

**APPROVED BY ORDER # 2-07-456**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MEETING OF JANUARY 31, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bill Hall convened the adjourned session of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Present at the meeting were Commissioner Terry Thompson, County Counsel Wayne Belmont, Assistant County Counsel Rob Bovett; and Recorder Liz Sample. Also present were Timothy Butler, State Program Manager for the County's Noxious Weed Program, Steve Card from the *News-Times*, Emergency Services Program Coordinator Jim Hawley; and Doug Shaller, County Vegetation Control Assistant.

**ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Commissioner Lindly is excused, as he is on vacation.

**RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION**

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Hall introduced the Consent Calendar items. He noted the appointment of Susan Longenecker to the Lincoln County Fair Board. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR  
OF JANUARY 31, 2007**

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

*Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting*

1-07-448      BOC Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2007

*Commissioner Appointments & Resignations*

1-07-449      Changes in membership to the Lincoln Land Legacy Program Advisory Committee

1-07-450      Changes in membership to the Lincoln County Budget Committee

1-07-451      Changes in membership to the Mental Health Advisory Committee

1-07-452      Changes in membership to the Local Alcohol and Drug Abuse Planning Committee

1-07-453      Change in membership to the Lincoln County Fair Board

*License Applications or Renewals*

*Tax Foreclosure, Right-of-Way, Sales and Deeds*

General Budget Resolutions

Acting as Governing Body of County Wide Service Districts

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

Execution and recordation of:

1-07-454 Cancellation of Bankruptcy Expunged Personal Property Taxes for Tax Year 2004-2005

1-07-455 Approving certain recommended expenditures from the Court Facilities Security Account

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DECISION/ACTION**

**Execution of a lease between Lincoln County and Bridgeview Enterprises, LLC for offices at 1010 South Coast Highway, Newport**

Counsel Belmont stated that this lease is for the Lincoln Community Health Center in Newport. He described the location of the building. This lease will run through 2010 with an option to renew the lease for an additional period of three years. Some of the details of the lease are still being worked out. Counsel Belmont requested authorization of the lease, subject to completion of the negotiations by both parties. Since there is no meeting next week, Counsel is requesting the authorization today. He stated that the plan is to move into the new building by March 1, 2007. Chair Hall reiterated the terms of the lease. The funds for the lease will come out of the health center budget.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to execute the lease between Lincoln County and Bridgeview Enterprises, LLC for offices at 1010 South Coast Highway, Newport. Chair Hall seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION TO EXECUTE THE LEASE BETWEEN  
LINCOLN COUNTY AND BRIDGEVIEW  
ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR OFFICES AT 1010  
SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, NEWPORT**

Counsel Belmont stated that he will bring the lease back for recordation after it is signed by both parties.

**DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

**Discussion regarding request to extend the current Ambulance Service Area (ASA) assignments**

Assistant County Counsel Rob Bovett stated that there are five ambulance service areas in Lincoln County. Every five years the County goes through a process of opening them up for re-bid, allowing competitive bidding for each of the ASA's for the next five-year period. The process usually begins in January of the fourth year. This year, all the current providers sent a letter asking the County to roll over

another five-year term. None of the providers wanted to competitively bid against another, so they decided to reapply for their current ASA's. Mr. Bovett used that letter as a notice to all the current providers, everyone on the ASA list, and anyone else who might bid competitively, and invited interest for competition. No comments were received, written or otherwise. Mr. Bovett requested the Board reassign the existing five ASA's to the existing ASA holders. With the Board's permission, Mr. Bovett will prepare a draft order for approval at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Thompson inquired if anyone else had received any public comment, of which there was none. Mr. Bovett discussed the process taken by the Ambulance Service Review Committee when complaints/concerns are received. The proposed rollover will be extended by five years. Chair Hall invited public comment, of which there was none. Chair Hall requested Board consensus to move this item forward. Consensus was granted. The order will be put on the February 14, 2007 Board agenda for approval.

