



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY MEETING  
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200  
April 30, 2019**

**The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2019.**

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Rachel Adamec, Office Specialist/Property Management, Linn County General Services Department; Jodi Gollehon, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Diane Turnbull, Executive Director, Upward Bound Camp, Gates, Oregon; Rich Kellum; Alan Kwan 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 Heather Gravelle, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners.

4. Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Tucker noted that he was amending the agenda to fix an error on Item 7 – the incorrect account number was listed, it should be 58871.

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

5. Approval of the April 23, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve the April 23, 2019 Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Reports of Staff and Committees: There were no reports of Staff and Committees.

7. General Services – Russ Williams, Linn County General Services and Property Management. (Rachel Adamec appeared before the Board in place of Russ Williams who was listed on the agenda for this matter).

A. Sealed Bid – Account No. 58871.

Ms. Adamec provided the Board with an overview and explained that they had received one bid, the real market value was \$210.00 and there was no minimum bid required. She then opened the sealed bid and shared that it was received from Alan R. Percy, Percy Family Trust, for \$100.00. The amount included the recording fee. Brief discussion followed.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to accept the bid for \$100.00 for Account No. 58871 and approved to sell the property to Alan R. Percy, Percy Family Trust. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

9. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms were read into the record for: Rebecca Duerr (Environmental Health); William Buckelew and Kathryn Turner (Juvenile Detention); Steven Christiansen, Jordan Gerhard and Jerry Williams (Parks & Recreation); Kaine King and Richard Hausmann (Road Department).

**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.**

10. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars and Commissioner Tucker shared that he would be in Italy for two weeks and would be back in the office on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

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

12. Announcements: Commissioner Tucker announced that there was a Management Staff Meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, April 30, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. in the Linn County Courthouse Basement Meeting Room.

13. Business from the Public (3 minute limit per speaker): Rich Kellum, 4085 Commercial Way, Albany, shared that City, County and State money was being spent on fixing salmon habitats in locations that have no ancient fish runs. Brief discussion followed.

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

Ms. Turnbull provided the Board with an overview of the Upward Bound Camp located in Gates, Oregon that has served adults with developmental and physical disabilities for 40 years. She then shared a detailed background and history of the camp and stated what they had planned for the future. The Board thanked Ms. Turnbull for her overview and her great work in the community.

*Commissioner Nyquist recessed the regular Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.*

14. Executive Session – Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e).

By unanimous consent, the Board closed the Executive Session.

*Commissioner Nyquist reconvened the regular Board meeting at 10:35 a.m.*

Commissioner Nyquist stated that there was no action taken or voted on in the Executive Session.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to make an offer to purchase the Wells Fargo building from the City of Albany/Central Albany Revitalization Area (CARA), including the adjoining parking lot, for \$1.5 million dollars.**

Commissioner Nyquist commented that the potential purchase of the Wells Fargo building and moving the Linn County Clerk's Office there drastically eliminated the need to build a justice center. He explained that it would be a financially prudent attempt, on behalf of the taxpayers, and it would allow for increased security at the Courthouse. Commissioner Nyquist added that it could be done in a timelier manner than having to build a justice center; if successful it would keep jobs, consumers and economic activity downtown.

Commissioner Tucker stated that he would be sorry to see the flow of access to the Clerk's Office go, but he felt that it would be a good match to move the Clerk to allow us the space to secure the building. He added that it was a "sad time" that we have to consider locking up the Courthouse and it was a shame to have people walk through metal detectors to conduct business.

Commissioner Lindsey stated that he felt the proposed action was premature and the County had many other problems that they were facing. He added that if someone comes into the Courthouse to pay taxes, as a law abiding citizen, they shouldn't have to be searched by an intrusive government and be treated like a criminal; he has an issue with that.

**The vote was called. The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Lindsey opposed.**

Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

 Recorder  
For Board of Commissioners  
Heather Gravelle

**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Roger Nyquist, Chairman

  
John K. Lindsey, Commissioner

**ABSENT**

William C. Tucker, Commissioner

Date 5-7-2019