CALL TO ORDER
Chair Jacobson called to order the special meeting 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 April 13, 2020

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:
Documents and Recording Matters in the Commissioners Journal
1. Order #4-20-100 Intergovernmental Agreement between Lincoln and Linn Counties for Contractual Services to fulfill the Requirements of IGA #155918 for HIV Early Intervention (1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020; not to exceed $313,136.70)
2. Order #4-20-101 Memorandum of Understanding between OCHIN and Lincoln County for Blood Pressure Device Trial (effective until 7/31/2020; not to exceed $1,750)

Execution of Documents
1. Amendment #6 to Intergovernmental Agreement #159171 for the Financing of Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery & Prevention and Problem Gambling (effective 7/1/19-6/30/20; removes $50,000 from Residential Community Mental Health Treatment Services for Adults for Invoice Services)
2. Order #4-20-102 Amendment #2 to the Memorandum of Understanding between Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Lincoln County Transportation Services District (effective through 6/30/21; not to exceed $265,885/biennium)

REPORTS
A. Lincoln County Public Health COVID-19 Update

Rebecca Austen, Health and Human Services Director, reported a change in organizational structure; the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Department Operations Center (DOC) are combining efforts to form an Incident
Management Team. Rebecca is the acting Commander of the team with Jenny Demaris as Planning Chief, Nicole Fields as Operations Chief, Marie Gainer as Logistics Chief, and Rachel Maddock-Hughes as Finance Chief. The team is working toward streamlining processes and creating products and objectives necessary to move operations forward with an Incident Action Plan as a guide for section chiefs enabling increased communication between the policy group and response team.

Nicole Fields, Public Health Deputy Director, reported there are currently 1,527 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of Oregon, with four in Lincoln County. The Joint Information Call Center has expanded its hours through virtual operations and is open from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily. Nicole reported a “Keep the Coast Clear” media push over the past weekend, as well as, continued social media monitoring, noting citizens are being respectful of boundaries and messaging efforts have been well received by locals. The Oregon Health Authority has provided new projection modeling with the effect of current social distancing measures. Current data suggests social distancing measures have prevented as many as 18,000 cases of COVID-19 and 500 hospitalizations in the state of Oregon; to remain effective, these restrictions must be maintained into May. Current measures and models would enable hospitals to remain under capacity and not overburdened; maintaining these measures could prevent up to 40,000 cases in Oregon. Models suggest there are many people infected with COVID-19 who are asymptomatic or haven’t been tested and predicts there are approximately 7,000 active cases in Oregon. Nicole noted only 20% of cases are accounted for by testing, which is why social distancing is so crucial right now.

Commissioner Jacobson inquired if the State has provided guidelines or modeling on how to come out of the situation and if there is any traction on antibody testing. Nicole noted the State has not provided formalized guidelines yet, the County is working on a local plan to bring people back to work and address community trauma. Nicole noted the necessity to reopen cautiously and in stages. Nicole added, the State is still triaging to get testing where there is lack and working on getting rapid testing in place. Rebecca Austen added that modeling from the University of Washington suggests that about 0.5% of Oregonians have been infected with COVID-19 and not known about it, suggesting a lack of herd immunity. Rebecca noted high levels of interest in establishing antibody testing and is hopeful that will be in place by summer with ability to test high risk populations to see how prevalent COVID-19 infection was during this time.

Sherriff Curtis Landers reported high levels of travel to the coast over the past weekend, despite warnings. North County, between Fogarty State Park and Beverly Beach, as well as, Otter Rock received most crowds. Deputies educated at least 30 groups of people and requested they leave; no citations were issued. Deputies have focused on education enforcement and issuing parking tickets to deter violations and hot spots are continuing to be monitored. Sheriff suggested the County keep up public messaging efforts of County actions and encouraging citizens to stay home. Sheriff reported a few inmates have been tested and there are no active cases, signs, or symptoms of COVID-19. The jail is currently at 88% population while other Counties are averaging 50% population; Governor Brown was considering a large release from custody but has since changed her opinion and will not be moving forward with those efforts.

Commissioner Hall inquired as to why the County is not citing citizens in violation. Sheriff responded that citations will be next step of enforcement. If Deputies had repeat offenders they would cite, but visual parking tickets on windshields were a sufficient deterrent.

Commissioner Jacobson noted the potential to close beaches as the next measure for compliance. While she likes the idea of keeping beaches open, they are an attractor to the coast and citizens are hopping barricades and parking
illegally while not honoring the access closures. The County does not have the authority to close the beaches but could request State Parks do so.

Commissioner Hall noted public confusion over closed beaches and access points. Commissioner Jacobson noted a few beaches on the North Coast that have been closed, but those areas are managed by cities with existing joint management agreements. Commissioner Hunt stated he would like to see enhance activity surrounding managing access points prior to beach closures.

B. Commissioners
Commissioner Hunt reported that while offices are closed to the public, County employees are all very active. Hunt reported he chaired a recent meeting of the Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation via virtual meeting, attended a Maritime Work Group, which is in the process of hiring a coordinator to create job and educational opportunities, and chaired a meeting of the CIS Board.

Commissioner Jacobson thanked the Ford Family Foundation for a recent emergency grant offered to support rural communities; the county received a grant for COVID related expenses. Jacobson noted public comment is available via email to boc@co.lincoln.or.us.

ADJOURNMENT
The next meeting will be held virtually on Monday April 20, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

These meeting minutes were read and approved this 27th day of April 2020.