



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
DECEMBER 3, 2019**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Darrin Lane, Linn County Roadmaster; Robert Wheeldon, Linn County Planning and Building Director; Alyssa Boles, Senior Planner, Linn County Planning and Building Department; David Coulombe, Attorney 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. Reports of Staff and Committees: There were no reports of Staff and Committees.

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

Mr. Lane provided information regarding this item.

A. Resolution & Order 2019-385 authorizing publication of a bid advertisement and setting a bid opening to crush, clean and stockpile rock at Brock Quarry and at Shot Pouch Quarry.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2019-385. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Planning Department – Alyssa Boles, Senior Planner, Linn County Planning and Building Department.

A. Resolution & Order 2019-342 (PD17-0220) approving a Conditional Use Permit Application for a farm relative dwelling; and, Amending Resolution & Order 2018-030.

Commissioner Nyquist asked Commissioner Tucker if he was present for the deliberation and decision on this matter. Commissioner Tucker stated that he was not present but he has reviewed the documents.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2019-342. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion of a potential water pipeline from the City of Lebanon to the City of Sodaville.

Commissioner Tucker stated that he had received a letter from the City of Sodaville asking the County to give them right-of-way to build a water line as their well system was not sufficient enough to keep the water tanks full; they've had to haul in water. The City would like to talk with the City of Lebanon to see if they would be willing to sell them water. Commissioner Nyquist clarified that the County would let the City of Sodaville use the County's right-of-way but would not be "giving" them the right-of-way. He stated that, pending comments from Darrin Lane, Linn County Roadmaster, he thought it would be a great idea for the City. Commissioner Nyquist called upon Mr. Lane for his comments on this matter.

Mr. Lane stated that, from the Road Department's perspective, it would not be a big deal as the Road Department issues utility permits daily to different entities. The procedure, for whichever entity would be the owner of the pipeline, would be for them to submit plans to the Road Department who would then issue a permit with conditions that, typically, state that they have to put everything back the way it was and gives the County the right, if needed, to make alterations. There would be no fee for the water lines as they are exempt under State law. Commissioner Tucker clarified that the only participation the County would have in this project would be to let them place the water lines in the County's right-of-way. He mentioned that Mr. Lane would be joining him at a meeting with the City of Sodaville to discuss this matter further.

9. Discussion of a possible merger of Cascades West Council of Governments (COG) and Community Services Consortium (CSC).

Commissioner Tucker stated that he had routed information to the Board on this matter and that, at recent meetings, there had been conversations, in light of the recent resignation of the COG Executive Director, about combining the services of these two organizations as they serve similar populations and both do social services delivery of programs. They do have different funding sources and structure their organizations differently but the work they do is similar. The governing bodies of both of these organizations have met to discuss whether or not they should move forward to start the consolidation and to hire someone that would have the qualifications to manage the two organizations, as well as, finding when it would make sense to merge both entities into a single umbrella organization.

Commissioner Tucker stated that they asked that each County Board make a motion of support to agree to proceed with the merger of COG and CSC. If there are no outstanding objections, they would proceed with the process. He stated that there are still a lot of questions to be answered regarding this process but the objective was to make sure that, at this time, all the bodies felt confident to proceed to combine both entities and change the search criteria of the person they are searching for to include the ability to manage these two organizations.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to agree to proceed with the merger of CSC and COG and to hire the right person. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lindsey stated no; we can proceed to explore the possibilities of how it is going to happen. Commissioner Lindsey stated that he thinks it is a good idea but there needs to be a road map of how they plan to get from point A to point B before the process is started. He was concerned about one organization damaging the other.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that there would be efficiencies in combining the organizations; they would be stronger and provide better and more complete services to those they serve. At the end of the day, the end result for the taxpayer and customers is what counts and, as a matter of structure, it makes sense to combine the organizations. His concern was the opposite of Commissioner Lindsey's concern which was that the process gets caught up in personalities and history and the approach of this is done in such a trepid way that it doesn't lead to the necessary buy-in that would be needed by all participants. Commissioner Nyquist stated that he believed the combination of the organizations needed to happen. Discussion continued.

The vote was called. The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Lindsey voting in opposition.

10. Correspondence: Commissioner Tucker stated that Commissioner Nyquist had some emails from Mrs. Crowe, a constituent, and stated that he and Alyssa Boles, Senior Planner, Linn County Planning and Building Department, were meeting with Mrs. Crowe within the next few days.

11. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms were read into the record for: Matthias Neville (Environmental Health); Alondra Padilla Garcia (Juvenile); Steve Triplett (Juvenile Detention); Tina Mask (Printing) and Clinton Carbaugh (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.

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. Announcement: There would be an Elected Officials meeting held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at Noon at the Linn County Fair/Expo Center. Commissioner Nyquist stated that he would not be attending this meeting as he would be meeting at Davis Wright Tremaine office in Portland. He stated that he has made countless trips to talk with class members, attorneys and Elected Officials regarding the Timber lawsuit and have not turned in any expense reports for the cost of that nor did he intend to do so; it goes with the job.

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

16. Adjournment: There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

[REDACTED], Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Roger Nyquist, Chairman

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John K. Lindsey, Commissioner

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William C. Tucker, Commissioner

Date 12-10-2019