

APPROVED BY ORDER #10-21-321

MINUTES OF THE

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. 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 session 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.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting

Order #3-21-62 BOC Meeting Minutes 3.4.2020

Order #3-21-63 BOC Meeting Minutes 3.11.2020

Order #3-21-64 BOC Meeting Minutes 6.5.2020

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

Order #3-21-65 Correction to Quitclaim Deed – Pompel

General Budget Resolutions

Resolution #21-8-3A Adjusting the 2020-2021 Adopted Budget Appropriations for Lincoln County – Health and Human Services

Resolution #21-8-3B Adjusting the 2020-2021 Adopted Budget for Lincoln County – General Fund

Resolution #21-8-3C Adjusting the 2020-2021 Adopted budget Appropriations for Lincoln County Creating the Community Justice Fund

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- Resolution #21-8-3D Adjusting the 2020-2021 Adopted Budget Appropriations for Lincoln County – Vehicle Replacement Fund
- Resolution #21-8-3E Adjusting the 2020-2021 Budget Appropriations for Lincoln County - Animal Services District

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

- Order #3-21-66 Property Tax Exemption – Fistera Gardens Townhomes LP
- Order #3-21-67 Property Tax Exemption – Ridge Apartments
- Order #3-21-68 Amendment #8 to the Agreement between Intercommunity Health Plans, Inc. and Lincoln County Health and Human Services (effective 1.1.21-12.31.21)
- Order #3-21-69 Letter of Agreement between Lincoln County Mental Health and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital for Involuntary Transport Custody
- Order #3-21-70 Service Coordination Agreement between Samaritan Health Services and Lincoln County Mental Health
- Order #3-21-71 Agreement between Lincoln County and Reconnections Counselling for the Rural Communities Response Implementation Lincoln County Bridges to Recovery Project
- Order #3-21-72 Agreement between Lincoln County Juvenile Department and Extended Reach for Case Management System (effective 2/3/2021; not to exceed \$570/mo)

Execution of Documents

1. Intergovernmental Agreement between Lincoln County and the 17th Judicial District of the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for the Lincoln County HOPE Court Program (effective 7.1.19-6.30.21; not to exceed \$35,000)
2. 2021 Intergovernmental Agreement #166048 between Lincoln County and Oregon Health Authority for the Financing of Community Mental Health, Addictions Treatment, Recovery & Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services (effective 01.01.2021 – 12.31.2021)

DECISION/ACTION

1. Resolution #21-8-3F Fair Housing Resolution

Resolution #21-8-3H Authorizing Lincoln County to Apply and Administer the USDA Rural Development Block Grant Program – Presented by Rachael Maddock-Hughes, Sequoia Consulting

Rachael Maddock clarified the use of the Fair Housing Resolution, which is a requirement for the county to apply for and utilize funds from the community development block grants through business Oregon. She requests the adoption of a new Fair Housing Resolution due to the five-year limit being reached in business Oregon.

Rachael Maddock then clarified the USDA Grant that they are applying for the Blue Economy Sector Analysis. It is something that must be processed by the Board of Commissioners to show that they are eligible to apply for the grant.

Commissioner Jacobson made a motion to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hunt made a motion to apply and administer the USDA Rural Development Block Grant Program. Commissioner Jacobson seconded. A vote was taken and passed.

2. Resolution #21-8-3G Participation in Funding Activities of the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution – Presented by Wayne Belmont, County Counsel

County Counsel Wayne Belmont explains the process of reviewing the community dispute resolution options to fund a local community dispute resolution program. The local Lincoln County Community Dispute Resolution has been the recipient of those funds for the last number of years. The University of Oregon School of Law has requested to participate in the funding activities. Belmont explains that if this is seen through, they will go through eligible applicants to receive grant funding.

Commissioner Hall made the motion to approve the Resolution allowing the Lincoln County to participate in funding activities for the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution. Commissioner Jacobson seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

1. CHANCE UPDATE – Presented by Jeff Blackford, Executive Director

Jeff Blackford announced they are taking over the county contracts for the hotel programs, and they are five days into it. They expected about 50 people to transfer over into the program, but only 10 people were transferred over. Most people either canceled or found other housing. Once they can get all the information from the county contracts, get their names, contact information, and get them entered into ServicePoint, which is a requirement to bill the CSC contract, they would be able to take over that billing. This will allow them to be able to cover the cost of February. Right now, they have a contract for 20 rooms with the money saver. There are two other hotel rooms in Newport that are available. They have a total of 40 rooms available in Newport.

Commissioner Hall requested clarification on whether the money coming through CSC is state dollars, federal, or a combination of both. Also, she wanted a rough projection that showed how long the money could go before it needed to be replenished.

Blackford said they have a tri-county product fund called Out of the Cold, and it is state funds. Out of the Cold has \$758,000, and it is split up between the tri-county, and they also have funds specifically for Lincoln County which has been used since November, which they have been partnering with Grace Wins. They have been doing case management as well as housing people in Newport since November. Jeff projected that the money will last three to five months.

Commissioner Jacobson highlighted that they were able to get funding from FEMA to start doing direct hotel sheltering. She wanted to summarize for those who are confused about what is going on. She then echoed Jeff's remarks about hopefully not facing more disasters.

