



AGENDA

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

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Joint Work Session with the City of Waldport City Council

Wednesday, June 14, 2017
Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Waldport City Hall
125 E. Alsea Hwy
Waldport, OR 97394

- A. **Introductions**
- B. **Law Enforcement Services ~ 20Year Anniversary between the City of Waldport and Lincoln County – Sheriff Landers**
- C. **Industrial Park Master Plan – Roy Kinion, Public Works**
- D. **McKinney Slough Bridge Project – Roy Kinion, Public Works**
- E. **Eclipse Planning – Kerry deLisser-Shanks, Emergency Management**
- F. **Workforce Housing– Bill Hall, Commissioner**
- G. **Adjournment**

***Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County
Annual Meeting, May 31, 2017***

***Report on Activities Regarding Work Force Housing
2016-17***

At an informal poll taken at last year's first-ever Annual Meeting, our membership identified workforce housing as the highest priority action item for our organization. Here is a summary of our work over the past year.

We held numerous town hall-type sessions and meetings involving government and the private sector, all throughout the year and in every part of the county. Local government, financial, and housing experts shared ideas from their perspectives. Interest and turnout was and remain high.

We published a two-page handout on specific tools that might be useful to local government as a result of the input and comments we heard. Our handout was used for a panel on Housing at the Oregon Coast Economic Summit. The panel was put together and moderated by Executive Director Caroline Bauman to highlight the issue among decision makers, and gain the perspective of statewide players who are involved in housing.

Our strategy then followed two different but parallel tracks.

- The municipalities, the county, and tribe are engaged with each other to discuss the tools that might be relevant to them, proceeding through their planners and elected representatives. In the future enough common ground might be found for a countywide initiative or incentive to attract development. For example, Lincoln City is using a local technical advisory committee to advise them on comprehensive strategies.
- Another strategy is a consortium of private interests to create housing units for the workforce directly. Large employers can join together in a for-profit venture from their motivation to house, attract and retain employees. A call of interest event was held. At this time, we are surveying employers to determine interest. We are talking to developers about their needs, and the barriers they encounter in multi-family housing. We look forward to bringing results back after we talk to a range of representative developers.

