



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Stacey Whaley, Linn County Parks and Recreation Director; Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County; Denese Oster Hames; Rae Oster; 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 Courtney Leland, 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 September 3, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the September 3, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Staff and Committees:

Planning and Building Department Update – Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director.

Mr. Wills provided the Board with a Planning and Building Department Update for the month of August, 2024. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Mr. Wills indicated that there was one Planning Commission meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 to hear Case No. PD24-0259. He also indicated that there were no Land-Use hearings scheduled for the month of September but noted that there is one scheduled for October 1, 2024.

Mr. Wills shared with the Board that there were ten new code enforcement cases and 19 closed cases for the month of August, 2024.

Commissioner Nyquist asked what the turnaround time was on a building application and Mr. Wills indicated between 2-3 weeks. Commissioner Nyquist asked if that was a good turnaround time and Mr. Wills stated that the turnaround time was shorter than it had been in the previous years. Commissioner Nyquist then asked what the turnaround time was for a planning application and Mr. Wills indicated that planning applications were down right now so the turnaround time was fairly quick. Commissioner Nyquist thanked Mr. Wills and his Staff for their work.

B. Resolution & Order 2024-317 approving an Application by Harry Wallace for a Zoning Map Amendment affecting 1.24 acres of land.

Action taken below.

C. Ordinance 2024-318 approving an Ordinance amending the Linn County Zoning Map.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-317 and Ordinance 2024-318. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2024-319 authorizing work on a local access road as a single project.

Mr. Mink requested the Board's approval to authorize work on a local access road known as Sturtevant Road. He indicated that, in this specific case, the road had been used as a bypass by the majority of the public so the work they sought to perform was to improve the road base, widen the road and place a chip seal surface.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-319.

Commissioner Tucker asked if there had been any conversations to bring the road up to Linn County standards. Mr. Mink indicated that there had been lengthy conversations over the years about how to approach that and, at this time, cost and labor were two issues; they would have to completely reconstruct the right of way. Commissioner Tucker indicated that the challenge for him was the number of public roads that are privately maintained and that the county is unable to use highway funds for them so that would mean General Fund money would have to be spent. Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer, indicated that it was considered a public road and would be eligible for the use of Road Fund money. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Nyquist indicated that he wasn't opposed to using General Fund money if that's what needed to be done but he was glad to hear that wasn't the case. Mr. Lane indicated that if the Road Department did want to spend General Fund money to repair roads in the future, they would need to have the County Attorney for Linn County look into the prohibition in the Statue. Commissioner Nyquist stated that the important point was for the county to eliminate creating more of these issues. He believed that there were long standing requirements in place now that prohibited more of this activity coming before the Board. Mr. Lane stated that there were two separate issues. The first issue being the number of orphan tax lots that beame county owned driveways which he was working hard to ensure didn't happen in the future. The second issue related to new roads created for subdivisions, the county wanted them to be local access roads specifically for maintenance purposes. Commissioner Nyquist clarified that, all of the local access issues they had seen were related to roads built prior to 1990. Mr. Lane indicated that was correct.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2024-306 approving a Construction Contract between Knife River Corporation-Northwest and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-306. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

9. County Attorney's Office – Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County.

A. Resolution & Order 2024-326 approving an acknowledgement and recording of the Linn County Ambulance Service Area Mutual Aid Agreement.

Mr. Karandy indicated that under Linn County Code Chapter 550, the ambulance service providers assigned to the ambulance service areas within Linn County are required to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement. He stated that over the years there were a few different iterations of that agreement but there wasn't record that they were ever filed with the Linn County Clerk's Office. He indicated that the current providers updated the agreement in April, 2024 and this would acknowledge the most recent changes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-326. 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 2024-320 appointing a member on the Linn County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2024-320. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution & Order 2024-307 adopting a new classification for Mental Health Specialist (DSA-Pay Range 15).

Action taken below.

D. Resolution & Order 2024-308 amending a classification for Control Room Operator (DSA-Pay Range 8).

Action taken below.

E. Resolution & Order 2024-309 amending a classification and title from Jail Maintenance Worker to Sheriff Maintenance Worker (DSA-Pay Range 12).

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Orders 2024-307, 308 and 309. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Resolution & Order 2024-310 amending a classification for Computer Resource Specialist 1 (DSA-Pay Range 16).

Action taken below.

G. Resolution & Order 2024-311 amending a classification for Computer Resource Specialist 2 (DSA-Pay Range 17).

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Orders 2024-310 and 311. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Resolution & Order 2024-312 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Berkey's Blueberries, LLC.

Action taken below.

I. Resolution & Order 2024-313 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Wirth Farms, Inc.

Action taken below.

J. Resolution & Order 2024-324 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Albany Tire & Wheel, LLC.

Action taken below.

K. Resolution & Order 2024-325 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Boshart Trucking, Inc.

Action taken below.

L. Resolution & Order 2024-327 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Pacific Bellwether, LLC dba Sweet Home Dairy Queen.

Action taken below.

M. Resolution & Order 2024-328 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Albany Tennis Club.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Orders 2024-312, 313, 324, 325, 327 and 328. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: Commissioner Tucker indicated that tomorrow was 9/11 and one or more Commissioner may be present on the Linn County Courthouse steps for the Patriot Day Ceremony.

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

14. Announcements: There was no announcements.


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 9:52 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 17, 2024.


Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Courtney Leland

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 9-17-2024