



MINUTES

Lincoln County Public Budget Hearing

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

**May 17, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order and Introductions by Chair, Kaety Jacobson. Attending were Chair Jacobson, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Miller, Susan Woodruff, Cristen Don,
2. Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 6:00. Reappointment of Compensation Committee – Commissioner Hall moved to appoint the three designated Compensation Committee members for 2023. Miller seconded. Motion carried. Chair Jacobson handed the meeting back over to Budget Committee Chair Woodruff.

Compensation Committee Recommendation – Presented by Joy Gutknecht, Director of Human Resources, Oregon Coast Community College, and Tiana DeVries, HR Director for Lincoln Community School District

Director Gutknecht referred the committee to the Compensation Committee's written statements. There were no questions.

Chair Woodruff opened the public meeting at 6:06.

Lincoln County Department Presentations

3. ***Lincoln County Treasurer's Office – Presented by Jayne Welch, County Treasurer/Tax Collector, and Amy Bendel, Chief Deputy***
Treasurer Welch explained the Treasurer's duties and gave some background about her department's responsibilities. She walked the committee through her department's proposed budget and spoke briefly about the challenges associated with the County's transition to Umpqua Bank. Chief Deputy Bendel explained the roll of the Tax Department and its annual duties. She highlighted new web-based taxing software that was installed in 2022 and the addition of the option to pay taxes electronically. Nearly 10% of collections are received electronically. There were no questions from the public.
4. ***Lincoln County Assessor's Office – Presented by Joe Davidson, County Assessor and Scott Branchfield, Cartographic Supervisor***
Assessor Davidson gave a basic overview of the Assessor's Office and its three sections: cartography, appraisal, and operations. He shared some statistics regarding the department's work in relation to the changes in the local housing market. There were no questions from the public.

5. **Lincoln County Clerk's Office – Presented by Amy Southwell, County Clerk**
County Clerk Southwell gave an overview of her department and its roles. She highlighted the department's accomplishments, including receiving a grant award which has been used to enhance election security, and goals. There were no questions from the public.
6. **Lincoln County Surveyor's Office – Presented by Eli Adam, Director**
Director Adam presented on three functional budgets, the Surveyor's office, Geographical Information Services (GIS), and Property Management. He shared the department's duties, accomplishments, and goals. There were no questions from the public.
7. **Lincoln County Planning – Presented by Onno Husing, Director**
Director Husing appeared before the group and gave an overview of the Planning budget. There were no public questions.
8. **Lincoln County Public Works – Presented by Roy Kinion, Director**
Director Kinion explained that Public Works consists of six departments: Solid Waste, Parks, Facilities/Maintenance, Engineering, Fleet Services, and the Road Department.

Parks – Presented by Kelly Perry, Parks Manager

The Parks Department's job is to manage and maintain all fifteen parks. Manager Kelly highlighted her vision for expanding diversity of uses for the parks and talked about sources of funding. There were no questions from the public.

Facilities and Maintenance – Presented by Jack Whaley, Maintenance Manager

Director Kinion and Manager Whaley discussed the duties of this department and the effects that COVID had on the department and its crew of five. They talked at length about the difficulties of finding qualified employees and discussed the use of apprentice programs in response to committee questions. There were no questions from the public.

Road Department – Presented by Roy Kinion, Public Works Director

Director Kinion presented on the remaining three divisions of the Public Works Department: Engineering, Fleet Services, and Road Maintenance. He touched on the Lincoln County Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee and department accomplishments, including managing a snowstorm in February. He pointed out that this budget has a \$7.5m reserve that is held in case of emergency. There were no questions from the public.

9. Committee Questions – All committee questions were addressed.
10. Questions by Public – There were no questions from the public.
11. Continue Meeting to May 18, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Room 110, Newport.