

APPROVED BY ORDER # 2-09-37

MINUTES OF THE

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Acting 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, PIO Casey Miller, and Recorder Julie Kay (Judy Eames transcribed the minutes). Commissioner Don Lindly was out of town on county business and was excused.

ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Lindly introduced the Consent Calendar items. There were no items highlighted or deleted. 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 by a vote of 2-0.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT
CALENDAR OF FEBRUARY 11, 2009**

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting

2-09-28 BOC Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2009

Commissioner Appointments & Resignations

2-09-29 Designation of Donald Weaver from the Belle Mer Sigl Tracts Special Road District Board

2-09-30 Reappointment of Patricia Neal as a Member of the Lincoln County Mental Health Advisory Committee

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

2-09-31 Quitclaim Deed from Lincoln County to Will Harris for Lincoln County Assessor's Map 11-8-4 Tax Lot 400 (purchase price \$25,000)

Acting as Governing Body of County-Wide Service Districts

2-09-32 Change in Membership of the Lincoln County Extension Service District Budget Committee

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal

2-09-33 Allocating 2009-2010 Special Transportation Discretionary Funds

2-09-34 Memorandum of Understanding between Lincoln County Health & Human Services Department and Newport Elks Lodge 2105 for Public Health Site

2-09-35 Lincoln County Emergency Operations Plan and Debris Removal Plan

Execution Only

Amendment #4 to Intergovernmental Agreement Contract # 90G000083 between State of Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Building Codes Division, and Lincoln County (Assessor's Office)

DECISION/ACTION

Lincoln County Historical Society

Loretta Harrison, Executive Director of the Lincoln County Historical Society; Nancy Edwards, member of the Yaquina Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and Carol Jones, President of the Lincoln County Historical Society, introduced themselves to the commissioners. Ms. Harrison presented information on the Bicentennial Celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday and urged anyone interested in the bicentennial to visit websites for the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the National Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Lincoln County was named after President Lincoln, and a new exhibit in the hall of the first floor of the courthouse displays photographs and information about the county's formation and early history.

Ms. Harrison also outlined some of the activities planned for the 150th anniversary of statehood, Oregon's Sesquicentennial, including a "Birthday Bash" at the state capitol on February 14, "Take Care of Oregon Day" scheduled in May, and a statewide oral history project. More information can be obtained at the Oregon 150 website. County-wide activities in conjunction with both events were also outlined.

Ms. Edwards discussed the chronology of events that led to the eventual recognition of the South Beach Cemetery as an Oregon Historical Cemetery. The cemetery was created pre-1859 and contains approximately 75 graves, including four Civil War graves. Lincoln County, which became the owner of the property through tax foreclosure, has been unable to properly care for the land due to lack of funding and liability issues. The Lincoln County Historical Society has now agreed to act as an umbrella organization and to organize volunteer efforts to clean and maintain the cemetery grounds. The Society and other partners, including the Eureka Cemetery Association, will be working with the State Commission on Cemeteries to follow guidelines for cemetery care and maintenance. Public Information Officer Casey Miller was thanked for his help in documenting the current condition of the cemetery.

Counsel Belmont reported that an order appointing the Lincoln County Historical Society for research, interpretation, care and maintenance of the South Beach Cemetery has been drafted for the commissioners' approval. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve Order # 2-09-36 appointing the Lincoln County Historical Society for research, interpretation, care and maintenance of the South Beach Cemetery. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by a vote of 2-0.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ORDER # 2-09-36
APPOINTING THE LINCOLN COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH,
INTERPRETATION, CARE AND MAINTENANCE
OF THE SOUTH BEACH CEMETERY**

REPORTS

Commissioner Thompson reported that the commissioners are working on comments regarding the environmental impact of proposed expanded training activities by the U.S. Navy off the Oregon coast. He stated he attended an offshore energy forum on February 10, is continuing to travel to Salem to meet with constituents and track legislation, and will be attending a meeting on the Territorial Sea Plan later today.

Issues concerning the future of the Lincoln County Fair and Fair Grounds are still under discussion by the Board, according to Commissioner Bill Hall. He re-emphasized the Board's gratitude to the Fair Board members for their hard work and commitment, stating that although no written contracts had been finalized for the 2009 Fair, the commissioners did understand and were aware that the Fair Board members had been working on details for the Fair. Comments made during last week's Board of Commissioners meeting were meant only to reflect the fact that it would be extremely difficult for any newly appointed Fair Board members to put together a fair in such a short timeframe. Commissioner Hall explained the measure dealing with the increase in transient room tax approved by the voters and the ordinance spelling out how the money would be collected and distributed. He stated that the question of using the \$218,000 collected since approval of the measure for improvements or for new construction is a policy

question that has not yet been decided by the commissioners. He noted that amount would not be enough to renovate the existing buildings and leaves the question of how the Fairgrounds would be sustained in the future. He concluded by advising that the commissioners are gathering and evaluating information and will make the decision they feel is both fiscally sound and best meets the needs of the community.

CONSTITUENT INPUT

Jean Cox, a Newport resident and volunteer at the Fair Grounds Thrift Store, spoke about the positive influence the store has had in the community and its importance to those that volunteer their time to work in the store. She urged the commissioners to keep the store open.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will follow the commissioners' joint workshop with the Yachats City Council scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. on February 18, 2009, at the Yachats Commons Council Chambers, 441 Highway 101 North, Yachats, Oregon.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. These meeting minutes were read and approved this 18th day of February, 2009.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DON LINDLY, Chair

BILL HALL, Commissioner

TERRY N. THOMPSON, Commissioner