



MINUTES OF THE

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Board of Commissioners
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REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2025, AT 10:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

All three commissioners were in attendance. A quorum was established.

III. RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

A. Recognition of Service:

Jerry Ashard - 5 years of service, Transit

Jodie Pereira - 5 years of service, Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health

Giovanni Barbers - 15 years of service, Sheriff's Office - Corrections

Recognition of New Employees:

Ian Almeyda, Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sheriff Patrol PTNB, Courthouse

Aracelly Guevara, Health and Human Services, Bilingual Case Manager 2, HHS WTB

Shelby Knife, Health and Human Services, Disease Prevention and Harm Reduction Program Manager, HHS WTB

Shane Lider, Health and Human Services, Client Services Driver, HHS Lee St

Karissa Marshall, Health and Human Services, Certified Medical Assistant, HHS Nye St

Austin Medica, Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sheriff Patrol, Courthouse

Joseph Oberding, Sheriff's Office, Background Investigator PTNB, SO Jail

Anthony Panousopoulos, Sheriff's Office, Animal Services Deputy, Courthouse

Lennon Pierce, Finance, Finance Director, Public Services Building

Patricia Wilson, Health and Human Services, Medicolegal Death Investigator PTNB, HHS WTB

Aric Wood, District Attorney's Office, Deputy District Attorney 1, Courthouse

Three employees were recognized for length of service.

Cody Larson, County Recruitment and Compensation Specialist, read the names and titles of the new employees who were unable to attend the meeting. The new employers in attendance came forward to introduce themselves.

B. Echo Mountain Fire Recovery

Commissioner Jacobson provided a background regarding the chronology of a disaster from the first response through the long-term recovery afterward. While many people have contributed to the Echo Mountain Fire recovery effort, Commissioner Jacobson specifically wanted to recognize the work of Allyson West, Executive Director of the Lincoln County Long-Term Recovery Group. She presented Director West with a plaque for her outstanding work on long-term recovery efforts and thanked her for her dedication.

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Miller requested that Items B.iii., H.iii., H.v., and H.vii. be pulled for further discussion. Commissioner Miller moved to approve the consent calendar with the exception of those items, which will be moved to discussion. Commissioner Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A. Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting

B. Commission Appointments and Resignations

- i. 02-25-047 Order re Changes in Membership to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC)
- ii. 02-25-048 Order Appointing County Compensation Board
- iii. 02-25-049 Advisory Committee Bylaws

This item was removed from the consent calendar and discussed separately. Counsel Yuille clarified that these are standard bylaws obtained from other counties to help guide advisory committees on rules and recommendations as to how to conduct meetings. After discussion, Commissioner Jacobson moved to adopt the bylaws with an amendment that they be reviewed by the Board of Commissioners within 120 days and to direct staff to reach out for feedback from the County's advisory committees. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. License Applications or Renewals

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

E. General Budget Resolutions

F. Acting as Governing Body of County Wide Service

G. Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

- i. 02-25-050 State Homeland Security Grant 23-233 Recordation
- ii. 02-25-051 MOU CAC Coordinator 24-0207
- iii. 02-25-052 OHA BH 026016-4 exe 24-0168
- iv. 02-25-053 BAA Agreement HHS and AngelTrax apd bg 01.14.25 25-0011
- v. 02-25-054 Speaker Suni Executed Agreement 25-0001
- vi. 02-25-055 Cornerstone WHO Amendment 2_Aproved 24-0230
- vii. 02-25-056 Lincoln County MH - 2025 IHN Amendment #2 Executed 25-0006
- viii. 02-25-057 Lincoln County PCP - 2025 IHN Amendment #12 Executed 25-0005

- ix. 02-25-058 Samaritan Center for Health Education Agreement
- x. 02-25-059 Hickethier Holiday Update Agree 24-0312
- xi. 02-25-060 PowerDMS Add Users 25-0013
- xii. 02-25-061 OHA Lincoln County FAA Am5 IGA PO 44300-00026016

H. Execution of Documents

- i. 02.05.2025 H.i. OnlineRME Contract Amendment & Extension
- ii. 02.05.2025 H.ii. OHA IGA 180020-16 PH 25-0017_Aproved
- iii. 02-25-062 Order Appointing Commissioner Liaison and Designee

This matter was removed from the consent calendar for further discussion. This is an order regarding continuity of business operations for matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners. After discussion, Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the order with the stipulation that it be reviewed within 50 days from this date. Chair Hall seconded the motion. Commissioner Miller abstained. The motion carried.

- iv. 02-25-063 Astound Renewal
- v. 02-25-064 Order Appointing Commissioner Hall to Advisory Boards

This item was pulled from the consent calendar for further discussion. After discussion, Commissioner Jacobson moved to appoint Chair Hall as the representative to the Wellness Committee and the Lincoln County Management Team for 50 days and for the order to be reviewed after that time. Chair Hall seconded the motion. Commissioner Miller abstained. The motion carried.

