



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY MEETING  
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200  
MARCH 3, 2020**

**The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.**

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Darrin Lane, Linn County Roadmaster; Russ Williams, Linn County General Services & Property Management Director; Alyssa Boles, Senior Planner, Linn County Planning and Building Department; Robert Wheeldon, Linn County Planning and Building Director; Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Lawrence Benedict; Joel Kalberer; Alan Kwan; Rich Kellum; Jon Randle 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; John K. Lindsey, Vice-Chairman and Will Tucker were present, as well as, Ralph Wyatt, Linn County Administrative Officer and Heather Gravelle, 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 February 25 and 26, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve the February 25 and 26, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

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

Mr. Lane provided the Board with an overview of the following items:

A. Resolution & Order 2020-056 accepting and recording certain real property granted to Linn County for road purposes (County Road Number 0020-B, Berlin Road).

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2020-056. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Resolution & Order 2020-057 authorizing publication of a bid advertisement and setting a bid opening for the Hamilton Creek, Berlin Road Bridge Replacement Project.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2020-057. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

C. Request for Refund from the Road Department to Seth & Amber Basting, \$2,950.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve the Request for Refund. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

8. General Services – Russ Williams, Linn County General Services & Property Management Director.

Mr. Williams provided the Board with background information regarding Resolution & Order 2020-055.

A. Resolution & Order 2020-055 authorizing the publication and distribution of the invitation to bid for the General Services Building Re-roofing project.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2020-055. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

*Commissioner Nyquist recessed the regular Board meeting at 9:52 a.m.*

*Commissioner Lindsey reconvened the regular Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.*

Commissioner Lindsey explained that Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator, would be providing the Board with a brief update regarding the coronavirus. Mr. Noble stated that they had been coordinating with the Oregon Health Authority on a daily basis, as well as, working with regional partners including Benton and Lincoln County and they were actively involved and engaged. He added that he would keep the Board updated. The Board thanked Mr. Noble for his update and his diligent work on the matter.

9. Public Hearing – BC19-0007; An application by Lawrence Benedict for a Zoning Code Text Amendment to add “Small-scale rural-dependent storage or contractor office and shop principally serving rural residents or rural business located within a building or buildings not to exceed 3,750 square feet” to LCC 929.530(B) [Rural Center (RCT) uses permitted through a Type IIA conditional use review].

Commissioner Nyquist read, into the record, the process for the Public Hearing and then called upon Alyssa Boles to provide the Board further information on the matter. Ms. Boles provided the Board with background information and referred to the Staff Report she submitted which is on file in the Linn County Clerk’s Office in the Commissioners’ Staff File.

Commissioner Nyquist opened the Public Hearing and noted, for the record, that the Public Hearing had been dutifully advertised. He then asked the Board if they had any exparte communication or had any conflict of interest regarding this matter and they did not.

Commissioner Nyquist then called upon the applicant to speak.

**Joel Kalberer, PO Box 667, Albany, Oregon 97321 - Applicant’s Attorney.** Mr. Kalberer thanked the Planning and Building staff for their direction and assistance on the application. He explained that his client wanted to build shops for contractors to serve the rural community. The shops would not exceed 3,750 square feet and would include an office. He added that the application was not for mini-storage and not designed to serve urban cities.

Commissioner Nyquist called upon anyone who was wishing to speak in support and there was no one; he called upon anyone who was opposed and there was no one and he called upon anyone wishing to speak that was neutral and there was none.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to accept the Staff Report dated Tuesday, February 25, 2020 into the record. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to close the record. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve BC19-0007; An application by Lawrence Benedict for a Zoning Code Text Amendment to add “Small-scale rural-dependent storage or contractor office and shop principally serving rural residents or rural business located within a building or buildings not to exceed 3,750 square feet” to LCC 929.530(B) [Rural Center (RCT) uses permitted through a Type IIA conditional use review].**

10. Correspondence: Letter to Optimist International regarding the Junior Optimist Youth Attitude Awards Program (JOYA).

Commissioner Tucker noted that the Board had signed a letter dated Tuesday, March 3, 2020 congratulating the winner of the Junior Optimist Youth Attitude Award. A copy of the letter is on file in the Linn County Clerk’s Office in the Commissioners’ Staff File.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve the Letter to Optimist International regarding the Junior Optimist Youth Attitude Awards Program (JOYA). The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

11. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms were read into the record for: Kara Chance (Developmental Disabilities); Darah Matthews Bock (General Services); Tracy Voeller (Juvenile); Cherry Atkin (Law Library); Glen Erspamer Jr. (Parks & Recreation); Gregory Lewellyn (Planning & Building) and Jack Adams (Road Department).

**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.**

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars.

13. New Business: Commissioner Tucker stated that he was drafting a letter of support for the workforce development on the job training programs for the Board to sign. After discussion on the matter, Commissioner Tucker noted that he would draft the letter with only his signature.

14. Announcements: There will be a Management Staff Meeting held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. in the Linn County Courthouse Basement Meeting Room.

15. Business from the Public (3 minute limit per speaker):

Rich Kellum, 4085 E. Commercial Way, Albany, Oregon 97321, stated that he was speaking as an individual and not representing the City. He explained that there had been some workforce funding issues with Linn Benton Community College (LBCC) but they have been resolved and were moving forward. Brief discussion followed.

John Randle, 1505 Walnut Street, Albany Oregon 97321, shared that he does not agree with Governor Brown regarding the cap and trade bill and that capitalism was the only way. Next, Mr. Randle explained that he had been retired since 2011 and that he had three inventions that he wanted to share with the Board. After hearing about the inventions, Commissioner Tucker recommended that Mr. Randle reach out to the Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network (RAIN) because they were a great resource for entrepreneurs. The Board thanked Mr. Randle for attending the Board meeting.

16. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

[Redacted], Recorder  
For Board of Commissioners  
Heather Gravelle

**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Roger Nyquist, Chairman

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John K. Lindsey, Commissioner

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William C. Tucker, Commissioner

Date 3-10-2020