

APPROVED BY ORDER #11-21-411
MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VIRTUAL MEETING OF MAY 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

This meeting was audio and video recorded and a link is available at

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hunt called to order the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Present at the meeting were Commissioner Hunt, Commissioner Hall, and Commissioner Jacobson. A quorum was established.

RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

A. Resolution #21-3-5A National Corrections Officer Week 2021 – Presented by Sergeant Josh McDowell

Commissioner Hall read the resolution into the report.

Sergeant Josh McDowell emphasized on the importance of corrections officers and their role in Lincoln County. He commended the 37 corrections officers currently working in the County for their dedication and hard work, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of people in custody and in the community in general.

Sherriff Landers reiterated the sentiments of Sergeant McDowell, placing emphasis on the compassion, care and kindness the corrections officers show to individuals with mental health and behavioural health issues.

The commissioners expressed gratitude to the Corrections Officers for their work in the jails and in the community in general.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt the resolution proclaiming May 2 -8, 2021 as National Corrections Officer Week in Lincoln County. Commissioner Jacobson seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

B. Resolution #21-3-5B National Nurses Week 2021 – Presented by Sergeant Marie Gainer

Commissioner Jacobson read the resolution into the report.

School Based Health Centre Program Manager Jessica Hubbard introduced members of the nursing staff, commending them for their work. She emphasized the resilience, bravery and diligence of the nursing staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. She presented patient testimonies giving positive reviews of patient experience with members of staff.

Lincoln County Maternal Child Health Supervisor Shelley Paeth expressed gratitude to the nurses of the Lincoln County Health and Human Services for their bravery, their willingness to take on tasks outside of their field during the COVID-19 pandemic and Echo Mountain Wildfire.

Communicable Disease Supervisor Mollie Vance thanked retired nurses who came back to help with investigations and immunization clinics.

Sergeant Marie Gainer recognized the efforts of the corrections health nurses working at the jail for their professionalism, resilience, hard work and dedication to their jobs.

The Commissioners also expressed their appreciation to the nurses for all their hard work, creativity, problem solving and bravery throughout the pandemic.

Commissioner Jacobson moved to proclaim May 6 – 12, 2021 as National Nurses Week in Lincoln County. Commissioner Hall seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

C. Employee Recognition

Chair Hunt recognized five employees for their work and service to the county. The employees will receive a certificate manually signed by all three commissioners and a lapel pin.

D. New Hire Introductions

Nicole Kendall from the Personnel/HR department introduced five new hires of the County, their departments, and roles.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Hunt introduced the consent calendar as presented.

Commissioner Jacobson moved to adopt the consent calendar as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Commission Appointments and Resignations

1. Order #5-21-131 Changes in membership to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee
2. Order #5-21-132 Changes in membership to the Makai Special Road District Board

License Applications or Renewals

1. Order #5-21-133 OLCC Temporary Permit – Wine Fauve

Tax Foreclosure, Right-of-Way, Sales and Deeds

1. Order #5-21-134 Correction Quitclaim Deed for Certain Tax Acquired Property to Patty Lukinich Green

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

1. Order #5-21-135 Amendment to Agreement between ProtoCall Services, Inc. and Lincoln County Health and Human Services

Execution of Documents

1. Resolution #21-3-5C Declaring Certain County Owned Property Surplus
2. Resolution #21-3-5D In the Matter of The Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP) (Directors Group)

DECISION/ACTION

A. Resolution #21-3-5E Extension of the Declaration of Emergency Related to COVID-19 – Presented by Wayne Belmont, County Counsel

Counsel Belmont reported that this resolution had been before the board at a prior meeting. He disclosed that the County is trying to align the extension to that of the state however, this declaration would be longer than the states. Where there is a change in COVID-19 crisis, the Board of Commissioners have the ability to modify the declaration.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt the resolution extending the declaration of emergency in Lincoln County related to COVID-19. Commissioner Jacobson seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Lincoln County Public Health COVID-19 Update – Presented by Susan Trachsel, Health and Human Services Public Information Officer

Health and Human Services Public Information Officer Susan Trachsel reported 145 COVID-19 cases in the month of April and 7 so far in the month of May. She reported an upward trend in cases and hospitalization and a downward trend in vaccination and deaths in Oregon. 15 counties in the state were on extreme risk alert.

