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Lincoln County Public Budget Hearing

**Lincoln County Courthouse
225 West Olive Street
Room 110
Newport, OR 97365**

**May 18, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order and Introductions by Chair Sue Woodruff

Present were Commissioners Hall and Miller and committee members Susan Woodruff, Cristen Don, and John Heath.

Lincoln County Department Presentations

2. Lincoln County Board of Commissioners- *Presented by County Administrator Tim Johnson*

Administrator Johnson gave an overview of the structure and functions of the Board of Commissioners. He outlined some of the major accomplishments of the Board, explained the budget, and demonstrated the new website. He encouraged the committee to read the Board's budget message. There were no questions from the public.

3. Lincoln County Administration – *Presented by Tim Johnson, County Administrator*

Administration Johnson gave an overview of the duties of this department. He pointed out that his position is new to the County and outlined the accomplishments of this office over the last year. He informed the committee that there would be two major reports coming out in October and asked that the committee review those when they come out and share their input. The first is a draft of the five-year strategic plan for homelessness. The second is a study on broadband. There were no questions from the public.

4. Veterans Services – *Presented by Keith Barnes, Veterans Services Officer*

Officer Barnes gave an overview of his department, including the types of services provided and statistics on the numbers of Lincoln County veterans served. He highlighted the department's accomplishments, including bringing in \$184,000 in new monthly benefits for veterans and acquiring \$621,589.93 in retroactive pay for veterans. He also shared an example of help given to a veteran and her dog. There were no questions from the public.

5. Lincoln County Counsel– *Presented by Kristin Yuille, County Counsel*

Counsel Yuille gave an overview of the structure of this department and its diverse duties and areas of practice. There were no questions from the public.

6. Lincoln County Human Resources – Presented by David Collier, HR Director

Director Collier gave an overview of his department's major activities, including onboarding 117 new employees in 2022. He shared goals and objectives for 2023-2024 and addressed questions from the committee. There were no questions from the public.

7. Lincoln County Information Technology– Presented by Todd Richmond, IT Director

Director Richmond gave a brief outline of the department's duties and accomplishments for the last year, including migrating from Google to Office365. He talked about security and shared that the County's network is attacked thousands of times every day. This budget differs from most other departments because the bulk of the expenses are materials and services. This is because this department handles all equipment for the County. There were no questions from the public.

8. Lincoln County Finance – Presented by Christina Shearer, Finance Director/Budget Officer

Director Shearer walked the committee through her departmental budget, explaining the responsibilities, accomplishments. She spoke at length about the advantages of a recent change to the new accounting software, OpenGov. She then moved into an overview of the County's General Fund. She outlined the structure of the fund, including four appropriations: general government, public safety, community service, and County central services (which is new for FY24). She went on to give an overview and explanation of special purpose funds.

9. Committee Questions – Questions were addressed during the presentations. There were no additional questions.

10. Questions by Public – There were no questions from the public.

11. This meeting is continued to May 22, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Room 108, Newport.