

**MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING OF September 7, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hall called to order the regular session of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Also present at the meeting were Commissioner Doug Hunt, Commissioner Terry Thompson, County Counsel Wayne Belmont, Public Information Officer Casey Miller and Recorder Tanya Graham.

RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

Employee Recognitions:

Chair Hall presented the following Lincoln County employees with service pins and certificates:

1. Cheryl Connell – Health and Human Services - 5 years of service
2. Jenny Demaris - Sheriff's Office - 5 years of service
3. Julia Keller - Juvenile Department - 5 years of service
4. Eric Larson - Sheriff's Office - 5 years of service
5. Jennifer Landers - Community Justice - 10 years of service
6. Justin Reed - Assessor's Office - 10 years of service
7. Eathan Nicely – Surveyors - 15 years of service
8. Diana Flescher - DA's Office - 20 years of service
9. Scott Branchfield - Assessor's Office - 25 years of service
10. Mark Meister - Sheriff's Office - 25 years of service
11. Ty Rae Risewick - Sheriff's Office - 25 years of service

New Hire Introductions:

Del Kruse, Personnel Assistant, introduced four new employees to the Commissioners:

1. Kaline Chavarria - Environmental Health
2. Breeze Powell - Maternal Child Health
3. Stacey Saenz - Public Health
4. Alysa Ely – VA/Lincoln County Health Center

Resolution #16-7-9A

**Proclaiming The Month of September 2016 as “Hunger Action Month”
in Lincoln County – Presented by: Nancy Mitchell**

Chair Hall read the proclamation and invited the presenters to come forward. Nancy Mitchell explained that Food Share of Lincoln County has been serving Lincoln County since 1982 by collecting, storing and distributing food to its network and partner agencies. Each month Food Share provides emergency food in excess of 80,000 pounds and serves approximately 4500 individuals. That is approximately 10% of our county population. These families consist of working families with children, senior citizens, veterans, the disabled and the homeless.

The ultimate goal of Food Share of Lincoln County is to break the cycle of poverty by educating community members and elected officials about the causes of hunger and poverty and advocate for policies that improve the lives of low income people. Food Share is committed to creating a future without hunger where access to healthy food by all is recognized as fundamental to the well-being and success of individuals and the foundation of a strong, vibrant community.

Commissioner Hunt moved and Commissioner Thompson seconded to approve the resolution proclaiming the month of September 2016 as “Hunger Action Month” in Lincoln County. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #16-7-9A
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2016
AS “HUNGER ACTION MONTH” IN LINCOLN
COUNTY**

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Hall introduced the Consent Calendar and the items were reviewed. Commissioner Hunt moved and Commissioner Thompson seconded to approve the consent calendar. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF
September 7, 2016**

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting:

Order #9-16-243 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes August 24, 2016

Commission Appointments and Resignations:

Order #9-16-244 Changes in Membership to the Lincoln County Local Alcohol and Drug Abuse Planning Committee

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

Order #9-16-245 Sales of Certain County Owned Real Property

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal:

Order #9-16-246 Intergovernmental Agreement #31319 between the State of Oregon Department of Transportation and Lincoln County Transportation Services District for the Transportation and Growth Management program. (Terms: Effective through November 30, 2017; Grant total \$167,300 with matching funds of \$22,814 from LCTSD)

Resolution#16-7-9B Authorizing Disposal of County Fleet Vehicle #1255 Assigned to County Planning that was Totaled out in a Vehicle Accident

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Central Lincoln People's Utility District Solar Power - Presented by Wade Carey and Debra Smith

Debra Smith, General Manager of Central Lincoln PUD and Wade Carey, Energy Service Manager gave a presentation on Photovoltaic Systems on the Oregon Coast. PUD's goal is to provide products and services that best fit their customers. PUD is hearing from some of its customers that they would like to save money, be carbon free, be off the grid and have a back-up system in place in the event of an emergency. Roof top solar ownership has been on the rise and currently in Lincoln County there is about 55 net metering solar accounts with 693 kW of capacity installed.

PUD is finding that the solar production quality year around is hindered on the central Oregon coast. This is primarily due to pervasive cloud cover. According to NOAA, Newport spends over seven months under skies that have 80% or more cloud coverage. According to a National Renewable Energy Laboratory study, a single cumulus cloud moving over a solar system can reduce the output of the system by 80%. Because of the varying amounts of generation, grid balancing to manage loads can be difficult. Additionally, without battery backup systems, most solar systems will not be able to provide power in the event of an emergency.

The cost of solar has continued to decrease significantly over the past 10 years. With the large subsidies from the State and Federal tax credits it makes the cost of installing a system even more appealing. Currently PUD is also offering incentives but those incentives are not unlimited. The average lifespan of solar panels is about 20 years. However, directly on the coast it is only about 6.5 years.

Central Lincoln PUD currently provides a number of energy savings programs for its customers. These programs consist of high efficiency heating and cooling, weatherization, energy efficient appliances, lighting upgrades and customized commercial/industrial projects. Most of these options cost less and have better paybacks than investments in renewable energy choices.

REPORTS

Public Health Accreditation Update – Presented by Rebecca Austen and Nicole Fields

Rebecca Austen with Health and Human Services reported that Lincoln County Health and Human Services will be submitting their application for Accreditation this month.

Nicole Fields stated that Accreditation is the measurement of health department performance against a set of nationally recognized, practice-focused and evidenced-based standards. National public health department Accreditation has been developed because of the desire to improve services, value and accountability to community partners.

Lincoln County Health and Human Services is seeking Accreditation so they can continue to focus on improving the health department, increase their credibility and accountability to the community, be nationally recognized for excellence in public health, increase their opportunities to recruit and retain top-notch public health professionals, have access to a network of public health experts and have potential funding advantages.

The key domains with Accreditation are policies and plans, public health laws, workforce, administration and management and governance. Agencies that have received Accreditation reported that one year after receiving Accreditation it had helped stimulate quality improvements, performance improvements and opportunities. It also helps to increase accountability and transparency as well as improve management processes.

Bill Hall reported that Friends of Lincoln County Animals (FOLCAS) has completed their building purchase and will be transitioning to their new location over the next year. Additionally, the building they purchased use to be a church which offered food and shelter to the homeless. FOLCAS will not be offering those services but is looking at what they can do to help refer these people elsewhere.

CONSTITUENT INPUT

Commissioner Hall called for constituent input none was given.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on September 14, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 108 of the Lincoln County Courthouse.

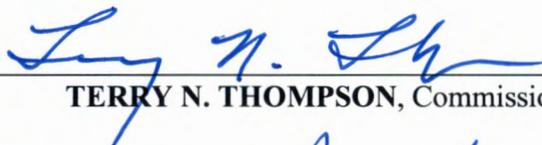
The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

These meeting minutes were read and approved this 28th day of September, 2016.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



BILL HALL, Chair



TERRY N. THOMPSON, Commissioner



DOUG HUNT, Commissioner