

APPROVED BY ORDER # 10-17-319

MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING OF April 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thompson called to order the special session of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

Commissioner Thompson reported that Congressman Schrader would not be available for questions until 12:45 p.m.

Commissioner Hunt moved and Commissioner Thompson seconded to approve postponing the meeting until 12:45 p.m. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF POSTPONING THE MEETING UNTIL
12:45 P.M.**

RECESS

Chair Thompson recessed the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Thompson reconvened the special session of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Also present at the meeting were Commissioner Doug Hunt, (via phone) Congressman Schrader, County Counsel Wayne Belmont, Public Information Officer Casey Miller and Recorder Tanya Graham.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

The Commissioners presented Congressman Schrader with the following questions:

- 1. What is the status of the NOAA, Coast Guard and Sea Grant Budgets? How or what can the Commissioners do to help?**

Congressman Schrader stated that President Trump's proposed budget cuts to NOAA's satellite offices, as well as the Sea Grant program, most likely will not be approved. Congress makes the budget decisions and ultimately it has to be a bipartisan vote on the Senate side. Congressman Schrader recommended that the Commissioners let their Senators know what is important to Lincoln County and Oregon.

2. What is the status of the US Coast Guard Station Yaquina Bay agreement and will it remain in effect?

The Commissioners can contact Commander Henry and let them know how significant the rescues are out of the Yaquina Bay Station and that this is a top priority for the Coast. Congressman Schrader is totally vested in making sure the helicopter stays in Newport.

3. What is the status for the support of the TIGER grant for the development of the Port of Newport's staging area?

Congressman Schrader stated that there is a lot of value in exporting and importing a large variety of products (outside of lumber) into the Port of Newport.

4. How is congress addressing the dire need for transportation funding, recognizing the rapidly deteriorating state of our highways and other transportation systems that are a critical part of economic development?

Congressman Schrader stated that this is a priority and funds are being put behind it. There is concern that the House is focused on aviation and not surface transport. However the trend appears to be changing and surface transport is beginning to come into focus.

5. Given the extent of the national shortage of low and middle income housing, how can we advocate to prevent a cut in HUD's budget, and maybe even increase it's funding, given the huge economic, health and educational impacts of the housing shortage?

Congressman Schrader stated that he is working on the homeless issues and is trying to get Republicans to help with HUD funding. Unfortunately Affordable housing is not currently on the Republicans radar right now. However, veterans' issues are being looked at. Potentially through the Veteran's talks, affordable housing can become a part of the conversation.

6. What is the status of the spending bill to avert a government shutdown?

A short-term resolution is being drafted to avert a government shutdown.

7. Aerial Spray Initiative?

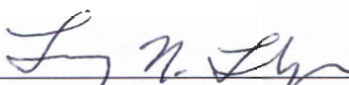
Congressman Schrader stated that it is a raw/broad type initiative and he supports the Commissioners position.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

These meeting minutes were read and approved this 1th day of October, 2017.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


TERRY N. THOMPSON


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