



MINUTES OF THE Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Board of Commissioners
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EMERGENCY MEETING OF JULY 2, 2026, AT 4:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Commissioners Chuck and Miller were in attendance. A quorum was established.

III. RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting
- B. Commission Appointments and Resignations
- 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
- H. Execution of Documents

V. PUBLIC HEARING

VI. DECISION/ACTION

Assistant County Counsel Brian Gardner explained that, pursuant to ORS 192.640(3), this emergency meeting was noticed with less than 24 hours' notice, but as soon as possible and appropriately under the circumstances based upon the following justification: (1) the Lincoln County Courthouse provides essential government services, many of which are legally required; (2) access to these services is, in part, dependent on functioning sewer services; (3) on July 2, 2026, it was determined that immediate repairs were needed on a sewer line servicing all drains on the north side of the Lincoln County Courthouse, which includes the majority of publicly accessible bathrooms; (4) the exact location and extent of the required repairs or replacement of the sewer line is unknown and cannot be known until work proceeds; (5) these repairs are needed to be completed immediately to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and staff using the Lincoln County Courthouse and to allow legally required access to, and use of, the Lincoln County Courthouse; (6) based upon the July 4th Holiday occurring on Friday, July 3rd and the potential lack of availability of contractors over the holiday weekend, it is

essential and necessary to declare this emergency to allow for expedited procurement to begin the diagnosis and repair work immediately or risk a partial or complete shutdown of the Lincoln County Courthouse during regular business hours.

He and Facilities Manager Michael Copp explained the urgent need for authorization to repair a sewer line for the courthouse. Both commissioners agreed with Assistant Counsel Gardner that these circumstances meet the thresholds for an emergency meeting.

Commissioner Chuck moved to approve the order authorizing Facilities Manager Copp to forego the normal procurement process and move forward with repairs. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

VIII. REPORTS - STAFF & PARTNER

IX. REPORTS - COMMISSIONER

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

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. ADJOURN

Commissioner Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

XIII. OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND APPOINTMENTS OF THE BOARD