



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Ryan Vogt, Executive Director, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments; Lisa Robinson, Supervising Probation Officer, Linn County Juvenile Department; Randy Porter, Linn County Fair and Expo Director; Kris Barnes, Linn County Fair and Expo Operations Manager; Alan Kwan and Representative Sherrie Sprenger.

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, Darrin L. Lane, 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 September 15, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve the September 15, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

7. COG Update – Ryan Vogt, Executive Director, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments.

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

Mr. Vogt shared that their staff had reached out to 450 consumers and worked with RideLine Staff and local authorities to help folks evacuate. He explained that one adult foster home that was destroyed by the fires would be rebuilt; Meals on Wheels staff delivered meals to many of the evacuation sites and 5,000 frozen stockpiled meals were delivered to the shelter sites. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that there was Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) and FEMA funding available to folks but that it could be difficult to navigate. He added that they needed to line up potential resources to assist folks to answer questions and guide them through the process. He asked Mr. Vogt if he would discuss the matter with his staff to help develop a plan and he responded that he would. Commissioner Tucker stated that developing posters that could be posted around the community centers would be helpful to get the word out about the funding that was available. Discussion followed. The Board thanked Mr. Vogt for his work and the updates.

8. Juvenile Update - Lisa Robinson, Supervising Probation Officer, Linn County Juvenile Department.

Ms. Robinson provided the Board with a Juvenile Update for the month of August, 2020. A copy of the report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Ms. Robinson provided the Board with statistics for Linn and Benton detentions centers; probation referrals; Measure 11 Youth; Community Programs Unit cases; Oregon Youth Authority cases and work crew hours completed. She shared that they were working on gathering a list of youth and families that they served who had been displaced by the fires to make sure they were getting their needs met.

Commissioner Nyquist asked if the families that they were reaching out to included youth that were currently under their supervision, or, just kids in general. Ms. Robinson responded that they were trying to reach out to anybody in need but that their focus was on those kids connected to the Juvenile Department. Commissioner Nyquist indicated that he would like to talk to Ms. Robinson after the Board meeting because the County had set aside resources for families that were the most vulnerable and most impacted by the fires. The Board thanked Ms. Robinson for her work and the update.

9. Fair/Expo – Randy Porter, Linn County Fair and Expo Director.

A. Resolution 2020-289 delegating authority to Randy Porter, Director of the Linn County Fair and Expo to issue a purchase order for upgraded lighting at the Fair and Expo Center.

Kris Barnes, Linn County Fair and Expo Operations Manager, provided the Board with information regarding Resolution 2020-289. Brief discussion followed.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-289. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and potential approval of Linn County Youth Activities Grant applications.

Commissioner Nyquist indicated that there were two applications from round one that the Linn County Youth Activities Taskforce had requested and received clarification on: Mid-Willamette YMCA and the City of Albany Parks and Recreation Department; he recommended that the Board approve both applications. Discussion followed.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve the Linn County Youth Activities Grant applications for Mid-Willamette YMCA in the amount of \$48,632 and the City of Albany Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$55,695. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Nyquist then recommended dedicating a portion of the Youth Activities Grant money for the Santiam Canyon School District because the area had been extremely devastated by the wildfires. After discussion on the matter, Commissioners' Lindsey and Tucker concurred.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to approve dedicating funds to the Santiam Canyon School District in the amount of \$300,000. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Nyquist noted that there were 14 Linn County Youth Activities Grant applications received for round two and they would be emailed to the Taskforce to review and provide their recommendations by the close of business on Thursday, September 24, 2020. He stated that they would set a tentative Board meeting for Friday, September 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to review the recommendations and make a decision. The Board agreed.

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

12. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms. A copy is attached as Exhibit A and filed in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Tucker suggested accepting the Personnel Action Forms into the record as an exhibit. The Board concurred.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion to accept the Personnel Action Forms into the record as Exhibit A. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: Commissioner Tucker noted that all three Commissioners would be attending a joint meeting with the Marion County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Salem.

14. New Business: Commissioner Lindsey provided the Board with a Department of Forestry Meeting update and stated that he was working on the meeting minutes which would be available for review soon. Brief discussion followed.

Commissioner Nyquist mentioned two articles he had read recently regarding COVID-19. One article was concerning the reopening of schools successfully in Montana by using intense contact tracing methods when they received a positive test. He stated that the other article was regarding the reliability of COVID-19 antigen testing. The articles are on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File. Commissioner Nyquist indicated that he would speak with Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator, regarding what Linn County's testing capacity was and added that they should also check in with the school districts on the matter. The Board agreed.

15. Announcements: There were no announcements.

16. Business from the Public (3 minute limit per speaker): Representative Sherrie Sprenger shared that she would be hosting a town hall to hear from residents affected by the wildfires and determine the needs of the community today, Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santiam Canyon Football Field. Representative Sprenger mentioned that there was smoke damage to some of the school buildings and that insurance would not cover it; they were working on getting State funding to assist with it. Discussion followed regarding obtaining FEMA assistance as well. The Board thanked Representative Sprenger for attending the meeting and providing the information.

17. 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 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

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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 9-29-2020