



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
JULY 31, 2018**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Caroline Cummings, Executive Director, Oregon RAIN; Corey Wright, Linn-Benton Venture Catalyst, Oregon RAIN; Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County; Rich Kellum; Alan Kwan; Brian Latta, City Administrator, City of Harrisburg; Gary Marks, City Manager, City of Lebanon 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 Will Tucker were present, as well as, Ralph Wyatt, Linn County Administrative Officer and Heather Gravelle, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners. John K. Lindsey, Vice-Chairman, was out of the office.

4. Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that he was amending the agenda to include an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h): to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Commissioner Tucker shared that he was amending the agenda to remove the July 24, 2018 meeting minutes as they were not ready for approval.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the agenda as amended. The vote was called. The motion passed by consensus.

5. Approval of the July 24, 2018 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. *This Item was removed from the agenda.*

6. Reports of Staff and Committees: There were no reports of Staff and Committees.

7. Presentation by Oregon RAIN – Caroline Cummings, Executive Director, Oregon RAIN.

Ms. Cummings provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board and it is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File. Ms. Cummings shared the following updates:

1. Linn-Benton Collaborative ROI Contract Goals and Budget;
2. Current Funders;
3. Venture Catalyst Model;
4. 2016-2017 Activities in Linn County;
5. Rural Opportunities Initiative;
6. New RAIN Employees;
7. Upcoming RAIN Events.

Brian Latta, City Administrator, City of Harrisburg, commented that he supported Oregon RAIN and that he was very excited about their efforts; many small cities want to do economic development but they wear so many hats and don't have enough time on their own. He added that the hope was to get the businesses that were built in people's homes out into storefronts and manufacturing warehouses.

Gary Marks, City Manager, City of Lebanon, stated that Linn County and the City of Lebanon have enjoyed a long history of working together on economic development and had accomplished many great projects. He added that with Oregon RAIN, they were able to tap into their expertise that would help many people to grow their businesses and to be successful.

Corey Wright, Linn-Benton Venture Catalyst, Oregon RAIN, explained that he was an entrepreneur with a background in chemistry and bio-technology. He shared that part of his current job was to educate and assist entrepreneurs to help them to raise funds; in the last month he has identified 16 entrepreneurs, six mentors, one investor and developed a group of mentors that meets once a week.

Ms. Cummings then explained who some of their current funders were in the region that included Benton County: \$40K; Lane County: \$100K and Lincoln County: \$30K. She stated that their hope was to include Linn County to their list of supporters for \$50K. Commissioner Nyquist commented that he would have no issue with contributing \$50K, however, his concern was for the entrepreneurs – starting a business in Oregon was not for the faint of heart; we can develop them, but they need to be passionate about it and some may not have the skill set and may not be successful.

Ms. Cummings responded that she understood that was a factor and that about 50 percent of people that they work with they have to “fire” – they don’t do the homework and the necessary research that it takes and some end up “flaking out” on the process. Discussion followed. Commissioner Nyquist stated that they would contact Ms. Cummings regarding the potential of Linn County contributing \$50K by next Tuesday, August 7, 2018. The Board thanked Ms. Cummings and her staff for their work in Linn County and for their presentation.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2018-244 approving Amendment No. 5 to an Agreement between Protocall Services Inc.; and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.
This Item was removed from the agenda.

Mr. Noble provided the Board with background information regarding Resolution & Order 2018-244. Commissioner Nyquist expressed his concern of recording conversations with people; in many instances, the discussions would be medical in nature and were protected by HIPPA Privacy Rules. He added that unless Mr. Noble had a compelling reason, he would not be in support of the Resolution & Order at this point. Mr. Noble responded that he understood the concern and that he would research to determine what protections and safeguards were in place and report back to the Board.

9. County Attorney – Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County.

A. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2018-252 amending the Linn County Surveyor’s Code, Codified at Linn County Code Chapter No. 320.

Mr. Karandy informed the Board that today would be the 1st Reading of the Ordinance to amend the Linn County Surveyor’s Code, Codified at Linn County Code Chapter 320 and that a 2nd Reading was scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

The Board agreed that Mr. Karandy could just read the title of the Ordinance into the record. Mr. Karandy then proceeded to read the title into the record. Brief discussion followed.

10. Correspondence: Commissioner Nyquist submitted an editorial from the Thursday, July 26, 2018 *Democrat-Herald* for the record, regarding the success of the 2018 Linn County Fair. The article is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File. He stated that the Fair/Expo staff and the Fair Board had done a great job this year and he wanted to note that for the record. Brief discussion followed.