- vi. 02.05.2025 Agate Beach Landfill Change Order #48 LC Solid Waste Consortium
H.vi.
- vii. 02-25-065 Lincoln County Public Comment Rules

This item was removed from the consent calendar for further discussion. Public Information Officer Ken Lipp drafted the public comment rules. Counsel Yuille explained that these are standard rules for public entities. After discussion, Commissioner Jacobson moved to adopt the rules as presented with the exception of striking the sentence in paragraph 4 limiting the number of people allowed to comment, and additionally directing staff to create a means of acknowledgment of understanding of this form for constituents to see before they give public comment. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

VI. DECISION/ACTION

A. First Reading of Ordinance #540 Wildfire Rebuild Special Property Tax Assessment ~Presented by County Counsel, Kristin Yuille

The Board requested that Counsel Yuille read the ordinance in title only. Counsel Yuille explained that this item had come before the Board on January 22. However, the County Assessor subsequently recommended the highlighted changes. These changes required today's additional "first" reading. County Assessor Joe Davidson came forward to explain the changes to the Board. This matter will come back at the February 19 meeting for decision/action.

B. Resolutions Adjusting the 2024-2025 Adopted Budget Appropriations for Lincoln County - Presented by County Administrator Tim Johnson and Assistant Finance Director Deanna Gravelle

County Administrator Johnson called forward Budget Analyst Renee Card and new Finance Director Lennon Pierce to address any questions regarding this matter. Commissioner Miller moved to approve the resolutions. Commissioner Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. Commissioner Report Form - Presented by County Counsel Kristin Yuille

County Counsel Yuille shared that changes were made to the form per the Board's direction. Commissioner Jacobson moved to adopt the report form. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

D. Order Initiating Proceedings to Transfer Jurisdiction Over Certain Roads to the City of Yachats (PDF)

Counsel Yuille reported that this project has been in the works for over 20 years. This matter came before the Board for legalization of roads #813 and #804 on October 23, 2024 and was approved. Initiating the transfer of jurisdiction over these roads to the City of Yachats is the next step in the process. If the Board approves the transfer, there will be a public hearing in about a month. Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION (Note the Board could act on the following topics)

A. Community and Economic Development Grants - Presented by Tim Johnson, County Administrator

County Administrator Johnson and Executive Director of the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County, Paul Schuytema, came forward to discuss the County's Community and Economic Development grants for the current cycle. County Administrator Johnson pointed out that there was a remainder of \$6,000 in the fund after the allocation of awards and proposed three options to deal with it: 1) reallocate to those grants not selected, 2) add to other selected standard grants, or, 3) roll the funds into next year's grant program.

Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the grants as presented with the additional distribution of \$3,000 each to the "View the Future" and "Eureka Cemetery" projects. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Report #7 re: Project Timelines for Animal Shelter Construction - Presented by Tim Johnson, County Administrator

County Administrator Johnson presented his staff report. He shared the status of the construction with photos and a timeline. Sheriff Shanks also appeared before the Board and thanked everyone that has been working on the project, including the contractors, designers, the City of Waldport, the School District, the utility companies, County Administrator Johnson, and the Board of Commissioners.

Tom Fullmer, Waldport Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, came forward and shared the opportunities that the construction of the shelter will bring to the area. The sewer system that is being installed for the shelter and the transformer will make it easier to develop that parcel.

Paul Shuytema, Lincoln County Economic Development Alliance Executive Director, also came forward to share that the Waldport Industrial Park has been one of their strategic priorities for the last four years, but has been stymied by the lack of sewer and road access. Construction of the shelter will aid development in that area.

VIII. REPORTS

IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chair Hall reported her attendance at a Town Hall event held by Senator Merkley and Representative Hoyle on February 1. Instead of the usual 30 to 50 attendees, this Town Hall attracted over 400 attendees. Commissioner Hall presented our Federal delegation with documentation as to how Lincoln County would be impacted by President Trump's January 27, 2024, freeze on Federal grants through the Office of Management and Budget. Lincoln County is likely to lose approximately \$20m in grant funding, resulting in severe reductions across the board, with Health and Human Services being hit the hardest. The Sheriff's Department's \$2m grant for new radios could be at stake, as well as six positions in the District Attorney's office which are dependent on \$250,000 in pass through funding. Senator Merkley and Representative Hoyle said they'd do everything in their power to secure the funding.

Chair Hall also expressed her sadness at the departure of outstanding commissioner and public servant, Commissioner Jacobson.

Commissioner Jacobson reviewed some of the events that occurred during her tenure, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the Echo Mountain wildfire, and the 2024 ice storm. She also cited some of the milestones of the last six years, including the establishment of the new animal shelter, the redevelopment of the Commons, the opening of the winter shelters, and the rebranding of the Federally Qualified Health Center. She expressed her thanks to all the County's partners, to staff, and to all concerned for their support.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT (please limit comments to no more than 3 minutes)

Written comment was available and briefly reviewed.

Meg Reed, Coastal Policy Specialist at the Oregon Coastal Management Program and the Department of Land Conservation and Development, provided public comment online.

Samantha Buckley provided public comment in person as a constituent.

Orrin Wallace provided public comment in person as a constituent.

A. Public Comment 2-5-25

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. ADJOURN

Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

XIII. OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND APPOINTMENTS OF THE BOARD

- A. Wednesday, February 12, 2025 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Work Session - Interviews**
- Wednesday, February 19, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - Board of Commissioners Meeting - Hybrid**
- Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - Board of Commissioners Meeting - Hybrid**
- Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - Board of Commissioners Meeting - Hybrid**
- Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - Board of Commissioners Meeting - Hybrid**