



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Jim Yon, Linn County Sheriff; Jeff Schrader, Lieutenant, Linn County Sheriff's Office; Randy Porter, Linn County Fair and Expo Director; Jodi Gollehon, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Alan Kwan; Kerry Johnson; Rebecca Grizzle 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 and John K. Lindsey, Vice-Chairman were present, as well as, Ralph Wyatt, Linn County Administrative Officer and Heather Gravelle, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Will Tucker was out of the office.

4. Approval of Agenda.

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

5. Approval of the January 21, 2020 and January 28, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the January 21, 2020 and January 28, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed.

6. Sheriff's Office – Jim Yon, Linn County Sheriff.

Sheriff Yon provided the Board with an overview of the following items:

A. Resolution & Order 2020-019 approving a Contract for Towing Services between AA Towing and the Linn County Sheriff's Office and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action Taken Below.

B. Resolution & Order 2020-020 approving a Contract for Towing Services between AA Towing and the Linn County Sheriff's Office and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action Taken Below.

C. Resolution & Order 2020-021 approving a Contract for Towing Services between AA Towing and the Linn County Sheriff's Office and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action Taken Below.

D. Resolution & Order 2020-022 approving a Contract for Towing Services between AA Towing and the Linn County Sheriff's Office and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve Resolution & Orders 2020-019, 020, 021 and 022. The vote was called. The motion passed.

7. Reports of Staff and Committees:

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

Mr. Porter provided the Board with a Fair/Expo Update for month of December, 2019. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Mr. Porter shared that they were doing well revenue wise and that they were watching their expenses. He stated that they recently hired someone to fill a vacancy as the new Operations Worker for the Fair/Expo Center but that they would not be filling two other vacant positions.

Mr. Porter then pointed out a letter of thanks that he and the Board had received from the President of Storybook Land. Commissioner Nyquist noted that the letter mentioned that 37,000 people attended Storybook Land this year. Brief discussion followed.

Commissioner Nyquist asked Mr. Porter how the Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) was going and Mr. Porter replied it was going fine and that Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer, had recently told him that the payments were coming in at a better rate than what they had projected. He added that, at some point, he would like to sit down with Commissioner Nyquist to determine how the money should be spent. Commissioner Nyquist responded that the goal was that the TLT revenue would eventually allow Fair/Expo to move out of the General Fund and that he would like Mr. Porter to review any of the serious maintenance issues that the Fair/Expo Center may have and take care of those items first.

Commissioner Nyquist commented that it was his understanding that the Airbnb's have stated that they would not be paying the TLT. Mr. Wyatt replied that he heard that Airbnb were working out deals with folks to pay a specific fixed amount and that they were not tracking anything and some jurisdictions have accepted that. Commissioner Nyquist asked Ms. Gollehon for more information on the matter and she explained that Airbnb had expressed that our tax was not legitimate and they would not be paying it. She added that Airbnb did the same thing with the City of Oregon City and they had won a lawsuit on the matter and had been successful not paying other jurisdictions as well. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that it would seem to him that Airbnb were out of compliance with local codes; if they wanted to play hard ball – batter up. After further discussion, Commissioner Nyquist stated that he would contact the Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association (ORLA) to get their thoughts on the matter. Ms. Gollehon added that she would find the memo she had sent out on the issue several months ago and would forward it to the Board.

The Board thanked Mr. Porter for his work and the updates.

8. County Attorney – Jodi Gollehon, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County.

Ms. Gollehon provided the Second Readings for Ordinances 2020-011 and 013 by reading them into the record by title only:

A. Ordinance 2020-011 amending LCC Chapter 650 the Linn County Parking Code.

Action Taken Below.

B. Ordinance 2020-013 amending LCC Chapter 510 the Linn County Abandoned Vehicle Code.

Action – Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve Ordinances 2020-011 and 013. The vote was called. The motion passed.

9. Health Department – Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator.

Mr. Noble provided the Board with background information regarding the following items:

A. Resolution & Order 2020-024 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Criminal Justice Commission Specialty Courts Grant Program between the State of Oregon Criminal Justice Commission and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve Resolution & Order 2020-024. The vote was called. The motion passed.

B. Resolution & Order 2020-025 approving an Amendment No. 10 to an Agreement between Intercommunity Health Network, Inc. and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve Resolution & Order 2020-025. The vote was called. The motion passed.

C. Resolution & Order 2020-032 approving an Amendment No. 1 to a Personal Services Contract between Pelton and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve Resolution & Order 2020-032. The vote was called. The motion passed.

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

11. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms were read into the record for: Jack Miller and Lora Sease (Alcohol & Drug); Carlos Vazquez (Developmental Disabilities); Rebecca Duerr, Holly Jeffryes and Edward Settles (Environmental Health); Hannah Bullock and James Reed (General Services); Luke Linenberger (Juvenile Detention); Eric Chytka, Karen Jacobs, Emily Mendenhall, Erin Nye, Heather Perue, Ronald Ryden and Helen Terry (Mental Health); Adaline Padlina, Jamie Rodriguez, Leonor Rodriguez and Rebecca Torres (Public Health) and Jeremy Carrier, Bruce Hankins, Michael Hunter, McKenna Olsen and Griffin Whitney (Road Department).

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

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars and Commissioner Nyquist noted that he would be in Washington D.C. beginning Wednesday, February 5, 2020 through Friday, February 7, 2020.

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

14. Announcement: There will be an Elected Officials meeting held at Noon on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center.

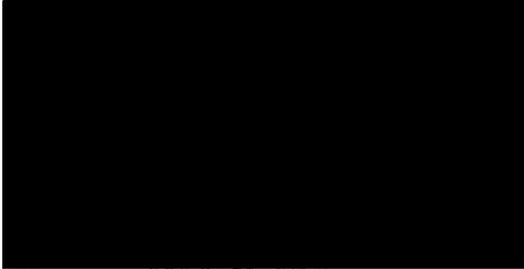
15. Business from the Public (3 minute limit per speaker): There was no one present from the public wishing to use this forum.

16. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

, Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Heather Gravelle

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

William C. Tucker, Commissioner

Date 2-11-2020