

APPROVED BY ORDER #10-21-320
MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 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

Chair 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. A quorum was established.

RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

Chair Hunt recognized four employees for their dedication and service to the County.

Jayleen Cook, Assistant Director of Personnel introduced nine new hires to the board of commissioners, and they were duly welcomed.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Hunt introduced the Consent Calendar, and the items were reviewed.

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

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

Order #2-21-28 Quitclaim Deed for Certain Tax Acquired Property – Pompel Homestead, LLC

Order #2-21-29 Quitclaim Deed for Certain Tax Acquired Property – VP Real Estate Investment Services, LLC.

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

Order #2-21-30 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Newport and Lincoln County for the Relocation of the Lincoln County Animal Shelter

Order #2-21-31 Amendment #10 to IGA #159171 for the Financing of Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery & Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services (increase in funding for additional clients)

- Order #2-21-32 Amendment #4 of VA Contract #VA260-15-D-0037 36C26020N0098 (increasing contract value for additional patients)
- Order #2-21-33 Amendment#2 to Agreement #501927 between Lincoln County and Benton County for Adult Mental Health Supported Housing Rental Assistance Services
- Order #2-21-34 Statement of Agreement between the Catholic University of American and Lincoln Community Health Center for Student Internship with Behavioral Health
- Order #2-21-35 State of Oregon Intergovernmental Grant Agreement #167616 for Crisis Counseling Program (not to exceed \$66,455)

Execution of Documents

- Order #2-21-36 Juvenile Detention Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement between Linn and Lincoln County (effective 12.1.2020-6.30.2021; not to exceed \$150/per bed/per day)

DECISION/ACTION

Order #2-21-37 Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between Lincoln County, Benton County, Linn County, and Lane Council of Governments to obtain an Economic Development Administration Grant (Rural Broadband Project) – Presented by Rachael Maddock-Hughes, Sequoia Consulting, & Wayne Belmont, County Counsel

Rachael Maddock-Hughes reported that we have applied as a region to conduct broadband feasibility studies and we are on the verge of gaining approval from the Economic Development Administration for the competitive grant of over \$300,000. While presenting information on the feasibility studies she disclosed that the team responsible is made up of the Broadband Action Team (BAT) with members from the four counties, and members of Oregon's Broadband Advisory Council.

Counsel Belmont presented the IGA to the board of commissioners and asked for approval to execute.

Commissioner Hall moved for the approval of order #2-21-37 authorizing the Chair to execute the broadband IGA agreement, Commissioner Jacobson seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

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

Florence Pourtal gave updated COVID-19 numbers. There have been a total of 1,069 positive COVID-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic in Lincoln county. In January, there were a total of 179 confirmed cases and the County has maintained its position in the high-risk category. The County did not receive any

new vaccines this week, but the team used the available doses judiciously. Last Friday, there was a mass vaccine clinic where 617 people scheduled to be vaccinated and 655 people were vaccinated.

Letter to Oregon Health Authority:

Rebecca Austen, Director of Public Health presented a letter addressed to the director of the Oregon Health Authority building a case against receiving no vaccines from the state and having to wait for other counties to catch up. The letter has been presented to the Multi-Agency Coordinating Group by Florence Pourtal and they have all agreed to sign on to the letter. The Public Health office is seeking the signatures of elected officials. The commissioners all supported and agreed to sign the letter. Commissioner Jacobson also suggested getting signatures from other counties in the same situation, receiving no vaccines.

Commissioner Hall moved to send the reference letter, Commissioner Jacobson seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Call Center:

Director Austen reported that the call center has been reopened and they are taking calls concerning the vaccines. A waitlist was opened on Friday for people over 65 years. People can now sign up on the waitlist via the website or reach out to the call center at 541-265-0621 to sign up.

Director Austen is seeking the services of four people to work for at least 4 hours, every day at the Call Center. The center is run from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., so one person can work for 20 hours a week and it is a paid position. To apply, interested parties with good computer and customer service skills are to send an email to rausten@co.lincoln.or.us.

B. Echo Mountain Complex Fire Update

Direct Housing Mission

Toney Raines from FEMA gave a report on the Direct Housing Mission. He reported that 804 people have valid registrations and 39 of them received maximum grants for sustained damage from the fire. He provided information on the current location and living situation of the registered individuals and the funds spent on the housing mission including rental assistance, critical needs assistance etc.

Toney Raines reported FEMA has contacted individuals who are eligible for the Direct Housing Program and 16 of them have indicated interest in participating in the program. Construction of the group site made of 21 sites for the direct housing solution will start this week. Substantial completion of the work is expected on or before February 26th. A water pressure issue is also expected to be temporarily fixed on the 26th and a permanent solution on or before March 16th.

Counsel Belmont reported that work is ongoing on the long-term recovery including discussions with potential funders.

The Public Works Director, Roy Kinion reported that A & E Excavating started work today with a goal of cleaning up to 3 lots. The contractors, monitoring team and ODOT are all working together.

C. Commissioners

Commissioner Hall introduced a letter she drafted on behalf of the board of commissioners to support a legislation by the Lincoln County State representative, David Gomberg; the House bill #2307 which amends the original construction excise tax by exempting any housing replacing houses lost from wildfires or other officially declared disaster from this tax. This bill will solve the challenges of the school construction excise tax. The school board is in support of the house bill and Counsel Belmont has reviewed and passed the proposed letter of support from the board of commissioners. The letter will be passed on to the other commissioners for their review.

Chair Hunt reported that he participated in the first Interim Housing Workforce Group meeting with state agencies and counties dealing with the wildfires. He reported that he was the only elected official on the call from Lincoln County and stressed that the county doesn't have a point person for the housing issues. There is potential funding expected from Oregon Business for capacity building in housing recovery and coordination but with uncertainties about the purpose of the funding, Rachael Maddock-Hughes agreed to do research and report back and Oregon Business is expected to release more information soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

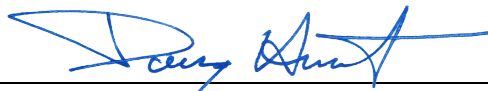
The only public comments received are those related to the short-term rentals and they have been filed under the short-term rental workshop page. There were no public comments on other subjects.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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

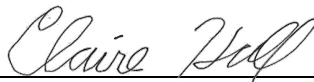
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DOUG HUNT, Chair

Excused

KAETY JACOBSON, Commissioner



CLAIRE HALL, Commissioner