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS GOVERNING BODY OF COUNTYWIDE SERVICE DISTRICTS**

### **REPORTS**

**Timothy V. Butler, Oregon Department of Agriculture Program Supervisor:** Noxious weed control in Lincoln County

Doug Shaller, the Vegetation Control Assistant for Lincoln County, introduced Timothy Butler, the State Agriculture Program Supervisor of noxious weed control in Lincoln County. Mr. Butler described his history with the noxious weed program in Lincoln County. He discussed the importance of maintaining active weed control programs in our county. He stated that scotch broom is the #1 weed that has economic impact on the state, with an estimated \$47 million impact per year on Oregon. There are only ~20 active weed control programs in the state. Mr. Butler described objectives of the Oregon Department of Agriculture at the state level, and how the Department looks for funding. He stated that, though the legislature is very supportive of these programs, funding is lacking. The Department is asking for an additional \$1.2 million this biennium, which would bring the total to \$2.5 million, but there are limited resources. Mr. Butler described some of the programs the funding would assist. He commented on the need for a lead entity in Lincoln County to help set priorities in weed issues. He asked the Board to support the county weed programs and make them a priority.

Commissioner Thompson commented on the need to develop a federal plan for weed control, and discussed the many invasive species that are threatening our native species. He offered his support of Mr. Butler's objectives, stating the importance of keeping funding for weed control, even in this time of funding cuts. Chair Hall added that Senator Smith announced that he is willing to "filibuster the budget bill" until there is at least a one-year reauthorization. Commissioner Thompson commented on the state of the budget in Curry County. Mr. Butler added that the \$1.2 million request is included in the Governor's proposed budget.

The Board thanked Mr. Butler for his report.

### **Commissioners Reports**

Commissioner Thompson stated that he attended an OPAC meeting yesterday during which there were two subcommittees present: one on wave action generators, and one on marine reserves.

Commissioner Thompson discussed his recent vacation to Hawaii, during which he met with the County of Hawaii to discuss emergency preparedness in the event of a major tsunami. After several meetings with the County of Hawaii, a resolution was passed in which Hawaii expressed its desire to network with its local fishing fleets for collaboration during major disasters. Chair Hall read the resolution in full. In the resolution, the County of Hawaii refers to the master agreement created by Lincoln County to sign on local commercial fishermen as volunteers to assist with a disaster in our county.

County Emergency Services Program Coordinator Jim Hawley expressed his excitement of the County of Hawaii's resolution. He commented on Lincoln County's master agreement with its local fishing fleet. Commissioner Thompson added that the County of Hawaii understands the position its state and all the surrounding islands will be in during a major disaster, and the importance of being able to rely on its fishing fleet and food from outside sources. He mentioned that for vessels who haven't signed on to the agreement yet, all the County needs are a signed contract and list of equipment available for use on the boat. The County needs a variety of sizes and types of vessels to volunteer its services, as each type will have something to offer during an emergency.

Commissioner Thompson discussed the need for an agreement on a larger scale, as well, one in which Lincoln County's fleet can offer to assist other counties up and down the Pacific coast, and where those counties agree to help Lincoln County in return.

Chair Hall mentioned that he was elected for 2007-2008 to be Vice-Chair of the Cascades West Council of Governments Board of Directors.

Commissioner Thompson added that he has been working with the state police on abandoned vessels and oyster racks in our bays, and the potential for problems in aquaculture as a result. On a similar note, he stated OPAC is discussing the need to be able to remove the future wave action generator buoys in a timely manner if needed, if the project ends up going bankrupt (worse case scenario).

Chair Hall reminded everyone that there is no Board meeting on February 7, so the next Board meeting will be held on February 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the BOC conference room.

### **CONSTITUENT INPUT**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. These meeting minutes were read and approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2007.

## **LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**BILL HALL**, Chair

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**TERRY N. THOMPSON**, Commissioner

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**DON LINDLY**, Commissioner

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