

APPROVED BY ORDER # 7-18-182

MINUTES OF THE  
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING OF MAY 2, 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 Officer, Casey Miller, and Recorder Kristi Whitaker.

**RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION**

1. *Employee Recognition*
  - a. Todd Richmond – IT – 10 years
  - b. Keith Cessnun – Public Works – 25 years
  - c. Richard Hafelfinger – Public Works – 25 years
  - d. Roy Kinion – Public Works – 30 years
  - e. John Tompkins – Public Works – 30 years

2. Resolution #18-2-5A      *Older Americans Month*

Commissioner Hall read the meeting in full.

Randi Moore, Director of Senior and Disability Services Program, stated Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (COG) supports older adults to maintain a safe environment and enable them to stay at home as long as possible.

Commissioner Hall inquired about trends in state and federal funding, the increasing aging population, and case management levels at COG. Randi stated that Lincoln County is aging faster than the rest of Oregon; they are doing their best to have caseload standards while supporting people at low costs.

Commissioner Hunt thanked Randi for their work; Commissioner Hall moved to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Thompson seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

3. Resolution #18-2-5B      *Emergency Medical Services Week*

Commissioner Hunt read the proclamation in full.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the proclamation; Commissioner Thompson seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

4. Resolution #18-2-5C      *May 5th - Missing and Indigenous Women's Day*

Commissioner Hall read the proclamation in full.

Kim Lane, tribal member and CARE Program Coordinator, Delena John, CARE Program Sexual Assault Advocate, and Heather Butler, Domestic Violence Advocate, presented on the proclamation.

Kim stated this issue is under represented in the national collective discussion. Oregon is in one of the top five states in which the proportion of native murder victims is larger than the per capita proportion for citizens.

Commissioner Hall commented that the disparity is staggering and inquired as to the possible cause. Kim stated it is directly tied to domestic violence, sexual assault, and racism. Kim added that natives tend to be in rural communities and less information is circulated if a person is missing; there is no central database tracking missing and murdered indigenous women.

Commissioner Thompson inquired as to whether the Law Enforcement District in Siletz has provided a safer community; all three women agreed having the police presence has made a positive change in their community.

Kim stated there is an event on Saturday and invited the community to join in their efforts to raise awareness.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the proclamation; Commissioner Thompson seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

#### **ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF MAY 2, 2018**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

##### Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting

1. Order #5-18-104 Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes February 21, 2018
2. Order #5-18-105 Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes April 11, 2018

##### License Applications or Renewals

1. Order #5-18-106 Issuance of a Junk and Secondhand Dealer License to D.C. Peterson Enterprises, Inc.

##### Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

1. Order #5-18-107 Agreement between Lincoln County Health and Human Services and Oregon Health Authority, Oregon ContraceptiveCare Program for Reimbursement of Services
2. Order #5-18-108 Amendment of Modification of Contract between Veteran's Affairs and Lincoln County Health and Human Services (Terms: Increase of \$60,935 to invoice PO#VA648-C65064)

3. Order #5-18-109 Agreement #154733 between Oregon Health Authority and Lincoln County Health and Human Services for Modernization of Public Health (Terms: 7/1/17 – 6/30/23)
4. Order #5-18-110 Amendment #3 to Agreement #153129 between Oregon Health Authority and Lincoln County Health and Human Services (Terms: effective 7/1/17 – 6/30/19; \$8,600)
5. Order #5-18- 111 Lease between Lincoln County and Slape Investment Properties for Property Located at 255 SW Coast Hwy in Newport

Execution of Documents

1. Order #5-18-112 Lease Agreement between Lincoln County and Children’s Advocacy Center, Inc.

**DECISION/ACTION**

1. Order #5-18-113 Rate Schedule for North Lincoln Sanitary Services North County

Commissioner Hunt stated this discussion was presented during the previous meeting; no further comment or discussion took place.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the rate schedule; Commissioner Thompson seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

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

1. Health and Human Services Update

Rebecca Austen, Interim Health and Human Services Director, stated the Primary Care division passed a recent Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) site visit with two minor conditions: screen all clinical staff every two years and documentation that the county does not exceed certain salary limits.

Discussion took place regarding positive progress being made with the relationship between Lincoln County and Samaritan.

Public Health has been working to meet national standards and will be having an accreditation site visit on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Farmer market vouchers will be available through the WIC program; the department will be signing people up at the farmers market and providing education on how to shop and prepare foods.

The department has launched its veggie RX program in collaboration with Food Share to encourage families to eat healthy. Every high school is stocked with fresh fruit and vegetables and students are sent home with backpacks with healthy foods for kids. There is a very high rate of food insecurity in Lincoln County.

The department has brought on another full-time family nurse practitioner and a doctor; these positions have been previously vacant or filled by locum.

Behavioral Health had a surprise budget shortfall found when balancing the budget for FY 18/19. This is due to a decrease in revenue and an increase in personnel cost. Rebecca stated they are setting goals to right size the department and create a sustainable program. The department laid off eight people from the co-occurring disorders program, a program aimed at treating individuals with addiction as well as underlying mental health issues. Services will still be provided; there are four counselors that will be seeing patients.

Finance is providing review and training to managers and division directors; policies and procedures are being reviewed and updated as well to address this issue.

## **B. Commissioners**

Commissioner Hall stated Kate Brown has submitted his name to the Oregon Senate for appointment to the Housing Stability Council. If he is appointed he will be the only coastal member on the council and only local elected representative.

Commissioner Thompson was in Coos Bay on April 26 for the Ocean Policy Advisory Committee (OPAC) meeting. Discussion took place regarding the Territorial Sea Plan Part 5, ocean acidification, and Pacific Marine Energy Center (PMEC).

Commissioner Hunt requested Sheriff Landers to provide information on the local option tax. Sheriff stated the ballot measure is to address inmate population: it would provide an additional inmate counselor to assist with addressing mental illness within the jail, in conjunction with pre-trial processing to reduce the inmate population. There is also a law enforcement component to the measure that would provide for 24/7 police coverage.

Commissioner Hunt stated he has been appointed to the Maritime Strategy Committee by Governor Kate Brown.

## **CONSTITUENT INPUT**

Chair Hunt called for constituent input.

Steve Sparks voiced support for Rebecca Austen, her goal of sustainability, and the Stepping Up Initiative to address mental illness within the jails and community.

Robert Ruben, Waldport resident, requested assistance from the board before he goes to the land use board to appeal the recent Lincoln County Planning Commission decision to not regulate Eckman Creek Quarries stating they have no land use permission. Commissioner Thompson interrupted and Wayne Belmont stated the board was not able to listen to his request because it could potentially constitute ex parte contact.

David Allen, Newport resident, provided follow-up comments regarding the OPAC meeting held the previous week and thanked the board on behalf of petitioners and coastal counties for their assistance with Part 5 of the Territorial Sea Plan.


## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Lincoln County Courthouse Room #108, 225 West Olive Street, Newport.

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

These meeting minutes were read and approved this 25th day of July, 2018.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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**DOUG HUNT, Chair**

*Excused*  
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**CLAIRE HALL, Commissioner**

  
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**TERRY THOMPSON, Commissioner**