

APPROVED BY ORDER #11-21-398

**MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VIRTUAL MEETING OF MAY 17, 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

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Hunt introduced the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Hall moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented and Commissioner Jacobson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Commission Appointments and Resignations

1. Order #5-21-146 Gleneden Beach Highway Lighting District Board

License Applications or Renewals

1. Order #5-21-147 OLCC License – Baymart Deli & Café

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

2. Order #5-21-148 Quitclaim Deed for Certain Tax Acquired Property to Michelle Elpusan

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

1. Order #5-21-149 OCHIN Statement of Work #8224
2. Order #5-21-150 Amendment #20 to Oregon Health Authority Intergovernmental Agreement #159820 for the Financing of Public Health Services
3. Order #5-21-151 Contract for Beds for 30-day Extended Detention Program – Josephine County Juvenile Justice

4. Order #5-21-152 Contract for Detention Beds – Josephine County Juvenile Justice
5. Order #5-21-153 Contract for Residential Beds – Josephine County Juvenile Justice
6. Order #5-21-154 OCHIN Statement of Work #7771
7. Order #5-21-155 Client Placement Order – Telehealth - Barton Associates

Execution of Documents

1. Amendment #22 to Intergovernmental Agreement #159820 between Oregon Health Authority and Lincoln County for the Financing of Public Health Services
2. Order #5-21-156 Sale of Certain County Owned Real Property

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Fall Creek Slide and Associated Road Closure – Presented by Roy Kinion, Public Works Director & Susan Shaw, Weyerhaeuser Timber Company

Geologist Susan Shaw reported that rains and storms reactivated the Landslides from early 2017, and that they have observed continuous failure activity from 2017 to the present date. She described the measures taken by Weyerhaeuser Timber Company to monitor the landslide activity such as third party consultations, installation of a weather station, specialists from ODF and academic institutions amongst other things.

Shaw disclosed that the landslide was expected to continue unravelling up to the county bridge line. Accelerated movement was detected which would also affect the county road. She also reported on the possible debris deposition scenarios and possible damages that would occur if the entire slope fell.

Shaw emphasised the risk to public safety and the willingness of Weyerhaeuser Timber Company to support a proposal for road closures in the areas affected until the landslide is evacuated or the slide has slowed down or stabilized.

Director Kinion disclosed that all property owners in the area affected by the landslide are in agreement with the proposed road closure as they have other access to their properties. He explained that the proposal is for an extended closure of the road until the risk of the landslide has passed.

Chair Hunt recommended that Director Kinion present a proposal for the closure of the affected road to the Board of Commissioners.

B. Lincoln County Enterprise Zone – Presented by Paul Schutyema, Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County, Executive Director

Executive Director Paul Schutyema reported on the re-designation process of the Lincoln County Enterprise Zone. The requirements to be met are an investment of \$50,000, a 10% increase of employment within the area of the applicant, no concurrent job loss in another facility elsewhere in the state and the ability to maintain the employment level stated in the application. He reported that the total area of the zone would be 15 square miles or less however Lincoln County was granted an exemption due to the geography of the County.

Director Schutyema reported that an online information meeting would be held for the taxing bodies and sponsoring governmental units on June 3, 2021. The zone re-designation would be for the duration of 4 years. Sponsoring government units have the option to include hotel expansions and constructions to the list of eligible businesses for the enterprise zone benefits. Unincorporated properties in the zone would be allowed to stay in the zone without being penalized. He disclosed that an information campaign would be made available to the public to make them aware of the benefits and tools to aid in expansion of their businesses. After many deliberations, it was agreed that a document would be presented to the Board of Commissioners before the deadline, which is June 30, 2021.

REPORTS

A. Lincoln County Public Health COVID-19 Update – Presented by Florence Pourtal, Interim Public Health Director

Director Florence Pourtal reported a downward trend in the number of COVID cases. She also reported a downward trend in COVID-19 testing in Lincoln County. She disclosed that eligibility for vaccination would remain from age 16 and above and Lincoln County has exceeded the 67% eligible vaccination rate. Lincoln County submitted a vaccine equity plan to the State in order to move to low risk level permanently.

