

APPROVED BY ORDER # 8-08-250

**MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Terry Thompson convened the adjourned session of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Present at the meeting were Commissioner Don Lindly, Commissioner Bill Hall, County Counsel Wayne Belmont, and PIO Casey Miller

ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Thompson introduced the Consent Calendar items. There were no items highlighted or deleted. Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety. Commissioner Lindly seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3-0.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT
CALENDAR OF AUGUST 20, 2008**

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting

8-08-245 BOC Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2008

Commissioner Appointments & Resignations

8-08-246 Reappointment of Gerald Stanley as a member of the Mental Health Advisory Committee

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

08-08-247 Canceling Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes for Tax Years 1993-94 and 1997-98 through 2003-2004

08-08-248 Intergovernmental Agreement for Housing of Benton County Inmates in the Lincoln County Correctional Facility (Term: 7/1/08-6/30/09)

08-08-249 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant – CFDA # 16.523 Grant Award for Juvenile Community Service Program – Juvenile Department

PUBLIC HEARING

Vacation of Portions of 5th and 6th Avenues and North & South Avenues, Plat of Todd

A letter from petitioner’s attorney, Dennis Bartoldus, was received by Counsel Belmont on August 18, stating that petitioner Gene Dahl had no objection to continuing the hearing in the matter of vacating portions of 5th and 6th Avenues and North and South Avenues, Plat of Todd, to October 15, 2008. Counsel Belmont recommended that the hearing be opened and that a motion be made to continue the hearing so that there be sufficient time to get the necessary administrative approvals for the planning activity that needs to be undertaken. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to continue the hearing on the vacation of portions of 5th and 6th Avenues and North and South Avenues, Plat of Todd, to October 15, 2008. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3-0.

**MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING ON
VACATION OF PORTIONS OF 5TH AND 6TH
AVENUES AND NORTH AND SOUTH AVENUES,
PLAT OF TODD, TO OCTOBER 15, 2008**

DECISION/ACTION

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Lincoln County Drug Court Annual Report – Year 2

Assistant County Counsel Rob Bovett provided a report on the second year of the Lincoln County Drug Court Program. Bovett explained that the county has received two grants to execute next Wednesday to continue the drug court program into the third year. The first grant totals \$104, 831 from Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. The second is \$85,341 from the Criminal Justice Services Division. Together they make up the grants that run the Drug Court Program. The purpose of the program is a drug treatment court utilizing evidence-based best practices to help drug addicted mothers, pregnant women, parents, and others to become sober and responsible caregivers, thus helping drug-endangered children to be healthy and safe from neglect and abuse. Bovett pointed out that they have now completed the second full year for the drug court. Since they have started in 2006 they have now had 43 clients go through the drug court program with 16 successful graduates over two ceremonies. Rob said Drug Courts have been around for 20 years and that they have proven very effective to get individuals off of substance abuse. Parents using, meth, heroine, & cocaine show good degrees of success because of the program’s evidence based treatment, high levels of accountability for poor performance and/or good performance by appearing in repeated drug courts and drug testing with a minimum

of one years time to complete the program. As a result of Drug Courts effectiveness so far there is excitement going into the third year.

Over the last year judge Huckleberry retired & Tom Branford replaced him as the Drug Court Judge. Rob noted that both have been excellent in services and commented that it is especially rewarding for the judicial system because of the results observed in changing lives and families for the positive.

Drug Court is looking to expand the current services which provides for about 25 individuals. He would like to see it grow so that can accommodate 40. Rob has recently applied for a federal grant with the support of additional funding. Rob and Commissioner Hall are also working to create a Mental Health Court with Presiding Judge Littlehales. The Mental Health Court seeks to reduce recidivism while providing essential services and accountability to those criminal acts that are the result of mental illness.

Over the last year drug court has had zero repeat offenders but may likely see some individuals repeat offences again in the future as the program is only in its first year. Commissioner Hall commented that one of many positive results of Drug Court was the strengthening and cooperation of community partners and agencies as they work together. Hall cited his discussion with Sharon Cox of CSC's Rental Assistance Program. She said two area landlords after hearing the about he Drug Court procedure would now consider a Drug Court Graduation Certificates evidence of readiness to rent.

Commissioner Lindly asked Rob about levels of recidivism of those who have been through Drug Court. Rob responded that he did not have hard statistics to give an exact answer. Commissioner Hall cited a three year study that suggested recidivism of 10% compared to that of 50% of individuals who committed similar crimes. Rob suggested that depending on population results vary but we can hope to have similar success. Lindly noted that the jail reports a revolving door of around 80 percent for hard drug offences. If Drug Court continues its success we can expect to help individuals and save the system money. Rob responded by emphasizing that saving lives & families and having less crime is a win win all the way.

Commissioner Hall closed by noting his hope that individuals will one day have access to treatment before crime is committed.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS GOVERNING BODY OF COUNTYWIDE SERVICE DISTRICTS

REPORTS

Commissioner Thompson reported that he attended a Mineral Management Services Meeting. The group is going to have control from outside of three miles to the edge of the continental shelf for leasing the bottom of the ocean. Aquaculture, oil, gas, wind and wave energy groups have interest in leasing the ocean floor. He thought that as a result of hard work like that of Rob

Bovett in wave energy that there were going to be improvements in the new rules that are being adopted. He also attended as the Ocean Policy Advisory Committee Meeting and thinks that they finally have the statement done about what they want to see in marine reserves which has taken them about three years to get prepared and that this is a big accomplishment.

CONSTITUENT INPUT

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at **9:53** a.m. These meeting minutes were read and approved this 27th day of August, 2008.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TERRY N. THOMPSON, Chair

DON LINDLY, Commissioner

BILL HALL, Commissioner