensation Board.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that Timothy R. McQueary was being appointed and has a good, solid track record in the community as being a fiscal conservative; he welcomes his views. Commissioner Tucker stated he was a good man.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2019-116. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars.

15. **New Business:** Commissioner Lindsey stated that this week he had asked Mrs. Rachel Maynard if she would be interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission and she indicated she may be interested. Commissioner Lindsey stated that he recommended that she fill the vacancy for the Brownsville area on this Commission.

Commissioner Lindsey asked for the Board's indulgence and offered something to be thought about regarding the fascinating artwork in this Country, such as the Vietnam Memorial and tremendous sculptures. In this Country, all the priceless pieces of art are being torn down or removed and stored in warehouses including paintings. It even involves our high schools where memorials are being removed of American Indians. All of these pieces of art are being banned just because of something that happened in the past.

Commissioner Lindsey stated that he started thinking about what if an entity went out and built a park and museum and called it the Banned American History Museum. All of the artwork, paintings and sculptures would be properly displayed explaining why they were banned and why the historical figures are not acceptable in America's society today; what a tourist attraction it would be since they can no longer be displayed. We are talking about thousands of historical sculptures and painting. It would be nice if we could preserve them somewhere.

Commissioner Tucker stated that he did not believe that Linn County, Linn County Parks or whomever would be tasked with doing this would be in the right position to set up something like this. Commissioner Lindsey stated that someone would need to go out and get donors to build the facility; I was just thinking out loud. Commissioner Lindsey stated that someone would have to be the custodian of something like this if it was ever to be built; it's just a shame to see all that artwork being destroyed.

16. **Announcements:** There were no announcements.

17. **Business from the Public (3 minute limit per speaker):** There was no one present from the public wishing to use this forum.

18. Diane Turnbull, Executive Director, Upward Bound Camp in Gates, Oregon.

Ms. Turnbull, nor anyone else, appeared before the Board regarding this item.

19. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

 Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Roger Nyquist, Chairman



John K. Lindsey, Commissioner



William C. Tucker, Commissioner

Date 4-30-2019