



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Micah Smith, Linn County Undersheriff; Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County; Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce; Joshua Thorstad, City Council Member, City of Sweet Home and Alex Paul, Linn County Communications.

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.

Commissioner Tucker asked that Agenda Item No. 5 – “March 4, 2025 Commissioner’s Meeting Minutes” be removed from the Agenda as he had not had a chance to review them. The Board agreed.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to the approve the agenda without the March 4, 2025 Commissioner’s Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of the March 4, 2025 Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes.

This item was removed from the Agenda.

6. Sheriff's Office – Michelle Duncan, Linn County Sheriff's Office.

Micah Smith, Linn County Undersheriff, presented the following item on behalf of Sheriff Duncan.

A. Resolution & Order 2025-100 approving a Services Contract between Gerding Builders and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2025-100. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. 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 February, 2025. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

8. Treasurer's Office – Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer.

A. Order 2025-094 accepting an expenditure of a certain grant within the Grants Fund, \$27,000.

Ms. Hawkins stated that this item was a grant from the State for the Planning and Building Department for wildfire grant applications.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Order 2025-094. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Correspondence: Commissioner Nyquist stated that the Board signed a Letter of Support dated Friday, March 7, 2025 regarding the Community Wildfire Defense Grant application. Commissioner Tucker thanked the Board for approving the letter. Commissioner Nyquist noted it would be entered into the record.

10. 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 2025-092 approving the participation in funding activities of Resolution Oregon/University of Oregon School of Law for Community Dispute Resolution of Grant Selection 2025-2027.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2025-092. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 2025-097 appointing and reappointing members to the Community Services Consortium Community Action Advisory Council (CAAC).

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2025-097. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution & Order 2025-098 amending a classification for Health Services Nurse and changing the Pay Range from 18 to 20 (SEIU-Pay Range 20).

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2025-098. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Resolution & Order 2025-115 approving a Personal Services Contract between Michael Best Strategies, LCC and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer, stated that this was a proposal to contract with a legislative affairs company in Washington D.C. to represent the County's interest with respect to timber, lumber and natural resource items.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2025-115. The vote was called. The motion passed.

11. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars.

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

13. Announcements: Commissioner Tucker welcomed Josh Thorstad and indicated that he was a new City Councilor member for the City of Sweet Home. Mr. Thorstad stated that the City of Sweet Home was doing good with great things happening. He stated that the majority of the council members were new and he looked forward to moving in good direction. He thanked the Board for everything they do for Sweet Home. Commissioner Nyquist thanked Mr. Thorstad for his service and willingness to step up.

14. Business from the Public (3-minute limit per speaker): The Board recognized Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Grizzle thanked the County for hosting the Lebanon Leadership group last week; they were very helpful and she was thankful for their partnership.

There was no one wishing to speak telephonically under Business from the Public.

15. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

 Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Roger Nyquist, Chair



William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair



Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 3-18-2025