CALL TO ORDER
Chair Jacobson called to order the regular session of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM
Present at the meeting were Commissioner Hunt, Commissioner Hall, County Counsel Wayne Belmont, Public Information Officer Casey Miller and Executive Assistant, Kristi Peter.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR
Chair Jacobson introduced the Consent Calendar and the items were reviewed.

Commissioner Hall moved and Chair Hunt seconded to approve the consent calendar; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR
OF March 18, 2020

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
1. Order #3-20-79 BOC Meeting Minutes 2.12.2020

2. Order #3-20-80 City of Newport Joint Work Session Meeting Minutes 2.12.2020

Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal
1. Order #3-20-81 Amendment #7 to Intergovernmental Agreement #159820 between Oregon Health Authority and Lincoln County for the Financing of Public Health Services (Effective 10.1.19-6.30.20; not to exceed $3,199.75)

2. Order #3-20-82 Agreement between Lincoln and Benton Counties fulfilling Oregon Health Authority Intergovernmental Agreement #155918 (Effective 1.1.20 12.31.20; not to exceed $90,786.76)

3. Order #3-20-83 Amendment #1 to State of Oregon Personal/Professional Services Contract #159344 (Effective 7.1.19-6.30.20; no funding changes)

4. Order #3-20-84 Bridgeview Lease Renewal and Extension between Lincoln County and QA Enterprises for the 1010 Building ($5,265/mo. through 2.28.21)

Execution of Documents
1. Amendment #9 to Intergovernmental Agreement #159820 for the Financing of Public Health for COVID Response (Effective: 7.1.19-6.30.20; not to exceed $60,442)

**DECISION/ACTION**

1. **Resolution #20-18-3A  Ratification of Declaration of a State of Emergency within Lincoln County**

   This resolution declaring a state of emergency within Lincoln County was signed by Chair Jacobson on Friday, March 13th and is being ratified today. This declaration is necessary for Lincoln County to qualify for aid and initiate action.

   Commissioner Hunt moved to ratify the declaration of state of emergency, Commissioner Hall seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution #20-18-3B  Addendum to Declaration of State of Emergency**

   County Counsel, Wayne Belmont, noted the addendum is necessary because the previous declaration was effective for two weeks and needs to be extended to April 30, 2020. This resolution will be revisited and may be extended. This is in response to the Governor’s school closure until April 28th, 2020.

   Commissioner Hall moved to approve the addendum; Commissioner Hunt seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

3. **Order #3-20-85  Ratification of Temporary Amendments to the Lincoln County Personnel Rules**

4. **Order #3-20-86  Ratification of Temporary Amendments to the Lincoln County Personnel Rules**

5. **Order #3-20-87  Ratification of Temporary Amendments to the Lincoln County Personnel Rules**

   County Counsel, Wayne Belmont, noted some of these changes have already been initiated under the emergency declaration as necessary to accommodate rapid changes. Order #3-20-85 addresses leave options available to those who are affected by school closures, which has been extended to April 28th, 2020. This order will be revisited as changes occur.

   Commissioner Hall moved to approve order #3-20-85, Commissioner Hunt seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

   Counsel Belmont reported Order #3-20-86 implements guidance received from the local public health department, OHA, and the CDC to assist individuals who are being monitored or diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus or have preexisting conditions, as well as, those who are impacted by people in
those situations. There are five categories for isolation and sheltering in place and the modifications to the Personnel Rules addresses and accommodates the need for isolation.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Order #3-20-86, Commissioner Hunt seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Counsel Belmont reported Order #3-2-87 provides a work from telecommunicating policy. This policy does not authorize any overtime, unless expressly authorized by a department head or elected official. Vital county services will still be provided, and the County will continue to implement social distancing guidelines; the policy allows for flexibility while maintaining County operations.

Commissioner Hunt moved to approve Order #3-20-87, Commissioner Hall seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

6. **Order #3-20-88 Temporarily Closing to Public Access Lincoln County Facilities**

As of noon today, March 18, 2020, Lincoln County facilities are closed to in-person services, the County is moving toward providing services online, by phone, and by appointment only. HHS Director, Rebecca Austen, reported the Lincoln Community Health Centers, Behavioral Health, WIC and Vital Records are still open but are working to implement virtual appointments. School Based Health Clinics have closed due to the school closures. A media release will be issued providing contact information for all County departments.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the order temporarily closing to public access Lincoln County Facilities. Commissioner Hunt seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

1. **COVID 19 Response**

The Joint Information Center along with local cities, Samaritan Health Services, schools, and the County are working together to ensure messaging is consistent and communication is priority. The Center is in advanced planning and working on how to help and support each other for when the County does start to see cases. The Public Health Operations Center will be at the Western Title building and will have a Commissioner rotate attendance of the meetings.

2. **Homeless Hotel Vouchers**

Lincoln County has established this program in response to concern about continued cold weather and unsheltered individuals. The County has reached an agreement with Coastal Support Services who will manage this program. Hotel vouchers are provided for locations in Newport and Lincoln city and is funded for two weeks and up to $10k, the County is looking into additional resources to extend the program beyond the trial period.

3. **County Services**
The County acknowledges the financial impact of the closures on local businesses and cancellations of events. The Small Business Administration (SBA) makes funds available for areas that have declared an emergency and the County, which qualifies, is currently working to make that information available to those that have been impacted. On a State and Federal level, the Legislative Joint Committee is meeting today regarding a series of asks of the legislature that will have monetary impacts on the county as well as small businesses and employees. The County is reviewing various fees and potentially waiving fees as a beginning step.

4. Future BOC Meetings
The Board of Commissioners are exploring virtual technology and other options for Board meetings going forward; there has also been a request to utilize the Board Conference room for the Joint Information Center during the state of emergency.

REPORTS
A. Commissioners
Commissioner Hall reported attending the conference for State Housing Financing Agencies with the Director of Oregon Housing in Washington DC the week prior. With good meetings and seminars and felt encouraged to hear housing is steadily rising on the congressional agenda and becoming a bipartisan issue.

ADJOURNMENT
The next meeting will be held on March 25th with location details to be released.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

These meeting minutes were read and approved this 29th day of June 2020.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

KAETY JACOBSON, Chair

DOUG HUNT, Commissioner

CLAIRE HALL, Commissioner