

APPROVED BY ORDER #10-21-348
MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VIRTUAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 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 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.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Hunt called for a vote to adopt the consent calendar as presented; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

1. Order #2-21-51 Barton Associates Locums Telehealth Psych Nurse Practitioner Coverage Agreement for Behavioral Health (effective 2/4/21-7/29/21; not to exceed \$40,144)
2. Order #2-21-52 OCHIN Statement of Work #7769 – MAT Foundations Training for LCHC Staff (not to exceed \$427.50)
3. Order #2-21-53 Wellness Health Careers Services Agreement for Recruitment for Behavioral Health Positions (effective 1/1/21-12/31/21; not to exceed \$5,000 per successful recruit)
4. Order #2-21-54 Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Bylaws

Execution of Documents

1. Amendment #2 to Agreement #33777 between Oregon Department of Transportation Public Transportation Division and Lincoln County Transportation Service District (10/1/19-6/30/22; not to exceed \$356,220)
2. Order #2-21-55 Refund of Taxes Paid – ND Manor LLC
3. Amendment #19 to Intergovernmental Agreement #159820 for the Financing of Public Health Services

DECISION/ACTION

A. Request for Replacement of LINT Tahoe with Similar Use Vehicle – Presented by Lt. Brian Cameron, Sheriff's Office

Lt. Cameron reported that the Sheriff's office has used the LINT Tahoe since 2015 when LINT disbanded. The vehicle has been used for various activities by detectives since then including

surveillance. The sale of the LINT Tahoe is required to complete the cost to replace a vehicle that was already scheduled for replacement before it was destroyed in a windstorm. They are therefore requesting to use the insurance pay-out of the destroyed vehicle (\$26,500) and the money from the sale of the LINT Tahoe (\$6,600) to purchase a used vehicle for surveillance purposes. He highlighted that this purchase will not be part of the annual vehicle replacement fund.

Chair Hunt moved to approve the request for replacement of the LINT Tahoe and Commissioner Jacobson seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

B. Approval of a Letter of Support for HB 2337, Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis in Oregon, and Discussion of a Resolution Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis in Lincoln County – Presented by Commissioner Claire Hall

Commissioner Hall reported that she was approached by a member of the Oregon Public Health Association for the support of the board of commissioners on House Bill 2337. They are expected to send a letter of support in time for the probable first reading of the bill on March 2nd. She presented the contents of the letter to the board and reported that last month she presented a request to the Public Health Advisory Council asking for their support of the board's endorsement of the bill and they agreed.

The commissioners agreed that a comprehensive policy like this bill should be developed specifically for Lincoln County.

Commissioner Hall moved a motion to approve the Letter of support for HB 2337 and Commissioner Jacobson seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. STF & Section 5310 Grant Applications 2021-2023 Biennium – Presented by Cynda Bruce, Transit Director

Director Bruce reported that this will be the last biennium where STF is separated from STIF because they were put together by legislation.

The Section 5310 grant is for the replacement of old high milage buses (323,000 & 306,000 miles respectively) with two category B buses. The replacement buses won't be received until after 18 months so the old buses will build more miles. The grant is \$340,974 with a \$39,026 required match for a total project cost of \$380,000. The second project in the grant is a preventive maintenance application that will assist in cleaning the exterior of the buses, the exteriors, interiors and cement flooring of the bus shelters on a weekly basis. Director Bruce also reported that soon electrostatic foggers will be used in the cleaning and sanitation of the bus interior.

The STF application is for the match for the two category B buses and program operations. The total funding will be \$227,161.

Commissioner Hall moved to authorize Director Bruce to proceed with the applications and 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 reported that the cases and case positivity rate have been reducing with only 18 reported cases in the past two weeks and 55 so far in February. This puts the County in the low-risk category, although this hasn't been officially confirmed.

About 6,647 people have been vaccinated in the County. There will be more visibility in the number of vaccines that will be received in the coming weeks as Lincoln county is expected to receive 1,200 per week starting this week. There will be three 1st dose vaccine clinics this week, one tomorrow at the Taft Fire Station and another in Newport; the third clinic will hold at the Taft Fire Station on Wednesday. Three 2nd dose clinics will be held this week, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and across several long-term care facilities and adult foster homes. Next week there will be an additional 300 Pfizer vaccines from the Samaritan.

Deputy Director Pourtal also gave a presentation on the number of vaccines received and administered in February.

B. Echo Mountain Complex Fire Update

Counsel Belmont reported that the debris removal and clean-up is underway and representatives from ODOT will join the meeting next week to give more information. Casey Miller announced that the debris removal has started and encouraged people to submit the ROE; there is a hotline that people can call for assistance.

The direct assistance housing project on Logan Road is ongoing. By February 26th they should have the infrastructure and construction done and in 5 days they will move the units in for victims to occupy. Counsel Belmont reported that work on funding the long-term recovery is ongoing, and more information will be provided next week.

Shelby Houston reported that 52 interviews have been completed by MASTT with 56 more to go. She gave a presentation and updates on the work currently being done by MASTT, the achievements and limitations. She will also be turning over the MASTT interviews to Yvonne.

Jeff Gilbert from the ODHS gave a report that they've just heard back from FEMA that the federal grant of \$6.5 million has been awarded for disaster case management. A local NGO will be selected for the execution of the grant and then disaster case managers will be selected for the counties. The disaster case managers will assist the families throughout the recovery

which is estimated at 18 months. The selection of an NGO will delay the recruitment of disaster case managers until April, but the RFB process can be expedited to get funds from the grants and disaster case managers by next month.

C. Commissioners

Commissioner Jacobson has been working on getting funds for wildfire affected communities like the EBoard fund. A request has been made from the State Budget Committee for a budget for expenses that won't be reimbursed or paid for by any other sources. Commissioner Jacobson hopes that by the end of the week there will be two funding applications.

Chair Hunt reported that he attended a meeting with Congressman Schrader and urged him to assist in the appeal the state is making for FEMA to pay for clean-up of commercial properties. He also discussed issues like infrastructure with him, in particular, the Newport City Dam and other issues like the need for childcare, broadband, housing etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comments received since the last board of commissioners meeting were acknowledged.

ADJOURNMENT

The next board of commissioners meeting will be on March 1st, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

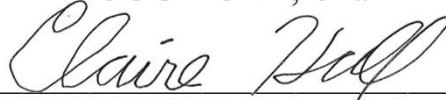
The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

These meeting minutes were read and approved this 20th day of October 2021.

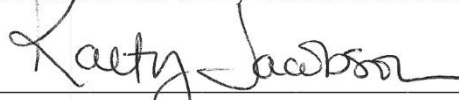
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