

APPROVED BY ORDER # 5-08-156

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

MEETING OF MAY 21, 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 Recorder Judy Eames.

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 MAY 21, 2008**

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting

5-08-150 BOC Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2008

Commissioner Appointments & Resignations

5-08-151 Recording changes in membership to the Lincoln County Veterans Services Advisory Committee

5-08-152 Recording appointment of Ron Rodgers as a labor representative to the Linn, Benton, Lincoln Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

5-08-153 2008 Fund Exchange Agreement between State of Oregon Department of Transportation and Lincoln County Road Department, Contract # 24716

5-08-154 Amendment # 2 to the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD) Grant to Lincoln County, Grant # C06007 (Newport Head Start Facility)

Chair Thompson stated that the order of agenda items would be changed to move the 2008 Rate Review Report for Thompson's Sanitary Service before the public hearing on the Oregon Economic and Community Development Block Grant.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

2008 Rate Review Report – Thompson's Sanitary Service

Rob Thompson and Ken Riley presented Thompson's Sanitary Service rate review report for 2008, as required as a franchisee under Lincoln County Ordinance 425. The report includes: actual allowable expenses incurred in the preceding calendar year, additional allowable expenses that are reasonably anticipated will be incurred or imposed in the current year, the allocation formulas used to determine expenses, the actual operating ratio for the preceding calendar year, and the expected operating ratio for the current calendar year. Based on current projections, Thompson's operating ratio will be outside the limits of the operating ratio range of 85% to 91%. The rate increase proposed by Thompson's will be the first step in phasing in new rates to meet revenue needs over the course of the next few years. Residential basic service will increase from \$17.40 to \$19.95 for fiscal year 2008-2009. Enhanced services will be provided upon request, but at an extra cost in order to ensure that those using the most services pay proportionately. Over the next few years as some of the aging vehicles are replaced, innovations in automation and the possibility of "greener" vehicles will be researched. Some of the recent programs initiated by Thompson's include a Battery Pilot Project with 5 collection points in the Newport area; the Blue Pail Program which provides businesses with office recycling bins; a "bulb eater"; and the Adopt a River cleanup event which is held twice a year and results in the collection of debris by volunteers. The commissioners thanked Mr. Thompson and Mr. Riley for the cooperative relationship enjoyed by the county and Thompson's, and directed Counsel Belmont to prepare an order approving the new rates for adoption at a future BOC meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Report on OECDB Grant No. M07012 – Microenterprise Assistance Project

Guy Faust, Director of the Oregon Coast Community College Small Business Development Center, advised that under the requirements of the Oregon Economic and Community Development Block Grant No. M07012, Lincoln County's Microenterprise Assistance Project, 32 low- to moderate-income micro-entrepreneurs throughout the county must be served during the grant period. As of the end of April, 28 clients had been helped, and Mr. Faust anticipated that by June 30, the goal of serving 32 clients would be exceeded. Mr. Faust submitted a written report to the Board outlining characteristics of the micro-entrepreneurs served, the types of businesses involved, and the training provided to the micro-entrepreneurs. Five young entrepreneurs are also enrolled and working toward establishing businesses. Mr. Faust also informed the commissioners that news from the state on whether the county will be granted new funding in the amount of \$80,000 should be received by the end of the week.

Chair Thompson opened the public hearing for comment. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

REPORTS

Lincoln County Veterans Services Report

John Reed, Lincoln County Veterans Officer, introduced two members of the Lincoln County Veterans Services Advisory Committee: Ron Betts and Stephen Cole. Mr. Reed noted that the Veterans Office had relocated to 611 SW Hurbert Street in 2006 and thanked the commissioners for their help in improving both the office location and office space. The Veterans Office serves those who have served their country in the military branches of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, Merchant Marines, and the National Guard. Mr. Reed gave a short presentation on the number of interviews, outreach visits, claims filed, and amounts recovered through the claim process with the help of the Veterans Office staff. During the first three quarters of fiscal year 2007-2008, \$1,314,492 has been recovered for local veterans. A few of the other services provided by the office include help in filing claims for: service-connected disability claims for compensation; non-service disability pensions, VA health benefits; burial benefits; survivor benefits; GI Bill educational benefits; GI home loan eligibility; and ODVA home loan eligibility. Mr. Betts passed out a draft form of a resolution for the commissioners to consider in support of establishing a Lincoln County VA Healthcare Clinic. The commissioners discussed the possibility of combining health care for local veterans with the county's Federally Qualified Health Care Centers. The commissioners directed staff to include the resolution on the May 28 BOC agenda for adoption. Mr. Reed also noted that anyone interested in serving on the Veterans Services Advisory Committee should contact him. The commissioners thanked Mr. Reed, Mr. Betts, and Mr. Cole and also extended thanks to all veterans who give so much to serve their country.

Commissioners

Commissioner Lindly reported that later in the day, he would be attending a meeting held by the Oregon Department of Transportation to review potential projects for its improvement program. He also advised that Lincoln County's Highway 20 project is back in operation, with a projected finish date in the fall of 2001.

CONSTITUENT INPUT

Rhonda Walker, Executive Director of Progressive Options, along with Michael Tryon, Ron Green, Joey Lynn, Chris Schleiger, John Dunker, and Julia Romero, talked about the importance Progressive Options plays in their lives and the services it provides to members of the community, including peer support, help with job placement, assistance in completing forms, life skills education, and computer training. Ms. Walker asked that the amount recommended by the Non-Profit Social Service Agency Allocation Program Review Committee be increased. Commissioner Lindly explained the history of the program and the criteria considered by the advisory committee members, who are appointed as representatives from geographical locations within the county. The

commissioners thanked those attending for their input and noted they will be making decisions regarding the recommendations at their May 28, 2008 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m. These meeting minutes were read and approved this 28th day of May, 2008.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TERRY N. THOMPSON, Chair

DON LINDLY, Commissioner

BILL HALL, Commissioner

APPROVED