

APPROVED BY ORDER #7-21-208
MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jacobson 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. Order #1-21-01 Appointing the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Chair Jacobson presented the appointment of a chair and vice-chair of the board who is to take over the meeting from her.

Commissioner Hall offered a motion that the board continues the traditional annual rotation of the position; she moved for Commissioner Doug Hunt to be appointed the Chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2021 and Commissioner Jacobson seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jacobson moved to nominate Commissioner Hall as Vice-chair for 2021, Chair Hunt seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATIONS

A. Resolution #21-4-1A In the support of Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) as Essential to Resilience Efforts in Lincoln County

Commissioner Hall read the resolution to the board and suggested passing on the resolution to other coastal counties. Counsel Belmont spoke more on the work of DOGAMI including its assistance in resolving issues with the FEMA flood maps, provision of data that was useful in the emergency response of the Echo Mountain fire and development of maps that were used in the planning and response of the landslide and can be used in future emergencies. He also spoke about the background of this issue which is probable cuts to funding of DOGAMI by the State Government.

Commissioner Jacobson reported that the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association will be looking at adopting a similar letter of support. They will look at the letter from the Board of Commissioners and take it up at their next meeting.

Commissioner Hall moved and Commissioner Jacobson seconded the adoption of Resolution #21-4-1A; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Hunt introduced the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Jacobson moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented, Commissioner Hall seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

1. Order #1-20-02 Intergovernmental Agreement #34641 Wildfire Recovery Operations: Step 2 Cleanup Activities
2. Order #1-20-03 OCHIN Statement of Work #7619
3. Order #1-20-04 Intergovernmental Agreement between Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and North Lincoln Fire and Rescue for Use of Office Space
4. Order #1-20-05 Amendment to the Agreement between Intercommunities Health Plans and Lincoln County for Navigation of Permanent Supportive Housing

Execution of Documents

1. Order #1-21-06 Amendment #1 to Professional Services Agreement between Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments and Lincoln County

DECISION/ACTION

A. Order #1-21-07 Community & Economic Development Grant Awards

Counsel Belmont reiterated to the board of commissioners that this is the annual process of providing money for the community and economic development grants. This year the allocated amount is \$130,000. The Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County has reviewed the applications and submitted recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. The recommended funding was however \$131,000 which is above the budget. To make the recommendations coincide with the budget, Counsel Belmont proposed removing \$100 from each of the bottom 10 awardees of the 11 awardees. The commissioners agreed with the proposal to reduce the awards to reflect the amount budgeted.

Chair Hunt entertained a motion to approve the grant awards as amended; Commissioner Hall moved, and Commissioner Jacobson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

B. Resolution #21-4-1B The Extension of the Declaration of Emergency Related to COVID-19

Assistant County Counsel, Jerry Herbage reported that the County Counsel suggested an extension to the declaration of emergency today. Counsel Herbage prepared a resolution based on the prior ones, that outlines the history of the resolution. The extension will be until March 3rd, 2021.

Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the extension of the declaration of emergency related to COVID-19 and Commissioner Hall seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Echo Mountain Complex Fire Update

Counsel Belmont introduced Shelby Houston, the coordinator of the Multi-Agency Shelter Transition Teams (MASTT). MASTT is responsible for the transition of survivors from Red Cross assistance to government assistance and carrying out a needs assessment on the survivors and connecting them to available resources. Shelby Houston reported that tomorrow the first MASTT interviews will begin and representatives from FEMA, the state, and CSC will be present. Two more individuals are joining the MASTT team to facilitate more interviews.

Counsel Belmont reported that community meetings have continued where information and resources are provided to community leaders. He revealed that an Echo Mountain Recovery group is in the works for long term recovery.

Commissioner Jacobson reported that FEMA has decided not to continue with the Fernwood site for its direct housing mission but are looking at another site and more information will be provided on this in the week.

