



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
MARCH 26, 2019**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: John Cummings, Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau; Fred Abousleman, Executive Director, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments; Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director; Rich Kellum; Alan Kwan and Alex Paul, Reporter for the Democrat-Herald.

1, 2, 3. At 9:30 a.m. Vice-Chairman Lindsey called the meeting to order. The flag salute and roll call followed. Commissioners 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. Commissioner Roger Nyquist was out of state.

4. Approval of Agenda.

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

5. Approval of the March 19 and 20, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the March 19 and 20, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed by consensus.

6. 2020 Census Presentation – John Cummings, Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau.

Mr. Cummings provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding the 2020 Census. A copy of his PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Mr. Cummings stated that the clock was ticking for the 2020 U.S. Census which is required by the constitution to be taken every ten years. He provided different reasons the census is helpful; one being that it can change the number of Representatives in each state. Mr. Cummings stated that there was speculation that Oregon may gain a sixth representative due to the 2020 census data. He stated that if they undercount it can cost the State money. He then reviewed the funding programs that are divided by population based on the census.

Next, Mr. Cummings stated that there were ten questions on the 2020 census questionnaire; however, the Supreme Court will decide if an 11th question regarding citizenship can be added.

Commissioner Tucker introduced to Mr. Cummings to Fred Abousleman, Executive Director of the Council of Governments (COG) who was in the audience. He informed Mr. Cummings that Mr. Abousleman's agency serves seniors and shut-ins and would be a great contact for information. He also introduced Rich Kellum, City of Albany Councilman and Alex Paul, Reporter for the *Democrat-Herald*, who were both in the audience. Ralph Wyatt, Linn County Administrative Officer, stated that COG had already met about the 2020 census and had been introduced to Mr. Abousleman before the meeting.

Mr. Cummings asked for the County's support in regard to a "Complete Count Committee" which would include state and local governments and community leaders and authorize who would be the best to head this committee in Linn County. Along with that, they will be hiring County residents to help with the census taking; it's not a full-time job but workers will be able to set their own hours. Commissioner Tucker recommended Commissioner Lindsey be the Board liaison with this committee; however, Commissioner Lindsey stated that it would be better for COG to be the central point as Mr. Abousleman has a lot of the information the census needs. Commissioner Lindsey then stated that he would be willing to be the liaison.

Mr. Cummings concluded his presentation and provided the Board with a handout on how to apply to be a census worker.

7. COG Update – Fred Abousleman, Executive Director, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments

Mr. Abousleman provided a COG Update. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Mr. Abousleman acknowledged that his agency would be coordinating with the census and activities. He stated that the final budget for COG would be submitted in May, 2019 and that it is sustainable. Then he discussed the following three items with the Board: STIF Discretionary Grants; a feasibility study for operating transit along Hwy 99W Corridor from McMinnville to Junction City and Adult Protective Services and the possible reasons for the increase in investigations which the Board has several questions and comments. Commissioner Lindsey then asked Mr. Abousleman how many pages were in the Secretary of State's Follow-up Report on 2017 In-Home Program which he stated was about 100 pages. Mr. Lindsey noted that he was interested in reading that report.

8. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Juvenile Update – Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director.

Mr. Lynn provided the Board with a Juvenile Update for the month of February, 2019. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

He stated that numbers were up and Commissioner Tucker asked what crime was committed by the Benton County youth that was in for Measure 11. Mr. Lynn stated that it was for a stabbing incident. Commissioner Lindsey asked about the 11 youth in the dependency program and Mr. Lynn indicated that he does not track them closely to be able to provide any specific information.

Lastly, Mr. Lynn stated that he was currently working on the budget and there were a few bills that he is following in the legislature. He has hired a part-time person with 14 years of nursery experience to manage the greenhouse. Mr. Lynn stated that the gardening projects were going well and indicated that they will be selling hanging baskets for Mother's Day as well as other items and that horticulture was a part of the juvenile's education. Commissioner Tucker asked Mr. Lynn to let him know when they would be at the Saturday Farmer's Market and he would make sure to stop by.

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

10. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms were read into the record for: Amber Manning (General Administration); Elizabeth Shook (Juvenile); Jessica Goodwin-Strom (Juvenile Detention); Kamron Bratlie, Regina Lobdell, Wade Neal and Lonny Wunder (Parks & Recreation) and Charles Bloom (Planning and Building).

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 2019-084 appointing and reappointing members to the Linn County Historical Museum Advisory Commission.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve Resolution 2019-084. The vote was called. The motion passed by consensus.

C. Resolution 2019-094 approving a vacancy and reappointment of a member to the Linn County Health Advisory Council.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve Resolution 2019-094. The vote was called. The motion passed by consensus.

11. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars.

12. New Business: Commissioner Tucker stated that at the last COG meeting there was a conversation of where cities and the County could be working together. There were a few ideas thrown around. He stated that he was happy with what he has seen by the bus services in Lebanon and provided an article about that matter. He stated that he and Councilman Rich Kellum would attempt to rattle a few cages to find a way to work together.

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.

13. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

, Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Roger Nyquist, Chairman



John K. Lindsey, Commissioner



William C. Tucker, Commissioner

Date 4-2-2019