

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 11:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Chairperson Roger and Vice Chairperson Zumbach. Absent: Supervisor Walker
(personal business). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Consent Agenda as follows:

Receive and place on file the Sheriff's Quarterly report for July 1 to September 30,
2021 for the amount of \$1,528,301.00.

Receive and place on file the Sheriff's Quarterly report for October 1 to December 31,
2021 for the amount of \$1,472,914.00.

Resolution 2022-2-18 PETITION for SUSPENSION of FISCAL 2022 / ASSESSMENT 2020
PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors is this day presented with the attached
petitions for suspension of taxes and/or special assessments pursuant to Section 427.8
of the Code of Iowa and; WHEREAS, the properties for which assessments against these
Petitioners are made lie within Linn County and; WHEREAS, these Petitioners are unable
to contribute to the public revenue by reason of age, infirmity, or both.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn
County, Iowa, this date met in lawful session that the attached petitions be approved
for the following Petitioners, parcels, and tax years:

PETITIONER	PARCEL #	TAX YEARS	Special #
Blanchett, Edward	14283-51002-00000	2020	

The Linn County Treasurer is ordered to suspend the collection of taxes assessed
against these Petitioners, their polls or estates, for the above parcels for the above
tax years as indicated.

Resolution 2022-2-19

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the
M-PAVEMENT MARKINGS(22), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best
interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as
pavement markings on various roads in Linn County; and WHEREAS, the Board has sought
appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and
followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and
bidding/letting; and WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and
necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace,
safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Linn County and its citizens, all
as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and
IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from L.L. Pelling Co., Inc. in the
amount of \$138,438.00 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same; BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with
this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged
invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the
resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid
or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after
the date of its approval as provided by law; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board
of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract
documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of
insurance, Bradley J. Ketels, the County Engineer for Linn County, Iowa, be and is
hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of
said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction
project let on 1/25/2022.

Resolution 2022-2-20

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the
M-PROFILE GRIND(22), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of
Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as diamond
grinding on N 10th Street from Cimarron Drive north to County Home Road; and
WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and
planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for
notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and WHEREAS, The Board finds this
resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights,
privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Linn
County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of
the Code of Iowa; and IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from West
Fork LLC in the amount of \$170,745.75 and awards the associated contract(s) to the
same; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in
conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is
adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity
of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged
invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from
and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by
the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary
contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and
certificate of insurance, Bradley J. Ketels, the County Engineer for Linn County,
Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of

Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let on 1/25/2022.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Sixth Amendment to the Relative Wraparound Fund Contract DCAT4-18-020 between the Iowa Department of Human Services and Linn County effective February 14, 2022.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of January 31, 2022 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Claims for AP checks #71005813 - #71005925 in the amt. of \$283,506.84 and AP ACH in the amt. of \$1,576,751.89; ASAC in the amt. of \$1,193.29 and \$1,177.37.

Motion by Rogers, second by Zumbach to approve second consideration of rezoning case JR22-0001, request to rezone property located in the 8000 Block of C Ave, 26-84-07, from AG (Agricultural) district to USR (Urban Services Residential) district, approximately 4.5 acres, Midwest Development Co., owners.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to open a public hearing for consideration of a long term 20-year real estate lease between Linn County Conservation, Linn County and Feed Iowa First for the exclusive use of approximately 17 acres legally described as Outlot A, Squaw Creek Ridge Second Addition to Linn County, Iowa (Dows Farm).

Brent Oleson, Deputy Dir. of Public Policy & Comm. Relations, and Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir., presented and explained the lease. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

Zumbach stated that he just received the lease this morning and had some questions about improvements and .Lisa Epp, Asst. County Atty., stated that she was under the impression that Linn County was not paying for any improvements. She noted that the lease will not be approved today and she will double-check that.

Emmaly Benschaw, Feed Iowa First Program Manager, stated that she sees this as a partnership to help meet Linn County's goals. By having a 20-year lease, it will allow them to transition the farmland, stabilize and begin a process to introduce local foods to Linn County.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to close public hearing.

The Board received and placed on file a notice from the City Development Board re: City of Marion voluntary annexation.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to enter into a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss pending litigation.

VOTE: Rogers - Aye Zumbach - Aye

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to go out of closed session.

The Board recessed at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. to review proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budgets, including Offers and requests for vehicles.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., stated that there is an Offer pot available in the amount of \$250,000 and there is \$250,000 available for the purchase of vehicles. They are obligated to pay for the maintenance of sirens which is \$200,000 and that has been accounted for. She noted that the budget includes a 3% salary increase for Elected Officials and deputies and anything over and above that amount would need to be absorbed within each department.

Dawn Jindrich stated that the Board has until the end of March to make a salary decision noting that a larger salary increase for FY 23 increases the base budget for FY 24. She also asked the Board to give an indication today on their thoughts about the levy rate.

It was the consensus of the Board to not raise the levy rate and to agree with the recommendation from Budget & Finance for a \$250,000 Offer Pot and \$250,000 for vehicles.

Dawn Schott, Juvenile Detention Center Dir., explained the reasoning behind her Offers requesting additional staff. She explained that they are housing higher level aggressive youth resulting in assaults on staff and other youths. She stated that the Disability Rights Iowa (DRI) has scrutinized how Juvenile Detention functions and they have violations due to using isolation holding rooms as a consequence. They have had to revamp their programming and to do that, they need additional staff. Of the 13 Youth Counselors, seven are non-functioning (two are on extended FMLA, one is on worker's comp., three are working with accommodations and there is one vacancy). She proceeded to explain the difference between having 4, 3 or 2 additional staff which

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ranges from fully staffed shifts 7 days a week including coverage for vacations and sick leave (4) to being just a band aide (2).

Chairperson Rogers stated that they will be mindful of that as they navigate waters prior to their decision.

The Board was asked to rank the Offers and the vehicles by Friday, when they meet again.

Adjournment at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
BY: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors