

APPROVED BY ORDER # 5-18-123

MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING OF January 24, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hunt 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 Terry Thompson, County Counsel Wayne Belmont, Public Information Office Casey Miller and Recorder Kristi Whitaker.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Hunt acknowledged Bill Bain's re-appointment to the Cascade West Area Commission on Transportation, Linda Roy's re-appointment to the Lincoln County Budget Committee, and Rebecca Austen's appointment as Interim Director of the Lincoln County Health and Human Services Department.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR
OF January 24, 2018**

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Commission Appointments and Resignations

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| Order #1-18-21 | Changes in Membership to the Mental Health Advisory Committee |
| Order #1-18-22 | Changes in Membership to the Lost Creek Park Special Road District |
| Order #1-18-23 | Changes in Membership to the Pacific Shores Special Road District |
| Order #1-18-24 | Changes in Membership to the Housing Authority of Lincoln County |
| Order #1-18-25 | Re-Nomination of the Alternate Lincoln County Representative,
Re-Nomination of Bill Bain to the Cascades West Area Commission on
Transportation |
| Order #1-18-26 | Reappointment of Linda Roy to the Lincoln County Budget Committee |
| Order #1-18-27 | Appointing Rebecca Austen as Lincoln County Local Public Health
Administrator, ORS Chapter 431 |

Execution of Documents

1. Renewal of Cooperative Forest Road Agreement between Lincoln County and the USDA, Forest Service Siuslaw National Forest (Schedule A)

2. Amendment one to the Criminal Justice Commission Specialty Courts Grant Program Grant Agreement #SC-19-026
3. Intergovernmental Agreement #155918 between the State of Oregon and Lincoln County Health and Human Services for Providing HIV Early Intervention and Outreach Services (Terms: 1/1/18 – 12/31/18; not to exceed \$289,315)
4. Oregon Department of Justice VOCA and CFA Intergovernmental Grant Award / 2017-2019 VOCA and CFA Non-Competitive Grant Agreement (Terms: 10/1/17-09/30/19; not to exceed \$246,087.15)
5. Order #1-18-28 Awarding Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Fund Grants

REPORTS

A. Elected Officials/Department Directors/Program Coordinators and Consultants

1. *Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Year Ended June 30, 2017 & Audit Report for FY 2016-2017*

Paul Nielsen, CPA, and Janice Riessbeck, Lincoln County Finance Director, provided a Power Point presentation (in packet) reviewing the Lincoln County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit Report for fiscal year 2016 – 2017.

Paul commented on Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and new standards, rate of return, and pension liability. Commissioner Hunt inquired as to how to mitigate the risk of increased costs. County Counsel, Wayne Belmont, stated he and Janice had attended a meeting with other PERS employers to review options that are being developed to deal with the unfunded PERS liability and will be providing options to reduce liability as part of the next budgetary process.

Paul highlighted the general fund had grown over the last two years and days in cash was up to 105 from 53 in 2009. Commissioner Thompson inquired as to a standard; Paul responded there is no standard, but in his opinion its best to see at least 90 days.

Paul noted that Public Health was negative this year in days cash, though that could be sitting in receivables, and Mental Health trends every other year to be in the negative. Janice confirmed that the negative cash flow is a result of slow grant revenue and the offsets are booked as accounts receivable. The Community Health Center is doing well.

Commissioner Thompson stated he felt that the County is going in right direction. Commissioner Hunt stated his objective is to build reserves while maintaining levels of service.

2. *Housing Authority of Lincoln County (HALC) - Introduction of New Director, Kathy Kowtko, & Update on Reconfiguring Unit Mix to Better Reflect Applicant Needs*

Joanne Troy, Executive Director for HALC, will be retiring on February 15th and Kathy Kowtko will be moving into the position. Joanne stated there is an alarming mismatch in the demand for units versus the composition of stock; 15% of public housing is one bedroom units while 64% of the demand is for one bedroom units, 48% of

housing is 3 bedroom units, but only 8% of the demand. This creates a disparity in waits for housing. As a solution, HALC has engaged Dustin Capri, Capri Architecture, to work on a demo-dispo application to obtain authorization to dispose of three bedroom units, specifically single family homes in the county, by selling them at market value and using the revenue to fund building new public housing units which would increase the stock of one bedroom units. HALC has already purchased a piece of land on Alder Street and proposes 10 units there as well as reconfiguring some of the four bedroom units into one bedroom units.

Commissioner Thompson voiced concerned of a shift from 3 bedroom family units down to single units with regard to impact on family infrastructure. Joanne responded referring to the disparity of 8% of the demand constituting 48% of the stock; the wait for single people is years as opposed to months for the three bedroom units. After the proposed changed, 39 % of the stock will be 3 bedrooms, so the impact on families will be minimal. Commissioner Thompson further inquired about the senior demand; Joanne stated that in order to be eligible for the waitlist individuals must be elderly or disabled.

Commissioner Hall stated he and Sharon Cox, Case Manager for the Community Services Consortium, had a conversation about the totality of the housing need, and she stated, though every category is in need, she would address single women over 55 as the highest increase due to divorce, death, and lack of financial resources.

Commissioner Hunt commented on tilting the balance of housing toward the greatest need.

Joanne stated they need a letter of endorsement for this proposal; Commissioner Hall requested a draft for review and signature.

Dustin Capri reviewed the current plan for the Alder Street parcel via Power Point (in packet). He stated the firm would be able to accommodate 8 one bedroom apartments and 2 studios. Dustin stated he has been working with the City of Newport; they are supportive and accommodating. Dustin commented on the proximity to transit allowing for reduced parking requirements.

Commissioner Hall requested a timeline; Joanne stated they are a better part of a year from breaking ground.

3. AlertWildfire and ShakeAlert Warning

Doug Toomey, Professor at the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Oregon, and Leland O'Driscoll, Manager of the Multi-Hazards Program, presented a Power Point presentation (in packet). Leland and Doug are part of the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network who operates seismic stations throughout the Pacific Northwest and California, through Berkley, Caltech, and United States Geological Survey (USGS).

Shake Alert is an earthquake early warning system developed by the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network. Doug referenced an earthquake early warning system operating in Mexico as an example. Like Mexico, the Pacific Northwest has unreinforced masonry buildings which will not be serviceable after a large earthquake. Early warning systems provides for seconds to minutes of warning before shaking arrives. They are working with ODOT to implement automated controls for slowing trains and EWEB to force power down of generators before the strong shaking arrives. Doug stated there will be a limited roll out along the coast this year.

Commissioner Thompson inquired as to the definition of limited. Doug responded that there are not enough sensors in the field to provide robust alerts to all geographic locations along the west coast; they are working to

build out their sites, they are fifty percent built up. Leland noted the mode of delivering the warning is being developed by the USGS and the FCC. Commissioner Hunt inquired as to how dense the monitoring sites need to be; Doug responded about 20-30 km in west of the Cascades.

Alert Wildfire has been proven to be very effective in the Nevada for identifying fires and monitoring their progression. Visual data is transmitted through the internet and first responders are able to visually track the origin, how big the fire is, the direction it is headed, and whether it is safe to go into. The system has been operational for a few years and is moving into Idaho and Southern Oregon; Doug stated their desire to leverage the telemetry between the two systems and go statewide to strengthen both. Doug added that it can detect other hazards, such as landslides.

The cost of the cameras is estimated to be between \$40-\$75k per location; with an additional yearly maintenance of twenty percent. Accurate numbers depend on availability of towers.

Commissioner Thompson requested tower locations and technology on locations; Jenny Demaris and Jack Whaley will provide site information and organize a multi-disciplinary task force meeting to discuss opportunities and identify costs.

4. Tsunami Update

Jenny Demaris, Emergency Manager, stated there was a 7.9 earthquake off the Gulf of Alaska and a decision was made to activate a distant tsunami watch for Lincoln Alert.

Jenny reminded county residents that redundancy is best and advised a NOAA alert radio as backup; in addition, Jenny recommended the FEMA preparedness app, which can be used for emergency notification anywhere in US.

At the time of the alert, there were about 15,000 registered residential phone numbers and 7,700 business numbers. Since the alert, 6,456 individuals have opted-in and the program has seen an increase of 1,395 individuals in the last 24 hours.

Jenny outlined some after action items: (1) there were a few issues in south county with Pioneer telephone, which have since been resolved and will be retested (2) create a quarterly system-wide test (3) translate Lincoln Alerts to Spanish (4) contract with 211 services, out of Portland, for our distant tsunami plan so individuals don't have to call 911.

Lieutenant Adam Shanks commended Jenny's efforts through the progression of the warning and commented on the collaborative efforts from partnering agencies; the system the county built worked as it should.

CONSTITUENT INPUT

Chair Thompson called for constituent input and none was received.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on January 31st, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 108 of the Lincoln County Courthouse.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 am

These meeting minutes were read and approved this 23rd day of May, 2018.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



DOUG HUNT, Chair



BILL HALL, Commissioner



TERRY THOMPSON, Commissioner