



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Robert Wheeldon, Linn County Planning and Building Director; Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director; John Pascone, President, Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corp; 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 and John K. Lindsey, Vice-Chairman were present, as well as, Ralph Wyatt, Linn County Administrative Officer and Marsha Meyer, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Tucker was attending a Forest Service Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting in Salem.

4. Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that, regarding Agenda Item No. 9-C, the County Attorney has indicated that he did not have a final document ready to deliver so, in that case, Commissioner Nyquist asked that Agenda Item No. 9-C be removed from the Agenda.

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

5. Approval of the February 4, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the February 4, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed.

6. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Planning Update – Robert Wheeldon, Linn County Planning and Building Director.

Mr. Wheeldon provided the Board with a Planning Update for the month of January, 2020.

Mr. Wheeldon stated that, overall, the total number of permits were the same as last year. Revenue was up about \$100,000 from last year; County revenue was up but City revenue was down. Commissioner Nyquist stated that the ripple and the lag continues in the City of Millersburg with DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) and Mr. Wheeldon agreed; Millersburg is the driver for most of the contract City activity. Mr. Wheeldon added that his department was on track to meet budget.

Mr. Wheeldon stated that there were several Planning cases and the Planning Commission would be meeting tonight, Tuesday, February 11, 2020. There is an application by Knife River to construct a training center on their quarry site and that matter would be coming before the Board on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. The Planning Commission would also be hearing an application for a code text amendment in the Rural Center Zone to add uses: one is for storage facilities for local residents in rural centers and another is contractor offices and shops which would be limited by size and would affect economic development. This matter would be coming before the Board on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Lastly, he stated that there was an appeal of a Director's decision regarding a Measure 49 and would come before the Board on Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

Mr. Wheeldon informed the Board that the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) issued an Opinion and Order on Friday, February 7, 2020 regarding the appeal by the City of Albany of the Urban Growth Area Code Text Amendments adopted months ago. LUBA's Opinion and Order was that the County acted properly and affirmed the Board's decision.

Commissioner Nyquist asked Mr. Wheeldon how he was doing in regard to filling the inspector vacancies. Mr. Wheeldon stated that he had offered a position to a commercial electrical inspector who has a life-time of experience. He not only has his supervising electrician's license but has been employed doing those types of inspections for some time and has other certifications that can be used by the department. Mr. Wheeldon stated that the applicant provided a letter of acceptance yesterday, February 10, 2020 and will start on Monday, March 2, 2020. Commissioner Nyquist stated that that was great news.

7. Juvenile Department – Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director.

A. Resolution & Order 2020-038 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for transition services between the Greater Albany Public School District 8J and Linn County.

Mr. Lynn provided background information in regard to this matter. He stated that it was a continuation of the agreement for Title 1D money that comes from the school district for the detention center and the Jackson Street Youth Shelter. There was discussion regarding where and how the money is spent.

Action – Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve Resolution & Order 2020-038. The vote was called. The motion passed.

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

9. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms were read into the record for: Linda Passmore and Dana Wikner (Alcohol & Drug); Vicki Hoiseth (Developmental Disabilities); Kelsee Pape (Health Services Administration); Blake Nightingale and Scott Puskar (Parks & Recreation); Stephen Wills (Planning & Building) and Rachel Lytle (Public Health).

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

B. Resolution & Order 2020-037 approving the sale of tax foreclosed property.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that he didn't hear this matter so he shouldn't vote on it (with Commissioner Tucker absent) and asked that it be held over until Tuesday, February 18, 2020 due to a potential ethics complaint that could arise.

Commissioner Nyquist then called up Agenda Item No. 9-C that previously had been removed from the Agenda.

C. Resolution & Order 2020-046 approving a Commercial Guaranty for Business Loan to Linn Economic Development Group.

He stated that he now had new information from the County Attorney that he was good with and comfortable with the documents for Linn Economic Development Group being signed and that, if the Board delegated authority to Commissioner Nyquist to sign the documents, the Board could sign the Resolution & Order next week.

Action – Commissioner Lindsey moved to give the Board Chair the delegated authority, upon County Attorney’s approval, to sign as a guarantor for a business loan to the Linn Economic Development Group for a revolving credit line up to \$400,000.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that the Linn Economic Development Group (LEDG) was submitting expenses for reimbursement to the State which takes 30-40 days to pay and this was additional funding for LEDG to pay contractors/vendors on the Millersburg Reload Project. Because they are getting the work approved prior to the work being done, the receipts are a routine reimbursement process that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) uses with everyone including Linn County. This is something that LEDG needs and it is a very minimal financial risk to the County. Commissioner Nyquist stated that, as things are rolling out, the Board’s commitment to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) was that the County would expend economic development funds up to \$500,000 a year for the first five years. The thinking, at the time, was that this was a generational opportunity that would improve market conditions and the local economy for a long time to come. Commissioner Lindsey agreed.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that, as things progress, he would expect that this year and next year this project would take the full \$500,000 to get going as there are start-up costs that will not be funded by ODOT.

The vote was called. The motion passed.

10. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars.

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

12. Announcements: There were no announcements.

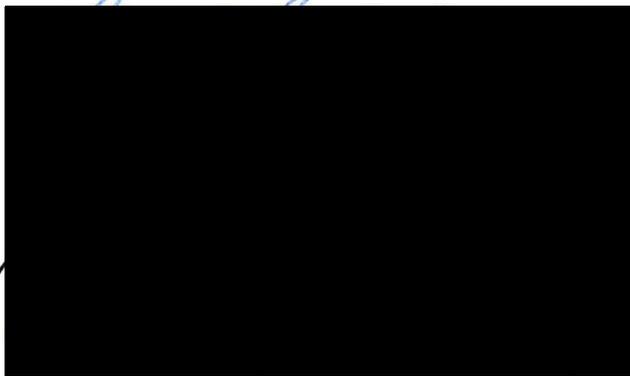
13. Business from the Public (3 minute limit per speaker): There was no one present from the public wishing to use this forum.

14. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:57a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

 Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

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Date 2-18-2020