

APPROVED BY ORDER # 3-17-77

MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING OF February 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thompson 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 Bill Hall, Commissioner Doug Hunt, County Counsel Wayne Belmont, Assistant County Counsel Michael Herbage, and Public Information Officer Casey Miller.

New Hire Introductions:

The following individuals introduced themselves after the roll call:

- Patty Lynch - Certified Med Assistant
- Gregory (Rick) Shirey - OnCall Background Investigator
- David Lee - OnCall Background Investigator
- George Partridge - Office Assistant 2 LCHC/VA
- Theresa Winters - CC5 Child and Family
- Phoebe Nordyke Bookkeeper 1 Protective Services
- Greg Sutton - Property Appraiser 1
- William Holden - Property Appraiser 1

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF
FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting

Order #2-17-51 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes October 26, 2016

Order #2-17-52 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes January 18, 2017

Order #2-17-53 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes January 25, 2017

General Budget Resolutions

Resolution #17-08-02A Adjusting the 2016-2017 Adopted Budget Appropriations for Lincoln County

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

Order #2-17-54 Agreement between Lincoln County and Heritage Research Associates, Inc. for the Cultural Resource Survey and Report for Don Lindly Park (Terms: Not to exceed \$7,000; Effective through June 30, 2017)

PUBLIC HEARING

Supplemental Budget for the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year for the Mental Health Fund, the Capital Fund and the Title III Fund – Presented by Janice Riessbeck.

Resolution #17-08-02B Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Lincoln County for FY 2016- 2017 and making appropriations

Chair Thompson read the title and opened the public hearing. Reissbeck said the public hearing was needed because budgetary adjustments for the mental health fund and the capital projects fund were more than 10 percent of the total fund. The mental health fund was appropriating a transfer to the capital projects fund for the purchase and improvement of respite housing. These appropriations constituted approximately \$300,000. Chair Thompson asked for public comment. There was none. Commissioner Thompson closed the public hearing. Commissioner Hall moved and Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion to approve resolution #17-08-02b adopting a supplemental budget for Lincoln County for fy 2016- 2017 and making appropriations. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-08-02B
ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR
LINCOLN COUNTY FOR FY 2016- 2017 AND
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS**

DECISION/ACTION

Calling for an Election for the Purpose of Submitting to the Electors of the Coronado Shores Special Road District the Question of Whether the District Shall be Dissolved – Presented by Jerry Herbage.

Order #2-17-55 An Order Calling for an Election for the Purpose of Submitting to the Electors of the Coronado Shores Special Road District the Question of Whether the District Shall be Dissolved

Assistant County Counsel Jerry Herbage explained that the district decided to begin dissolution in 2015. All the directors resigned and the district has had no activity since the summer of 2015. Herbage described it as a legal housekeeping exercise: the necessary signatures were acquired and the explanatory statement has been reviewed and approved by the Lincoln County Clerk for the May 16th, 2017 election. Commissioner Hall moved and Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion to approve order #2-17-55 calling for an election for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the Coronado Shores Special Road District the question of whether the district shall be dissolved. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ORDER #2-17-55 CALLING FOR AN ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CORONADO SHORES SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE DISTRICT SHALL BE DISSOLVED

Proposed changes to the Lincoln County Fee Schedule for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year – Presented by Wayne Belmont.

Order #2-17-56 Adopting the Changes to the 2016–2017 Fee Schedule for Departments of Lincoln County.

County Counsel Wayne Belmont noted that the only change requested was made by Community Corrections. The request if approved would change the County Work Crew Daily fee. The current fee schedule states “up to \$450 per day” and the change requested would list it as “\$175 to \$450 per day”. Commissioner Hunt moved and Commissioner Hall seconded the motion to approve order #2-17-56 adopting the changes to the 2016–2017 fee schedule for departments of Lincoln County. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ORDER #2-17-56 ADOPTING THE CHANGES TO THE 2016–2017 FEE SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTMENTS OF LINCOLN COUNTY

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Integrated Health Care Facility Wellness Center Update – Presented by Cheryl Connell.

County Counsel Wayne Belmont began the conversation by acknowledging that the County is in the process of applying for a USDA Rural Development Program loan to construct an Integrated Wellness Health Center. Belmont noted for the record that a notice was published for this meeting about the proposed health center; the meeting is considered an opportunity for the community to get more information about the project, to talk about the possible environmental and economic impacts, to clarify what the service area will be, what kinds of services will be provided, and receive any public comment. Counsel Belmont emphasized

that County will provide future community outreach and additional touch points as the proposed application for the loan moves forward.

Director of Health and Human Services, Cheryl Connell, said that the County recently received a letter that it has been pre-approved with information needed for final approval. Connell said County Health and Human services is proposing to build a 45,000 square foot facility in Newport. This would combine the services that are currently being provided in four different sites into one facility: the purpose is to improve the care given to all individuals served by the three divisions of County HHS: Primary Care, Behavioral Health and Public Health. Connell then read the definition of integrated health care as defined by the World Health Organization and said that it is the core concept that is driving the need for the building and the integrated site proposal.

