



## Linn County receives Seven Mile Lane asphalt bids

ALBANY — Linn County received seven bids — ranging from about \$205,126 to \$749,999 — for the paving portion a turn signal lane project on Seven Mile Lane southeast of Albany, at Tuesday’s meeting of the Linn County Board of Commissioners. County Engineer Daineal Malone said after the meeting that Linn County staff will develop the project site and Tuesday’s bid opening was the paving portion of the project. The turn signal lane will be near the entrance to the Selmet plant near Fry Road, which has expanded its employee base in recent years.

The project previously received \$575,000 in economic development funding. Linn County has over time, acquired the necessary rights-of-way for the project. County Engineer Daineal Malone said the bids will be evaluated to ensure they meet bidding rules and a preferred bid will be presented at next week’s meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Bids received Tuesday were by: Roy Houk Construction, Salem, \$205,126; River Bend Construction, Eugene, \$232,338,050; Knife River, Tangent, \$236,112,070; Wildish Construction, Eugene, \$239,438; K & L Industries, Canby, \$246,505; North Santiam Paving, Stayton, \$260,745; CMH Remodeling, Salem, \$749,999.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Were informed by Juvenile Director Torri Lynn that there were fewer young people being held in March 2024 than March 2023. He said there were 24 youth from Linn County and three each from Benton and Lincoln counties. (In March 2023, there were 28 youth from Linn County, five from Benton County and four from Lincoln County.) There are 200 young people on probation, of which 32 are considered high-risk.
- Approved the purchase of a Kubota brand skid steer at a cost of \$59,964 for the General Services department. County Administrator Darrin Lane said the machine will come in handy for clearing snow and ice from parking lots. During the January ice storm, finding rental units was difficult, Lane said.
- Approved a contract with Wildish Construction for \$68,452 to provide an overlay on Santiam Terrace Road.
- Approved the closure of a portion of Main Street in Scio for the annual Linn County Lamb and Wool Fair on May 17 and 18.
- Announced that Commissioners Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker will speak at the Honor Flight send-off program on the north steps of the Linn County Courthouse about 1 p.m. on Thursday.
- Announced the Linn County Budget Hearings will be held at 9:30 a.m. on April 29, May 1-3 at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Road, Albany. These meetings are open to the general public.

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