2. Lincoln County Public Health COVID-19 Update – Presented by Florence Pourtal, Public Health Deputy Director & Aimee Snyder, Health Promotion Program Manager

Florence Pourtal showed that they are maintaining a steady number of cases. For the past two weeks, there was a little increase with 20 cases reported instead of 18. They are still maintaining under 50 cases per 100,000, which allowed them to stay in the lowest risk category. They have 9 cases, so far, in the month of March. They are continuing their vaccination efforts, with 9,708 people vaccinated in Lincoln County. They will be receiving 1,700 1st doses and 900 2nd doses. This week, people who are eligible to get a vaccine are Phase 1A are educators and people aged 65 and older.

Commissioner Hall highlighted a statistic that Florence reported, which is 21% of the population of the county vaccinated, which still puts them above both the state and national percentage. She then congratulated the public health team.

Commissioner Jacobson suggested that the one-dose vaccines be focused on the homeless population since they have a large population of homeless people that are 65 and older as well. She suggests that Jeff Blackford would be a great partner for that. She also urged people 65 and older people to check their email for vaccination.

Aimee Snyder presented that her purpose is to clarify the vaccination process and explain the rationale behind why it's a selective approach and why there are barriers to navigate along the way. One way to get a vaccine is through Public Vaccine Clinics in Newport, Lincoln City, and a new one in Waldport shortly. Another way is the Samaritan Health System, which they will be scheduling through their system, the MyChart. They will still be able to get the vaccine free without insurance, but they will ask for insurance. The third way is Retail Pharmacies, which will be scheduled through the pharmacy. The fourth way is through Siletz Community Health Clinic, which is for tribal members and employees.

March 29 groups will include certain frontline essential workers, people aged 45-64 with certain conditions, and low-income senior housing residents. May 1 group will include a much broader list of frontline essential workers, multi-generational households, and people aged 16-44 with certain conditions. Intervention activities are tailored towards higher-risk people as well as number of vaccinations.

As there are 28,000 to vaccinate, they have created a system for better outreach. They start by spreading information through mass media. They also use community-based organization and service providers. They also spread information passed through family friends. Finally, calls are made to individual people.

Aimee highlighted the outreach networks. They are working to target people through trusted information channels and relationships. This increases vaccine confidence acceptance. It also reduces "Infodemic", which reduces confusion and mistrust.

Commissioner Hunt gave the floor to Director Austin to give an announcement.

Director Austin announced that she would be retiring and that she trusts who she is leaving her position to.

Commissioner Jacobson and Commissioner Hall expressed thanks to Director Austin for her work.

3. Echo Mountain Complex Fire Update – Presented by Wayne Belmont, County Counsel

Wayne Belmont commented that he would like to join in on recognizing the work of Director Austin.

Commissioner Jacobson noted that Commissioner Hall was at FEMA, and so wanted a chance to hear from her as well. An update last week is that there were some water issues as Lincoln City was providing water tanks and that was no longer able to happen. Also, today the funding request from the state budget committee for wildfire relief, including road repair, septic systems, inspection, repair, replacement, water repair, replacement if needed, as well as extending the core mental health team is going well, as are all of the wildfire requests, and will likely passed. She also shouted out a plant program helping people get their properties replanted and highlighted a place where people can donate their seeds or plants.

Commissioner Hall updated that on Saturday, she was at the FEMA temporary housing site in Lincoln City located on tribal-owned land adjacent to the Chinook Winds RV Park. They expect to have eight families moving this week with a second eight coming thereafter. People were surprised at how roomy it was and how accessible it was to people with disabilities. Paperwork for the Northwest Coastal Housing acquisition of the Paradise Motel in Lincoln City for long-term fire survivor housing, transaction officially closed on Friday. Northwest Coastal Housing is working busily to staff up to have staff up 24 hours on site including maintenance and cleaning staff, and they are also looking to hire a fire navigator.

Roy Kinion reported that they have gained two ROEs (right of entry) and hopes the number will continue to rise. He will be meeting with people to get the water problem solved. Kinion believes that things are all headed in the right direction.

4. Update on the STR code and Program Changes – Presented by Wayne Belmont, County Counsel

County Counsel Wayne Belmont updated that recommendations are being finalized in the form of proposed code amendments. Right now, they're looking at finalizing the process towards the end of March and then scheduling a public presentation and review of the actual recommendations in early April. Once that comes forward, they will seek public input on the recommendations, and then move forward to finalize by the 1st of June.

Commissioner Hunt noted that the first meeting that has been held was to gather ideas.

Commissioner Jacobson made comments and clarified that the board only has authority on the unincorporated parts of the county. If the STR is in the city, this will not have any effect.

Commissioner Hall echoed Commissioner Jacobson's comments that they don't regulate STRs within the city. She then urged people to focus on specific feedback on public comments.

Commissioner Hunt echoed Commissioner Hall's sentiments that feedback should be specific from public comments. He also clarified that they do not have authority over the city in terms of STR.

5. Commissioners

Commissioner Hunt made some comments on the changes in the health and human services department under Director Austin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comments were acknowledged since the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on March 15, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. held virtually.

Commissioner Hunt adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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

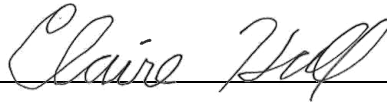
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DOUG HUNT, Chair

Excused

KAETY JACOBSON, Commissioner



CLAIRE HALL, Commissioner