

**APPROVED BY ORDER # 01-08-35**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Terry N. Thompson convened the adjourned session of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Don Lindly and Bill Hall, County Counsel Wayne Belmont, PIO Liz Sample and Recorder Judy Eames. Also present were Keira Morgan from KNPT, Patrick Alexander from the Lincoln City *News Guard*, and Kendall Cable from the Newport *News Times*.

**ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Thompson introduced the Consent Calendar items. Commissioner Hall highlighted items G.1.c and G.1.d relating to leases for office space for the Lincoln Commission on Children and Families (LCC&F). LCC&F has moved from Suite F-1 to Suite B at 111 SE Douglas Street, Newport. The new office space is larger and can accommodate interns and volunteers, as well as providing increased visibility. Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR  
OF JANUARY 23, 2008**

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

*Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting*

1-08-25        BOC Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2008

*Commissioner Appointments & Resignations*

1-08-26        Reappointment of Kevin Kemper as a member of the For Far Special Road District board

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

1-08-27        Quitclaim Deed from Lincoln County to Autumn and Aaron Bauman for Lincoln County Assessor's Map 12-8-8 tax lots 900 and 2000; purchase price \$98,000

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

**Execution and Recordation**

- 1-08-28 Permanent and temporary easement from John P. Bolte and Elizabeth Bolte to Lincoln County on property identified as Lincoln County Assessor's Map 13-10-32, tax lot 0900, for drainage facilities (1305 East Canal Creek Road, Waldport OR 97394)
- 1-08-29 Agreement to Terminate Lease between MinnBhu Song & YoungHee Song and Lincoln County dated June 15, 2007 for property located at 111 SE Douglas Street, Suite F-1, Newport (office space for Lincoln Commission on Children & Families)
- 1-08-30 Commercial Lease between MinnBhu Song & YoungHee Song and Lincoln County for property located at 111 SE Douglas Street, Suite B, Newport (office space for Lincoln Commission on Children & Families)
- 08-23-01A Resolution declaring certain used equipment to be surplus and authorizing disposal

**Recordation**

- 1-08-31 Grant Agreement # 24279 between ODOT – Public Transit Division and Lincoln County Transportation Service District for preventive maintenance and equipment (signed by Board of Commissioners on 11/14/2007)
- 1-08-32 Agreement between Oregon Health & Science University and Lincoln County – CaCoon Program, Subaward # 4 B04MC06604-01-044 B04MC06604-01-04
- 1-08-33 Amendment #2 to 90G000083 Intergovernmental Agreement between State of Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Building Codes Division, and Lincoln County extending term of agreement (signed by Board of Commissioners on 12/5/07)
- 1-08-34 Independent Contractor Agreement between Oregon Child Care Resource & Referral Network and Lincoln County (signed by Board of Commissioners on 11/28/07)

**REPORTS**

**Commissioners**

Commissioner Hall reported that later in the day, he will be attending the first meeting of the newly formed Veterans Advisory Committee. The committee members will be helping with outreach to veterans in the community.

Commissioner Lindly noted that he and Commissioner Hall helped with the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce's Super Auction on Saturday, January 19, and that on Thursday, January 24, he will be attending a recently formed Governor's committee charged with identifying ways to mitigate the loss of federal timber payments.

Chair Thompson advised that he attended a conference in Ft. Bragg, California to speak on the creation of the Fishermen Involved in Natural Energy (FINE) Committee and Lincoln County's wave energy program.

## **State of the County**

Commissioner Lindly gave a presentation of the "State of the County" including a brief history of Lincoln County and its demographics, economy and emerging issues. The local economy continued to be relatively steady, aided by tourism and the draw of the Oregon Coast Aquarium, one of the top ten aquariums in the country, and the county's state parks, which number more than any other county in the state. The fishing industry brought in over \$100 million to the county. Crime statistics were down slightly, including the number of juvenile arrests. The national downward trend in new construction was not reflected in the number of building permits issued by the Lincoln County Planning Department, but new construction is expected to fall in the coming year. Lincoln County has awarded economic development money, received from the state's lottery program, for 148 projects and activities within the community and has aided 55 local businesses through its small business loans program. Transportation projects during the past year included bridge replacements, highway projects, and funding to improve rail, port, and air service.

Commissioner Lindly then focused on the county as a governmental entity, reporting on the size of its work force; the budget process and the amounts budgeted within various funds; development of federally mandated emergency services interoperability standards; creation of the Fishermen Interested in Natural Energy; participation in discussions of marine reserves development; consolidation of emergency communications countywide; the acquisition of new communications hardware and finance software; continuing efforts to fight the methamphetamine problem; seismic evaluation of the county courthouse; approval by Lincoln County voters to increase the transient room tax outside of city boundaries; the completion of the county's 10-year homelessness and affordable workforce housing plan; and the "Homeless" Connect" event which assisted over 120 homeless citizens. Commissioner Lindly noted that the Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center celebrated its tenth year of helping abused and at-risk children and has appointed a new director, Theresa Wisner, to replace retiring Director Mary Sasaki. Other highlighted items included Public Safety and alternative sanctions to jail; the gift by Walter Brown of 185 acres on the Siletz River to the county's Parks program; the status of Measure 37 claims; and the work being done by Health and Human Services through its Federally Qualified Health Center, two community clinics in Newport and Lincoln City, and four school-based health centers in Newport, Waldport, Toledo and Taft. The county has continued its community outreach through its Public Information Officer Liz Sample and "Inside Lincoln County" which runs on local cable channels 21 (Newport) and 35 (Lincoln City). Future challenges include the maintenance of employee benefits, which continue to spiral upward in cost; the loss of county timber payments; emergency preparedness planning and training; the consolidation of emergency communications and continued development of interoperability capabilities; implementation of a recently completed salary

study; and pursuing the possibility of changing county commissioner positions from partisan to non-partisan. Commissioner Lindly recognized and thanked the dedication of the county's employees, commissioners, and the elected and appointed staff. The State of the County Report will be posted at the county's web site in its entirety.

**CONSTITUENT INPUT**

No constituent input was heard.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. These meeting minutes were read and approved this 30th day of January, 2008.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**TERRY N. THOMPSON, Chair**

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**DON LINDLY, Commissioner**

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**BILL HALL, Commissioner**