



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
DECEMBER 17, 2019**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Dr. William Muth, Linn County Health Officer; Shane Sanderson, Linn County Environmental Health Program Manager; Darrin Lane, Linn County Roadmaster; Kevin Hamilton, Construction/Road Maintenance Supervisor, Linn County Road Department; other audience members and Alex Paul, Reporter for the *Democrat-Herald*.

1, 2, 3. At 9:00 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 December 10, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve the December 10, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Board of Health – Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator.

A. Communicable Disease and Vital Statistics Reports – Dr. William Muth, Linn County Health Officer.

Dr. Muth reviewed the reports with the Board for the month of November, 2019. Copies of his reports are on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Dr. Muth stated that in regard to illnesses involving respiratory exposure, there is a new reportable disease in Oregon that is vaping associated lung injury. He then stated that there had been one case in our Linn in November, 2019 that and two cases in October, 2019; none of those individuals died from the illness.

Next, a lengthy discussion followed regarding the recent school closures that occurred before Thanksgiving due to a norovirus outbreak. There was discussion regarding what involvement the Linn County Health Department would have in these types of situations. Dr. Muth stated that his understanding was the Oregon Health Authority does not give the County the authority to make a recommendation regarding closures; it is at the discretion of the school districts. Mr. Noble agreed that it was not the County's role nor did they have the authority.

B. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report – Shane Sanderson, Linn County Environmental Health Program Manager.

Commissioner Nyquist introduced himself to Mr. Sanderson and stated that it was great to have him here.

Mr. Sanderson provided the Board with an update for the month of November, 2019. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Mr. Sanderson is the new Program Manager. He stated that looking back a few months, November, 2019 was a typical month and that they were on track to get the inspections done for restaurants. There was an up-tick for animal bites and that may be because the reporting system was improving and the word was getting out that animal bites need to be reported to the Health Department. Mr. Sanderson stated that he wanted to acknowledge it because rabies is the most deadly disease known to man. Next, he stated that septic permits were winding down for the year as they are processing a lot less soils due to the colder months.

C. Resolution 2019-381 noting vacancies and reappointing a member to the Linn County Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2019-381. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 2019-382 reappointing members to the Linn County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

Mr. Noble stated that there had not been a quorum on this Board for a while but is actively recruiting to get this Board back up and running.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2019-382.

Commissioner Tucker stated that with 5 out of the 9 spots vacant those vacancies needed to get filled. Mr. Noble agreed. Mr. Tucker stated that he would ask Marsha Meyer to look and see if there are other individuals who have applied for other committees or boards to see if they may be interested in serving on this Board.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Fair/Expo Update – Randy Porter, Linn County Fair and Expo Director.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that the Fair/Expo Update would be rescheduled as Mr. Porter was not able to attend today's meeting.

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

A. Bid Opening – Crush, clean and stockpile rock at Brock Quarry and at Shot Pouch Quarry.

Mr. Lane opened the sealed bids and read them into the record:

1. DeAtley Crushing Company, Lewiston, ID - \$1,418,850
2. 4-R Equipment, LLC, Bend, OR - \$611,870
3. Siegmund Excavation dba Allied Rock, LLC, Stayton, OR - \$899,900.50

Mr. Lane stated that his department would review the bids and provide their recommendation to the Board next week.

Commissioner Nyquist thanked Mr. Lane for his work with the Linn Economic Development Group (LEDG) and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) the last few days. Alex Paul, Reporter for *Democrat-Herald*, mentioned that there was a great article in the newspaper regarding Mr. Lane receiving the Cooperator of the Year Award at the Linn Soil and Water Conservation District; he stated that the Road Department does a great job working with them. Mr. Lane replied that it isn't just him but his staff and it is a team effort.

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

10. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms were read into the record for: Spencer Byrd (Developmental Disabilities); Cathy McGinnis and William Palmer (General Administration); Rachel Adamec, Margaret Elliott, Maddie Price and Rory Warren (General Services); Michelle Mize (Health Services Administration); Hannah Alley (Juvenile); Karen Jacobs (Mental Health) and Marissa Mayeda (Public Health).

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 2019-387 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Special Transportation between City of Albany Transit System and Linn County.

Action Taken Below.

C. Resolution & Order 2019-388 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Special Transportation between City of Albany/Linn-Benton Loop and Linn County.

Action Taken Below.

D. Resolution & Order 2019-389 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Special Transportation Services between the City of Lebanon and Linn County.

Action Taken Below.

E. Resolution & Order 2019-390 approving a Subrecipient Agreement for General Transportation Services between Senior Citizens of Sweet Home, Inc. dba Linn County.

Action Taken Below.

F. Resolution & Order 2019-391 approving a Subrecipient Agreement for General Transportation Services between Senior Citizens of Sweet Home, Inc. dba Dial-A-Bus and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Orders 2019-387, 388, 389, 390 and 391. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Tucker noted that there would be a ½ work day Christmas Eve. Ralph Wyatt, Linn County Administrative Officer, stated that employees work until Noon and the afternoon is the ½ day holiday across the board. He clarified that County operations would be closed but the Courthouse would be open as the State Courts would be in session; the County would still support the building. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that the ½ day Christmas Eve holiday, including the day after Thanksgiving, was negotiated with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) in exchange that they would use a total comp approach to compensation. He stated that, to him, it was a huge deal which gives the County some ability to manage PERS rates. He stated that, on behalf of the taxpayers, it was in the best interest to agree to this negotiation. Commissioner Nyquist stated that there was very little activity in regard to customer service the day after Thanksgiving and he assumed it would be the same the afternoon of Christmas Eve day. He stated that it was important to communicate with the public when the Courthouse house is open and when it is not.

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

13. Announcements: There were no announcements.

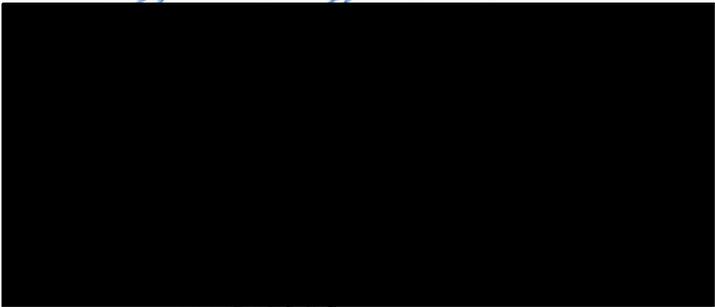
14. Business from the Public (3 minute limit per speaker): There was no one present from the public wishing to use this forum.

15. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:41 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 24, 2019.


Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


William C. Tucker, Commissioner

Date 1-8-2020