Director Pourtal reported on the location and days of vaccine clinics available in the county. She disclosed that Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines were available at the clinics. She reported on the updated guidance for eating and drinking establishments, indoor and outdoor recreation, and other activities as well as the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) mask guidance. Employers who choose to allow staff without masks are required to check the vaccination status of their staff.

Commissioner Jacobson suggested organizing a mobile vaccination event at children soccer games to reach people who would have been otherwise difficult to reach.

B. Echo Mountain Complex Fire Update – Presented by Casey Miller, Public Information Officer

Public Information Officer Casey Miller reported that FEMA would like to hold a four-day workshop for wildfire survivors to engage FEMA and ask questions. He disclosed that the behavioural health team has collaborated with a non-profit organization called Lines for Life and

have a set up a lifeline phone number for wildfire survivors. Officer Miller mentioned the wildfire readiness presentation taking place via zoom and encouraged members of the public to attend or watch the recorded version of the presentation as the County was coming into another fire season.

Commissioner Jacobson reported that 30% of the homes in Otis are back up due to the work of volunteers and county officials. She commented on pending state funding including the receipt of a \$25,000 grant to repair the building housing donated items for the wildfire survivors. She emphasized on the need for volunteers to take part in on-going recovery work.

C. Economic Development Listening Sessions Report – Presented by Greg Wolf, AOC County Solutions Contractor, Frank Burris, Oregon State Extension University Services and Oregon Sea Grant, & Paul Schuytema, Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County, Executive Director

Frank Burris reported the number of participants at the 4 Economic Development listening sessions held in the county were North County 7, Central County 12, South County 6, East County 4. He listed the top economic development priorities of the participants of the listening session. The top three were Workforce/affordable housing with 81% votes, Broadband development 64% votes, and Childcare 42% votes.

Burris reported that due to the conversion of residential properties to vacation rentals, there is a shortage of housing for seasonal workers, low-wage workers, and early career professionals. The Newport School District reported a loss of 50 teachers a year due to the lack of suitable housing. On broadband development, the Newport School District reported that about 300 students did not have broadband or Wi-Fi. On childcare, Burris presented the suggestions of the participants for affordable and available childcare services in the County. He suggested that working groups be organized to address the 3 main issues from the economic development listening. The mandate of these groups would be to put forward feasible economic solutions to the above-mentioned issues as well as partners, grants to aid in the resolution of these issues.

Commissioner Jacobson commented that there is a group working on broadband and they have received a grant to work on the broadband issue.

D. Commissioners

Commissioner Jacobson reported that she has updated her sound and video technology due to complaints about the sound quality of the zoom meetings.

Chair Hunt reported on his meeting with the Governor of Oregon where he commended the work of the health department and expressed concern on the challenge of getting people back for their second shot of the vaccine.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Hunt reconvened the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners after the executive session held on litigation and employment of public official.

A. Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) to discuss litigation. The Board may come out of executive session to take action.

Counsel Yuille reported that opioid litigation is starting to resolve, and the steps needed are to appoint representatives from the county to enter into settlement discussions.

Claire Hall moved that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners delegate to county counsel the authority to negotiate on behalf of the county an agreement with public entities that have already filed opioid litigation that will require opioid litigation funds intended for local entities to be paid directly to the local entities and not pass through the State of Oregon. Any proposed agreement resulting from these negotiations shall be presented to this body for final review and approval. Commissioner Jacobson seconded the motion; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

B. Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider employment of a public official. The Board may come out of executive session to take action.

Commissioner Hunt stated that there were two candidates, one of whom has extensive experience in public and behavioral health. Commissioner Hunt believes that this individual clearly articulated a vision and plan for the department.

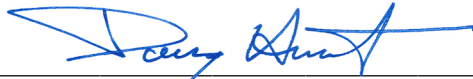
Commissioner Jacobson moved that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners direct staff to make an offer of employment to Jayne Romero as Lincoln County Health and Human Services Director and take all necessary steps to complete the pre-employment process including a thorough background check and satisfactory employment references. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

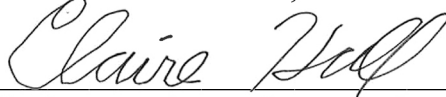
The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

These meeting minutes were read and approved this 24th day of November 2021.

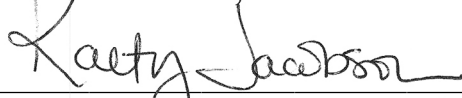
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