



CITY OF YACHATS

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD
AND CITIES IN THE COUNTY**

May 14, 2020

Approved Minutes

I. Meeting Call to Order

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Chair Kaety Jacobson called to order the Special joint meeting of the County Board and cities in the County to order at 3:02 pm on May 14, 2020 through the City of Newport's virtual meeting platform.

Mayor W. John Moore called the April 27, 2020 special meeting of the Yachats City Council with the Lincoln County cities and Commissioners to order at 3:06 pm by participation through the City of Newport's virtual meeting platform. Council Members present: W. John Moore, Max Glenn, Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, Jim Tooke, and Leslie Vaaler. Absent: none. Staff present: City Manager Shannon Beaucaire.

II. Update from Lincoln County Health

Rebecca Austin, Incident Commander with Lincoln County Health Department, provided an update on Covid-19 responses by Lincoln County Public Health. Austin reported Lincoln county has to date: 7 positive cases, no deaths, 5 recovered cases, and 971 tests conducted. She stated they have launched their reopening campaign with three requirements regardless of what date the county opens:

1. Physical Distancing – maintain six-foot separation
2. Protect Others – wear mask and stay home when sick
3. Stay Clean – wash hands and clean surfaces often

She noted there is still an essential travel only restriction in place.

III. Update on Application to Reopen Lincoln County under Governor's Plan

Lincoln County was approved for reopening from the Governor's Office.

1 Lincoln County Commissioners ratified the reopening on May 15, 2020.

2 **IV. Reopening Framework for Short-Term Rentals, Hotels/Motels, RV Parks, and**
3 **Campgrounds**

4 Wayne Belmont, County Counsel, summarized the criteria of Phase 1 reopening, noting
5 additional guidelines will be forthcoming:

- 6 • Increased available of childcare
- 7 • Opening summer schools, summer camps, and youth programs
- 8 • Opening State Parks
- 9 • Allows restaurant and bars to open
- 10 • Opening personal care such as salons, barbershops, etc.
- 11 • Opening gyms and fitness areas
- 12 • Gatherings for up to 25 for local groups with no travel as previously specified

13 Belmont noted the 21 days of Phase 1 will end on June 4, 2020, and Phase 2 can begin
14 as long as the numbers for the conditions do not slip.

15 Jacobson explained they need to decide upon a date for reopening lodging and the
16 requirements that must be met. She summarized the 255 comments received by
17 Lincoln County as of 1:00 pm that day:

- 18 • 31 open everything
- 19 • 115 open but not with short-term items
- 20 • 46 open short-term rentals with no new restrictions
- 21 • 40 in favor of proposal as is
- 22 • 48 keep everything close as it is now
- 23 • 11 follow Governor's orders

24 **A. Opening Date**

25 County Commissioners discussed the reopening date.

26 Councilor Glenn favored the June 1 opening for all lodging, noting a persuasive
27 argument he received on vacation rentals opening as they confine all individuals to one
28 house. Councilor Tooke had concern about the opening dates in neighboring counties,
29 especially with the number of people showing up already. Tooke would approve June 1
30 at this time. Councilor Vaaler reported she has read all comments and she would like to
31 see a later date. She thought the "essential travel" restrictions were difficult to enforce.
32 She noted the high-risk status of Yachats' population. Vaaler stated while she hears the
33 pain of those wanting to open, she believed in safety first. Councilor O'Shaughnessey

1 was not ready to make a decision at this moment as she wanted to hear input from
2 others. She noted the need to test 60% of the population to get good data on the
3 distribution of the virus and the dangers for low-to-medium income people who need to
4 get back to work. Mayor Moore noted June 1 will be the 9-week mark for closures for
5 short-term rentals. He favored the June 1 date for all short-term rentals.
6 O'Shaughnessey had concern about enforcement of restrictions, especially for vacation
7 rentals.

8 Other cities reported their positions on the opening date.

9 **B. Service Changes and Signage**

10 Glenn moved to approved proposed service changes and signage changes: Aye - 5; No
11 - 0.

12 Other cities took similar votes.

13 **C. Housekeeping Minimums**

14 Vaaler stated some had wanted a holding period between rentals, and she would only
15 vote for the plan if this criterion was in the motion. She favored a 2-night minimum stay,
16 a 72-hour cleaning hold for hotels and a 3-night minimum stay and a 48-hour cleaning
17 hold for vacation rentals. Glenn did not support holds and was ready to approve the
18 motion as presented. Tooke recommended a 24-hour minimum. O'Shaughnessey
19 agreed with Vaaler and favored at least a 24 to 48-hour minimum. Moore indicated he
20 was leaning toward a 24-hour hold.

21 Rebecca Austin stated there are criteria for cleaning when a room is occupied by a
22 Covid-positive person: wait at least 24 hours followed by disinfecting surfaces or wait at
23 least 7 days with normal cleaning procedures. Belmont noted these restrictions are
24 already in the regulations.

25 Each city provided their input on room holds.

26 **D. Restrictions**

27 Glenn favored the indicated restrictions but wanted to remove the limitation to 6 people
28 in a vacation rental. Tooke agreed the 6-person restriction was not necessary. Vaaler
29 preferred keeping the 6-person limit. O'Shaughnessey concurred with all restrictions.
30 Mayor Moore had no issues with the restrictions but was wavering on the 6-person
31 limitation.

32 **E. RV Parks and Campgrounds**

1 No general discussion on these criteria as presented.

2 Counsel Belmont summarized the changes to the County order cities were
3 recommending for restrictions and house cleaning guidelines:

- 4 • Strike the restriction to a 6-person occupancy in short term rentals and a 4-
5 person per person occupancy in hotels/motels.
- 6 • Remove statement on a person over 2 years of age.
- 7 • Keep “no stayover guest room service” – only clean between guests.
- 8 • Amend statement to: “Pools, spas, gyms and other recreational amenities stay
9 closed unless otherwise authorized by the state.”
- 10 • A minimum 24-hour hold be maintained between checkout and the time the room
11 or residence is cleaned and put up for occupancy again.

12 Glenn moved to approve the restrictions and house cleaning guidelines as presented by
13 Counsel Belmont: Aye – 4; No – 1 (Vaaler).

14 Lincoln County Commissioners passed Order 5-20-136 as amended.

15 O’Shaughnessey moved to concur with Lincoln County Order 5-20-136 modifying order
16 4-20-118 to begin on June 1, 2020 as amended per the meeting discussion: Aye – 4;
17 No – 1 (Vaaler).

18 Newport concurred with the order but stipulated an opening on May 23, 2020. Lincoln
19 City concurred with the order with a June 1, 2020 opening date. Depoe Bay, Siletz, and
20 Toledo will vote at a later date. Waldport previously voted to open on May 23, 2020.

21 Jacobsen adjourned all meetings at 5:51 pm.

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23 ATTEST:
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26 W. JOHN MOORE, Mayor

Shannon Beaucaire, City Manager

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28 Date: _____