

**MINUTES OF THE LINN COUNTY
GOVERNING BODY OF THE 4-H AND EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

The Governing Body of the 4-H and Extension Service District met on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

1 & 2. Call to Order and Roll Call: Commissioner John K. Lindsey (Chairman) called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. Unless otherwise noted, those present for the entire meeting were: Commissioners John K. Lindsey (Chairman); Commissioner Will Tucker and Roger Nyquist; Ralph Wyatt, 4-H and Extension Service District Registered Agent; Alan Kwan; Rich Kellum; Heather Gravelle, Recorder and Alex Paul, Reporter, Democrat-Herald.

3. Approval of the November 26, 2019 4-H and Extension Service District Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve the November 26, 2019 4-H and Extension Service District Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Nyquist expressed his concern regarding the 4-H and Field Crop Specialist positions. Commissioner Lindsey responded that he would be sending a letter to Oregon State University by the end of February, 2020 to discuss the end of the third quarter and to insure that the positions were filled under the agreement that they had promised.

Commissioner Tucker noted that he was going to lunch with Rich Riggs, OSU Extension District Regional Director, to discuss the Field Crop position. Commissioner Lindsey commented that he expected a draft budget sometime before the end of the third quarter so they would know what to expect.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that sending a letter would be great and so was having lunch; but if you looked back over the past five years and the fact that we told the citizens of Linn County that there were two specific needs for the extension district: one was 4-H and the other was as a resource for agribusiness. Discussion followed.

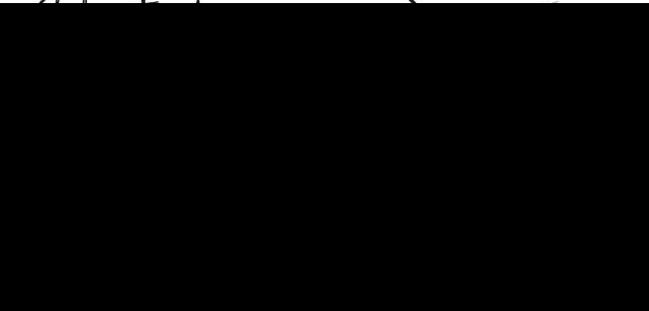
Commissioner Nyquist indicated that if the positions were not filled when it was time to approve the next Extension Budget to authorize the tax, that he would vote “no.” Commissioner Tucker concurred and stated that something needed to change.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that he understood that the labor market was tough out there but that was not the tax payers fault. At the end of the day, it was the results that mattered and the service to the tax payers and, over time, the Extension District has not been able to provide the core services that the voters intended for; why are we taxing them for it.

4. Adjournment: Commissioner Lindsey adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

, Recorder
For 4-H and Extension Service District
Heather Gravelle

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William C. Tucker, Commissioner

Date 12-17-2019