Next, Commissioner Nyquist mentioned that at last week's Board meeting, under public comment, Michelle Gates had claimed that the City of Mill City had obtained the \$8,000,000 Tiger Grant without the assistance of Linn County. Commissioner Nyquist stated that he was submitting a copy of the Linn County Tiger Grant Application for the record. He explained that Linn County had worked with Marion County and the City of Mill City on the joint project and that Linn County's portion included \$900,000 in funds and the roads, infrastructure and facilities were all located in Linn County; Linn County was in fact delivering the project. Commissioner Nyquist stated that he was also submitting for the record email correspondence from Ms. Gates and his reply in that regard, as well as, email correspondence regarding the potential stream restrictions coming through the canyon. The Linn County Tiger Grant Application, as well as, the email correspondence with Ms. Gates is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Nyquist added that from a personal perspective, his mother had graduated from Mill City High School, his father graduated from Scio High School and that he was scheduled to appear before the City of Mill City Council meeting for his quarterly update; Linn County is actively involved in the canyon area and in the community. He noted that the lack of communication as to how much Linn County does do in that area may be the source of the questions. Commissioner Nyquist further explained that the Linn County Sheriff's Office services the public safety and the police calls to that area, on both sides of the river.

11. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms were read into the record for: Linda Passmore (Alcohol & Drug); Terri McQueen and Katherine Melton (Health Services Admin); Jason Chin, Desiree Colonica, Malia Delohery Dart and Lara Friederick (Mental Health); Conor Barber and Elizabeth Regina (Parks & Recreation); Angela Johnson and Jack Miller (Public Health) and Michael Hunter (Road Department).

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

B. Resolution & Order 2018-254 approving an amended classification for Juvenile Detention Manager (Salary Range 20-Management/Exempt).

Mr. Wyatt provided the Board with an overview of Resolution & Order 2018-254.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve Resolution & Order 2018-254. The vote was called. The motion passed by consensus.

C. Resolution 2018-256 appointing and reappointing members to the Linn County Compensation Board.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve Resolution 2018-256. The vote was called. The motion passed by consensus.

D. Resolution 2018-257 reappointing members to the Linn County Planning Commission.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve Resolution 2018-257. The vote was called. The motion passed by consensus.

E. Resolution 2018-258 reappointing members to the Linn County Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve Resolution 2018-258. The vote was called. The motion passed by consensus.

F. Resolution 2018-259 reappointing a member to the Linn County Historic Resource Commission.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve Resolution 2018-259. The vote was called. The motion passed by consensus.

G. Resolution 2018-260 appointing members to the Linn County Geographic Information System Committee. *This item was removed from the agenda.*

Commissioner Tucker noted that he was not aware that this Committee existed and was not sure that it was necessary.

Commissioner Nyquist suggested that they pull the item from the agenda and analyze whether the Committee was still relevant. Commissioner Tucker agreed and stated that he would have the discussion with Steve Barnett, GIS Project Manager, and report back at the next Board meeting.

H. Resolution & Order 2018-262 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Oregon Powder Coating.

Action Taken Below.

I. Resolution & Order 2018-263 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Shaeffer Inc.; dba Big Town Hero, Lebanon.

Commissioner Tucker noted that he was proud to be part of supporting youth obtaining their first jobs and helping local businesses.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve Resolution & Orders 2018-262 and 263. The vote was called. The motion passed by consensus.

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars and Commissioner Tucker noted that both he and Commissioner Lindsey would be attending the White Coat Ceremony on Friday, August 3, 2018 at the First Assembly of God in Lebanon.

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

14. Announcements: Commissioner Nyquist announced that there will be an Elected Official's meeting held on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at Noon at the Linn County Fair/Expo Center.

15. Business from the Public (3 minute limit per speaker): Rich Kellum, 4085 Commercial Way, Albany, Oregon, stated that he had expressed at the last Board meeting that he had attended over 500 Linn County Board of Commissioners' meetings and that he needed to correct that number: it was only 350 meetings. Commissioner Tucker stated that he appreciated Mr. Kellum attending their meetings on a regular basis as an individual, business owner and, at times, as a City of Albany Council member. Mr. Kellum replied that you only get out of something what you put into it.

16. Executive Session – Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2) (h): to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. *This item was added to the agenda.*

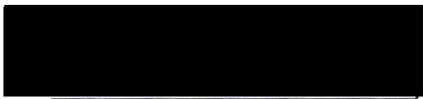
Commissioner Nyquist recessed the regular Board meeting at 10:26 a.m.

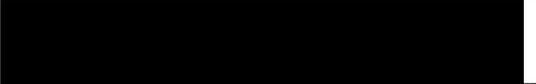
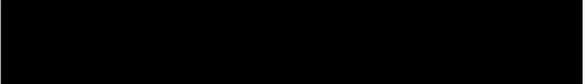
By unanimous consent, the Board closed the Executive Session.

Commissioner Nyquist reconvened the regular Board meeting at 10:49 a.m.

17. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

 Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Heather Gravelle

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Roger Nyquist, Chairman

John K. Lindsey, Commissioner
ABSENT
William C. Tucker, Commissioner
Date 8.7.2018