

APPROVED BY ORDER #10-21-327
MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting held virtually

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner 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.

RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

Multiple employees were recognized for the five years, or multiple five years, they've worked on the county. New hires were introduced by Jayleen Cook, Assistant Personnel Director.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Hunt introduced the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner Hall seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting

Order #3-1-56 BOC Meeting Minutes 5.18.2020

Order #3-1-57 BOC Meeting Minutes 6.1.2020

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

Order #3-1-58 OCHIN Statement of Work #7804

Execution of Documents

1. Retail lease Between Newport Coast Investments, LLC and Lincoln County for a Property Located at 34 SW Coast Hwy
2. Order #3-1-59 Department of Veterans Affairs Solicitation Number 36C26021R0024 for Primary Care Services (effective 3.1.2021-8.31.202)

DECISION/ACTION

**1. Resolution #21-1-3A Extension of the Declaration of Emergency Related to COVID-19 –
Presented by Wayne Belmont, County Counsel**

County Counsel Wayne Belmont informs that the governor extended the state emergency last week to May 2nd, and recommends an extension by the board to May 5th, which will allow them time from May 3rd to examine where they are in the process of their response to this crisis and decide what to do at that time.

Commissioner Jacobson makes a comment that she hopes that COVID-19 will be resolved very soon.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Jacobson seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**2. Order #3-21-60 Rate Adjustment for North Lincoln Sanitary Service – Amendment –
Presented by Wayne Belmont, County Counsel, and Tina French, North Lincoln Sanitary**

County Counsel Wayne Belmont referred back to August where they did an annual review of the uniform rate reporting format in the Lincoln County Code for the franchise for North Lincoln Sanitary. During the review, Tina French and North Lincoln presented to them a proposed new service of what is called “curbside compostables”, which is a yard debris and composting program. The program will start March of 2021. The rate reporting change was authorized but it was established that the board would do a separate order to set the rate for the compostable program now that Lincoln City has approved the program.

French explained that 30% of the weight by volume in garbage cans is organics of some sort. With this, starting an organics collection program is their most efficient method to reduce amount sent to the landfill. Unfortunately, reduction is not 1:1, meaning 10 tons sent out will not equate to 10 tons reduced in the landfill because of lack of education of where to put compostable material as well as backyard burning. She states that there seems to be a high level of approval of the program. She mentions some problems that may be met. One problem is purchase of compostable bags, which is not compatible with their method of composting. The method used to break down the bags uses a lot of heat and water, but their method does not use enough heat to break it down, therefore Kraft paper, such as brown paper bags or pizza boxes, is the preferable choice. As they meet a certain participation rate, the program will be a huge success. Based on Lincoln County, using this program could reduce their garbage service, saving them \$6.85 a month.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the rate adjustment for Lincoln Sanitary Service Amendment. Commissioner Jacobson seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Order #3-21-61 Appointing Eli Adam as County Surveyor – Presented by Wayne Belmont, County Counsel

County Counsel Wayne Belmont announced the retirement of former County Surveyor John Waffenschmidt, who served for 33 years, 10 months, 26 days, but he will still be working with the county on special projects. Wayne Belmont requests the appointment of Eli Adam as the new County Surveyor. He turns it over to Eli to introduce himself to the board.

Eli Adam introduced himself and gave thanks to the previous County Surveyor, John Waffenschmidt, for his service for many years, as well as promised to serve the county well for his term. Adam shared that he has worked for 14 years in the county in a variety of capacities, most recently surveying but also background in GIS and IT.

Commissioner Jacobson made a motion to appoint Eli Adam as Lincoln County Surveyor. Commissioner Hall seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

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

Based on the graph, the number of COVID cases are trending down. Over the last two weeks, they had 18 cases of COVID-19 reported. 67 cases were reported in February. Case rate per 100,000 was 50, which kept them in the lowest category. 2,600 individuals in Lincoln County were vaccinated last week. Pourtal gave credit to the community contributing their help. 500 individuals are scheduled for vaccination in Taft Fire Station in Lincoln City, and 950 people in the Fairgrounds in Newport, totaling 1,450 to receive a vaccine this week.

There have been some concerns from people who complained about schedules being full when receiving an email for their schedule. She says that they sent over 7,200 emails despite only having 1,400 slots available. They have over 11,350 entries on the wait list. These entries only include people aged 65 and up. The county has also started partnering with home health agencies and pharmacies. Home health agencies will help by getting vaccines in the clinic and going out to vaccinate people at their homes. They started this last week and it has gone very well.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine has received emergency use authorization from the FDA. They may receive doses in Oregon soon. It is a one-dose vaccination, and discussions were made on who it will be used on. Suggestions made were people who may be difficult to find for a second dose, which may be adults in custody and homeless people. Future updates are incoming.

