



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023**

**The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 31, 2023.**

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director; Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Dena Barawis, Office Manager, Linn County Parks and Recreation Department; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County; Alysia Rodgers, Economic Development Catalyst, City of Lebanon; John “Tre” Kennedy, Attorney, Morley Thomas, LLC; Scott McDowell, City Administrator, City of Brownsville; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Shayla Escudero, Reporter for *Democrat-Herald*.

1, 2, 3. At 9:30 a.m. Chair Nyquist called the meeting to order. The flag salute and roll call followed. Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Chair; Will Tucker, Vice-Chair and Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger were present, as well as, Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer and Marsha Meyer, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners.

4. Approval of Agenda.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. Approval of the October 10, 2023; October 17, 2023 and October 24, 2023 Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the October 10, 2023; October 17, 2023 and October 24, 2023, Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Reports of Staff and Committees:

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

Mr. Lynn provided the Board with a Juvenile Department Update for the month of September, 2023. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Mr. Lynn stated that two youth had completed the State Fire Marshall program and were paid \$1,100 for the maximum hours worked. He also stated that the department had extended School Wise to Lebanon and Sweet Home middle schools.

Mr. Lynn provided background information on the following item.

1. Resolution & Order 2023-371 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Transition Services between the Greater Albany Public School District 8J and Linn County.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that he would not participate in discussion or a decision on this matter as he is a member of the Albany School Board.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-371.**

Commissioner Tucker stated that he appreciated the job Mr. Lynn was doing in running the facility.

**The vote was called. The motion passed 2-0 with Commissioner Nyquist abstaining.**

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

A. Resolution & Order 2023-378 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Greater Albany Public School District 8J and Linn County.

Again, Commissioner Nyquist stated that he would not participate in discussion or a decision on this matter as he is a member of the Albany School Board.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-378. The vote was called. The motion passed 2-0 with Commissioner Nyquist abstaining.**

B. Resolution & Order 2023-391 approving an Agreement between Intercommunity Health Network CCO and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-391.**

Commissioner Nyquist asked Mr. Noble to tell him more about the crisis center. Mr. Noble stated that the State was wanting Linn County to provide people in crisis with 23-hour service instead of them going to the emergency rooms. He stated that his department would need to have two staff members on duty at all times. Lengthy discussion followed.

Commissioner Sprenger asked Mr. Noble what would happen if the Board did not sign the agreement and Mr. Noble stated that other counties would be able to treat these people and the County would continue working with the emergency rooms and community; it would be a challenge. Mr. Noble stated that, if the Board agreed to the agreement, he would begin conversations with Samaritan Health. Nothing would be implemented at this time; they were just trying to get ahead of the game to look at feasibility.

Commissioner Tucker stated that the Sheriff and Albany Police Department have been wanting something like this for a long time and he believed it was something the County needed to have.

**The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

8. Parks Department – Stacey Whaley, Linn County Parks and Recreation Department Director.

Ms. Whaley was not present for the Board meeting. Dena Barawis, Office Manager, Linn County Parks and Recreation Department presented the following item on her behalf.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-384 granting a Utility Easement to the City of Brownsville.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-384.**

Commissioner Tucker provided background information regarding this matter, as well as, Scott McDowell, City Administrator for the City of Brownsville. The easement would allow the City of Brownsville to connect city water lines to the well that is on County property at the Moyer House.

**The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

9. Road Department – Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-216 accepting and recording certain real property granted to Linn County for road purposes (County Road Number 0011, Seven Mile Lane).

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-216. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Tucker asked the Board to review the following three items together as they were all related to the same matter.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-388 accepting a petition to vacate a portion of a public road, A Street (Shedd) (Public Road 3401-D).

**Action Taken Below.**

C. Roadmaster's Report on the petition to vacate a portion of A Street (Shedd).

**Action – Taken Below.**

D. Resolution & Order 2023-389 approving a vacation of a portion of a public road, A Street (Shedd) (Public Road 3401-D).

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Orders 2023-388 and 389 and to accept the Roadmaster's Report. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

E. Resolution & Order 2023-393 approving an Amendment No. 1 to Financing Agreement for the Seven Mile Lane improvements (Selmet International, Inc.) between the State of Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-393. 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.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to accept the Personnel Action Forms list as Exhibit 1. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Resolution 2023-395 reappointing members to the list of pools from which Linn County Board of Property Tax Appeals members are selected.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2023-395. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

C. Resolution & Order 2023-396 approving a Lease Agreement located at 505 SW Ellsworth Street, Albany, Oregon 97321 between Linn County and 300 East First Avenue, LLC and delegating authority to execute originals.

Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer, stated that this Lease Agreement was for the County to relocate the Veterans Services offices. It's a 10-year lease with an option for two five-year renewal options. Mr. Lane stated that the new location would increase their office capacity by 33 percent and would provide better visibility and give better ADA access for veterans.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-396.**

Commissioner Nyquist stated that, if the result only helped one member be able to access benefits that they're entitled to, then it would clearly be the smart thing to do.

**The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

D. Approval of a Wrecking License for G & R Auto Wreckers, Inc. with a Letter of Understanding.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve a Wrecking License for G & R Auto Wreckers, Inc. with a Letter of Understanding. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Nyquist stated that last Thursday, October 26, 2023 all three Commissioners met individually with Governor Kotek. He also stated that on Friday, October 27, 2023 all three Commissioners attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Samaritan Clinic in Sweet Home.

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

14. Announcements:


A. There will be a Management Staff meeting held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in the Basement Meeting Room at the Linn County Courthouse.

B. The Board will not be meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 due to the AOC Annual Conference in Eugene.

15. Business from the Public (3-minute limit per speaker): There was no one present from the public wishing to use this forum neither in person or telephonically.

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

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

 Recorder  
For Board of Commissioners  
Marsha Meyer

**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Roger Nyquist, Chair



William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair



Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 11-7-2023