Counsel Belmont reported that the debris clean-up is underway. Roy Kinion explained that the County's role at this stage is to get the right of entries from the property owners and Paul Seitz is in charge of this. The commissioners are requesting to have Paul Seitz during the next meeting, and they would like to discuss the hiring of contractors for the clean-up possibly with both Paul and a state representative.

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

Deputy Director Pourtal reported a total of 26 cases so far in January and in December a total of 247 which was a steep increase from previous months. The case rate from December 20th, 2020, to January 2nd, 2021, is over 200 cases per 100,000 which falls in the extreme-risk category, but the actual category will be known next week. The case positivity rate for this time is 5.5% which is also above the threshold of 5%.

On the 23rd of December 2020, a COVID-19 testing clinic was held in Lincoln City where 203 people were tested with two residents testing positive. Another testing clinic took place on the 30th of December 2020 at Newport where 272 people were tested. Out of those tested, 12 residents tested positive.

Florence Pourtal gave a presentation on the COVID-19 vaccine phases and distribution. She reported that last week Public Health received 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine and Pacific West ambulance received 400 and the county has started vaccination of people in Phase 1a. There are currently uncertainties on when the county can receive vaccines from the state and no federal infrastructure in place. The public health department however promised

transparency in reporting the number of vaccines received. For collaboration and transparency, a multi-agency coordinating group has been set up. She also disclosed some other future steps like planning for additional vaccination sites.

Recess

The meeting recessed until 4:30 p.m.

C. Early Assessment & Support Alliance (EASA) Serving Lincoln County – Presented by Shelby Houston & Sena Benson-Arb, Lincoln County Health and Human Services

Sena Benson-Arb and Shelby Houston gave a presentation on EASA, a treatment program that focuses on early psychosis and identifying individuals at risk between age 15 and 25. They provided information on psychosis, how it can be identified and the work EASA is doing to address it. To contact EASA, text EASA to 61222, call 501-265-4179 or visit the website.

D. Update on Commons, Animal Shelter, and Emergency Services Center – Presented by Wayne Belmont, County Counsel

Counsel Belmont reported that the Commons exhibition building has been used in the response to both COVID-19 (food storage) and the fire (donation collection). The arena and surrounding areas were used as a temporary evacuation site for animals during the fire. The livestock barn was recently used as a drive-through testing center for COVID-19. A formal request has been approved to utilize the grounds and exhibition building as a vaccination center. In November, a Phase 1 environmental site assessment was done of the entire Commons through a grant for the council of governments. Further assessments are required.

Counsel Belmont reported that he will be meeting with the city manager of Newport and staff of the airport to finalize the memorandum of understanding between Lincoln County and the city of Newport for the animal shelter. He will be presenting a proposed memorandum of understanding to the Newport City Council on January 19th. He also reported that work is ongoing to finalize a draft request for proposal to get appropriate consultant services onboard. The consultants will design a conceptual plan to be used for the conditional use permit and public and stakeholder input will be requested before the final design is developed.

The emergency services center will be a combined facility with the transportation services. There is funding for this project and the animal shelter. A request for proposals for consultant services will be required in this project also. Action reports from COVID-19 and the fire will inform the final plan for the facility.

E. Commissioners

Commissioner Jacobson suggested inviting federal delegates, John and Stacy to explain more about the CARES Act and what the new laws entail.

Chair Hunt thanked the commissioners for their confidence in him and allowing him to be Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comments received since the last time the Board of Commissioners had a meeting on the 21st of December 2020 were acknowledged.

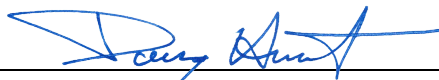
ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be on January 11th, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting slated for January 18th has been moved to January 19th at 3:00 p.m.

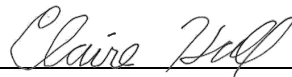
The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

These meeting minutes were read and approved this 6th day of July 2021.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



DOUG HUNT, Chair



CLAIRE HALL, Commissioner



KAETY JACOBSON, Commissioner