Portal stated that they have the entire month of March to focus on those 65 and older for vaccinations. Starting March 29, they will have additional folks coming online, including essential worker groups and people with underlying chronic conditions that have been identified by the CDC. The age range is 45 to 64.

2. Echo Mountain Complex Fire Update

a. ODOT- Anna Henson, North Operations Chief, Statewide Debris Management Team & Mac Lynde, Delivery and Operations Deputy Director – Invited

Mac Lynde presented on wildfire cleanup. Step 1 was removal of household hazardous waste. Step 2 was the removal of ash and debris on the home sites as well as business across the state.

There is then a 6-step process for debris removal. Step 1 is to remove hazardous materials. Step 2 is asbestos testing. Step 3 is hazardous tree removal. Mac Lynde notes that there are some concerns over whether tree removal will continue despite people dropping out of the program, to which he confirms. Step 4 is ash and debris cleanup. Step 5 is soil testing. Step 6 is the rebuild activity.

Statewide there were over 4,000 homes affected by wildfire. They have cleaned up 277 home sites with 455 in the works. 38,605 tons of debris have been removed across the state. 1,559 properties have participated in clean-up efforts. They are estimating to cut down over 300,000 trees that are a hazard in the highway. The McKenzie River is where they're having the biggest clean-up effort so far.

People can go on their website to check on the information, which includes a map that will allow homeowners to check the status of their area. Other links to check are wildfire.oregon.gov/cleanup, www.DebrisCleanupNews.com, as well as an email, odot.wildfire@odot.state.or.us, and a hotline, 503-934-1700. He encouraged homeowners to make calls to walk them through concerns or request updates on their situation. Their social media accounts include Youtube.com/OregonDOT, Twitter @OregonOEM, Flickr @oregondot.

Anna Henson gave a progress report. Out of 117 active rights of entry, 8 home sites have been completed. They are now in the soil testing phase, which is the last step before the rebuilding step. Two of those homes came back high in RCRA metals, so they will have to go back and re-scrape three to six more inches and re-test. She expected one and a half to two home sites being cleaned up per day. Anna clarified that homeowners can opt to go back to step 2 at any point in time. She promised an increase in activity due to the high quality of work by their contractors.

Commissioner Hall requested a timeline for when the 117 home sites will be completed. Henson estimated no later than the end of April. She noted that Echo Mountain had less hazard trees to clean up, so next activities were started earlier.

Certification will show that the house is clean of RCRA 8 metals, which are metals formed during a fire. Insurance companies may also require the certification. A future homeowner may also want the information that a house has that certification so that there's no future risk. Levels of cleanliness will differ between states, but they chose the standard in that area.

3. Commissioners

Commissioner Hall notified the board that the Oregon Community Foundation has approved three more project turnkey grants, including one for purchase of a 41-unit motel in Lincoln City that will be giving priority to fire refugees. The deal hasn't closed yet. They don't know how soon it will be operational.

Commissioner Jacobson provided updates of grants she was working with County Counsel Belmont to get. They had two different asks for dollars for Echo Mountain out the door. One was a grant that had to be money that they already spent starting on January 1. They asked for some dollars to pay themselves back for certain processes they went through to try to transition long-term case management of said processes. They also worked on getting better financial assistance from FEMA. They got a proposal for a little under \$1 million, some of which are to fix public access roads. Also, in the package was septic system inspection repair and replacement. State is also doing private well testing. Additionally, they asked the budget committee to fund mental health services.

Commissioner Hunt reported that he participated in the Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT) meeting, which had a quorum. He comments that it was nice to have a good turnout during the meeting. The executive committee is comprised of one commissioner from each of the three counties and one representative from the county that's not a commissioner that's also a member of the board. The county representative was relied heavily on freight trucking and rail, as he has provided a tremendous amount of valuable knowledge in those areas. However, he did feel it was time for a change, so he selected a representative on executive committee from Lincoln County in addition to Commissioner Hunt.

County Counsel Belmont announced that next week on March 8, he will be providing an update on the work they've been doing on the STR Code Amendments and alternatives. That will include information on scheduling for further public input on some specific proposals that will be made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

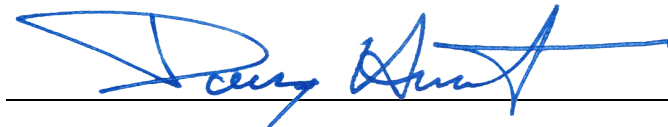
The public comments were acknowledged since the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners on February 22, 2021.

ADJOURN

The meeting recessed for Executive Session Under ORS 192.660(d) to discuss labor negotiations at 4:35 p.m. and did not return to public session.

These meeting minutes were read and approved October 13, 2021.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



DOUG HUNT, Chair

Excused

KAETY JACOBSON, Commissioner



CLAIRE HALL, Commissioner