



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
March 31, 2020**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Darrin Lane, Linn County Roadmaster; Chuck Knoll, Engineer, Linn County Road Department; Daineal Malone, Civil Engineer II, Linn County Road Department; Brian Carroll, Linn County Parks and Recreation Director; Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County; Jodi Gollehon, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Doug Marteeny, Linn County District Attorney; Steve Barnett, Linn County GIS Program Manager; Kerry Johnson; Representative Sherrie Sprenger; other audience members present for the Bid Opening 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 Marsha Meyer, 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 March 17 and 24, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve the March 17 and 24, 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.

A. Bid Opening – Hamilton Creek Berlin Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Mr. Lane asked Chuck Knoll, Engineer, Linn County Road Department, to open the bids. Mr. Knoll gave a description of the bid process and stated that Andrew Potts, Civil Engineer and Daineal Malone, Civil Engineer II Linn County Road Department, were both working on this project. He then proceeded to open the sealed bids as follows:

1. Elroy Waldron, Bend - \$1,029,730.47
2. Carter & Co., Inc., Salem - \$1,057,949.14
3. Bent, LLC, Scio - \$1,128,747.70
4. Oregon State Bridge Construction, Inc., Stayton - \$1,175,000.00
5. Legacy Contracting, Inc., Stayton - \$1,239,376.65
6. Farline Bridge, Inc., Stayton - \$1,273,719.73
7. Marcum & Sons, LLC, Redmond - \$944,757.82

Mr. Lane stated that he would come back before the Board next week with a recommendation for the bid award.

The Board thanked all the bidders in the audience for attending and bidding on this project.

B. Resolution & Order 2020-071 approving a Construction Contract for the Old Salem Road Sidewalk Connectivity Project between Brown Contracting, Inc. and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2020-071. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution & Order 2020-090 amending a classification and title from Vegetation Management Foreman to Vegetation Management Supervisor and amending the Pay Range from 16 to 18 (Management/Exempt).

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2020-090. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Parks Department – Brian Carroll, Linn County Parks Department.

Mr. Carroll provided information regarding this item.

A. Resolution 2020-086 authorizing the Linn County Parks Department to apply for a grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to replace a restroom building at Waterloo County Park and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-086. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2020-082 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Albany Partnership for Housing and Community Development.

Mr. Noble stated that this was the former Springer House.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2020-082. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 2020-087 appointing and reappointing members to the Linn County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Mr. Noble stated that one of the appointed members was Frank Moore, former Linn County Health Services Administrator. Commissioner Nyquist announced that Mr. Moore's ex-wife and former Linn County lobbyist, Karen Mainzer, had passed recently. He stated that she was very talented and would be missed.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-087. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

11. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms were read into the record for: Kenneth Mackie (Mental Health); Thomas Dixon and Wesley Pike (Parks & Recreation) and Mayra Herrera Hernandez and Laura Jimenez (Public Health).

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.

B. Resolution 2020-047 amending the Linn County Exclusion Policy (Policy 39). *(This item was held over from the Tuesday, February 18, 2020 and Tuesday, March 24, 2020 Board meetings).*

Commissioner Nyquist thanked Ms. Gollehon for all her efforts regarding this matter.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-047. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 2020-077 approving an Extended Property Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Millersburg, a cosponsor of the Linn County Enterprise Zone and Ti Squared Technologies, Inc.

Commissioner Tucker stated that he had read the March 4, 2020 letter from John Pascone, President, Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corp. (AMEDC) regarding this item. A copy of the letter is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File. Commissioner Nyquist stated that approving this agreement would represent some positive local economic news which is a welcomed change.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-077. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution & Order 2020-088 adopting a new classification for Geographic Information Systems Programmer/Analyst (Management Exempt/Range 17).

Ralph Wyatt, Linn County Administrative Officer, provided additional information regarding this item.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2020-088. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Resolution & Order 2020-089 approving the 2020-2021 Special Transportation Fund Allocations.

Commissioner Tucker stated that he had read the memo from Mark Volmert, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator. He stated that this was allocating Special Transportation Funds to 11 programs totaling \$283,822. Commissioner Lindsey stated it was a slight increase and he agreed with the increases.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2020-089. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Resolution & Order 2020-093 adopting a Temporary Emergency Leave Policy.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that this matter was before them because of federal and state guidance. This matter had been discussed at last week's Special Management Staff meeting held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and stated that the employment world changed last Friday, March 27, 2020 when Congress passed a federal unemployment supplement. Commissioner Nyquist stated that he was not sure this supplement was the most financial prudent for individuals or for the County and asked the Board if they would like to continue this matter until after the Elected Officials/Management Staff meeting to be held tomorrow, Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County, stated that this policy implements a federal law and the Board did not have any discretion regarding this matter. Ralph Wyatt, Linn County Administrative Officer, stated that the Board did not get to change or modify the policy; it is putting a policy in place which ends at the end of 2020 and the County does not have a choice in this matter. Discussion followed.

Mr. Karandy stated that if the Board chose not to adopt this policy, the employees would still have the right to paid sick leave; however, adopting this policy would not preclude the Board from taking other action. Commissioner Nyquist stated that he would vote to approve this policy but looked forward to having ongoing conversations with management to decide what was most prudent for both sides.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2020-093. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Proclamation – Proclaiming April, 2020 as “Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month”.

Doug Marteeny, Linn County District Attorney, read the proclamation into the record. He stated that he appreciated the Board’s support.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve the Proclamation. 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: There was no new business to come before the Board.

14. Announcement: Commissioner Nyquist announced that there would be a Special Management Staff Meeting at Noon and an Elected Officials Meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at the Fair/Expo Center in Conference Rooms 1 and 2.

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

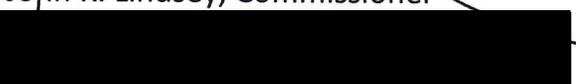
16. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

 Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Roger Nyquist, Chairman

John K. Lindsey, Commissioner

William C. Tucker, Commissioner

Date April 7th, 2020