Officer Trachsel disclosed an upward trend of the B.1.1.7 (UK variant) and the B.1.427 (California variant) variants in the region. She reported that 61.2% of eligible people have been vaccinated in Lincoln County. She reported on upcoming mobile clinics, dates and their locations. The department will be meeting to strategize on how to encourage individuals 64 years old and above to be vaccinated.

Commissioner Jacobson suggested that the Health and Human Services department reach out to businesses who would like to request a vaccination clinic. She also recommended a door-to-door neighbourhood approach to raise awareness for the vaccine.

B. Echo Mountain Complex Fire Update

Counsel Wayne Belmont disclosed that the community is focused on recovery, building, and trying to get funding to assist in the process. He commented on partnerships that have helped the community during the recovery and rebuilding process. He disclosed plans to improve infrastructure to enable better response to future fire incidents. He reported that the Community Outreach and Recovery Education Program has been of great support to the fire survivors.

Director Kinion reported on the progress of the debris evacuation process. The clearing of debris had outpaced testing, so they had to take a hiatus to allow the testing catch-up.

Commissioner Jacobson reported that she is working on getting funding for fire recovery.

C. STR Update (The Board of Commissioners will give further direction to staff at this meeting) -Presented by Wayne Belmont, County Counsel

Counsel Belmont disclosed that 2 workshops were held in relation to the proposal with over 275 participants with 105 public comments submitted since the date of the workshop. He discussed the 4 specific changes to the program.

The first change has to do with septic system or onsite waste management changes. Belmont referred to statistics previously presented to the Board stating the estimated number of people sharing a septic system is close to 7.8 persons per septic system for an STR.

Brian Crawford with Onsite Waste Management reported that the failure rate for STRs is roughly 50% higher than that of residential dwellings due to hydraulic overloading which leads to surge events that cause water and ground contamination. Lack of maintenance is another reason for the failure of septic systems. He disclosed that the fluctuation of the number of occupants of an STR and the infrequency of use of STRs is what leads to the overload of the Septic systems.

Crawford requested direction from the Board to carry out an evaluation on the existing sewer system and periodic maintenance of the systems. The commissioners gave their approval for proposed changes in code regarding STR septic systems and directed staff to work on specific language for their consideration.

The second recommendation addressed by Counsel Belmont was the occupancy limit changes. Changing the current 3 persons plus 2 additional to 2 persons plus possibly an additional 2 people. The commissioners gave their approval for proposed change of occupancy limits for STRs. Counsel Belmont disclosed that there were some grandfathered units, and he would like to come back to the Board with some recommendations regarding these units.

The third recommendation deals with additional code enforcement options, specifically creating an administrative process to hear and address complaints. The commissioners disclosed that they would need a framework of what a violation is and what it is not.

The fourth recommendation was a cap on the number of licenses issued. Counsel Belmont asked for direction from the Board on whether they would like to put a cap on licenses issued or not. The commissioners were all in favour of a license cap with Commissioner Jacobson emphasizing on an area-licensing cap.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

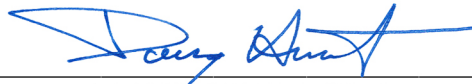
ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Commissioners Meeting is held on May 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

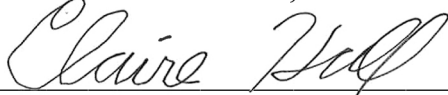
The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

These meeting minutes were read and approved this 30th day of November, 2021.

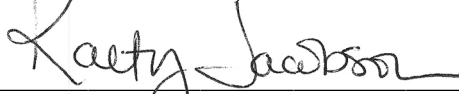
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