Connell said the one of the factors that is important to understand is that HHS has funding but has no room to expand. In the current budget year the department has identified open positions that cannot be filled due to lack of space. Connell said a single Newport site would bring more jobs to the county as well as a healthier population and that it also fulfills the County's missions statement. Connell provided a brief history of County Health and Human Services from the year 1989 to current. Connell provided growth trends in the last five years: 80% increase in employees (103 – 183), 80% increase in revenue and reserves (13.9 million – 25.4 million), 50% relative decrease to County general fund contribution to the HHS budget. The department has grown the budget but not through general fund which has remained at \$307,000.

Connell noted that being in four different sites is confusing to clients and can be a barrier to necessary integrated health care the department would like to provide. The separation of sites is also the cause of staffing inefficiencies. The lack of space is becoming an issue for staff recruitment and retention.

Connell maintained if the County builds within the next 18 months the amount would be approximately 17.6 million dollars for a \$45,000 square foot site. The site has been designed to accommodate current budget positions and growth but also projects 5-10 years into the future. Connell showed conceptual drawings of the facilities appearance and location next to County Courthouse.

Bill Hall responded by saying that the need is undeniable and that a new facility would be the biggest capital project in the County's history. Hall asked if during the current political climate that it was wise to move forward with the project. Connell said they have to be nimble and have other options should the worst possible scenario happen and the Affordable Care Act get totally gutted. She maintained that the County still needs an integrated facility but that it might be scaled back and at less cost. Connell said that the Department has a dedicated staff, financial stability and breathing room should they need to continue without the support of the Affordable Care Act.

Commissioner Hunt asked if there were limitations to the use of the building. Belmont said no more than 10% of the building could be used for "for profit"; the building can be used for other County services and he will be asking Rural Development for specific details in writing. Connell said that integrated building site plans consider the usage by the County Veteran's Service Office as well as incorporating a community meeting space for up to 200 persons.

Commissioner Thompson asked Connell how possible State of Oregon Budget holes might affect County Health and Human Services. Connell said that it was hard to predict because the State is under a mandate by the U.S. Department of Justice to insure that mental health services are not endangered. As a result of this mandate she said any cuts would have to be selective. She said that the Board of Commissioners as the Local Public Health Authority would have ask themselves if it they would really accept making severe cuts given their responsibility. She said we would be endangering the lives of those we are supposed to be serving if we thin the soup too much. Connell said she thinks County Health and Human Services will be able to sustain services. Commissioner Hall said he really believes we are going to see a significant investment in these types of services at the State and National level. He said in a recent press conference the President supported getting more money for addictions treatment and mental health services for people involved in the criminal justice system. Hall said that there is bipartisan support for reforming the criminal justice system.

Commissioner Thompson asked if there was any public comment. Cynthia George said that we do not know what kinds of cuts might be made to health care and that we should not spend the money on a wellness center. Commissioner Hunt said that this was a good example of spending money up front that will produce long term savings; an inclusive wellness process delivers better services to the citizens. Commissioner Thompson asked for more detailed numbers about the current cost in rent and what the cost savings will be with the new facility. Counsel Belmont noted more detailed financial analysis would be forthcoming. Belmont noted that RD requires a resolution as part of the borrowing process and that a formal resolution before the Commissioners would be the next touchpoint in the continuity of this process for securing a loan for the new facility.

REPORTS

Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2016 - Presented by Paul Nielson, CPA and Janice Riessbeck.

Paul Nielson said that there were no difficulties encountered during the audit, no misstatements detected, no disagreements with management on accounting issues and a “clean” opinion issued for financial statements. Paul also noted that management signed a representation letter indicating that there are only a single set of books. The County has a single audit. He noted that State Statute requires the testing of deposits of public funds, debt limits, budget testing, insurance, programs funded from outside sources, highway revenues testing, investments of public funds and public contracting. Paul noted that in 2016, based on the audit report, the County had 95 Days cash; Paul recommended that any entity should have three to six months. Commissioner Hunt said it was a good reflection of the sound financial condition of the County and that the audit showed positive trends as we continue to build reserves and recover from the recession.

Public Works Director, Roy Kinion gave a brief report about the condition of the roads from the recent winter storm. Three roads that had been closed were now open. Kinion anticipated more rain in the coming days and said that the County could possibly sustain more damage because the ground has reached a saturation point. Kinion said at this time the Road Department was still within its operating budget.

Commissioner Bill Hall reported about his recent trip to Salem and his meeting with the Governor.

Commissioner Doug Hunt reported about his participation in the Maritime Sector meeting held in Lincoln County.

Chair Terry Thompson reported about his attendance at the Children's Advocacy Center Ball and the Town Hall with Senator Wyden.

CONSTITUENT INPUT

Chair Thompson called for constituent input. Cynthia George addressed the Commissioners and asked them to support Standing Rock on behalf of her daughter who had recently passed. The Commissioners expressed their condolences for the loss of George's daughter.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on February 15, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 108 of the Lincoln County Courthouse.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

These meeting minutes were read and approved this 1st day of March, 2017.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



TERRY N. THOMPSON, Chair



DOUG HUNT, Commissioner



BILL HALL, Commissioner