

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021 11:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Chairperson Walker, Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Zumbach. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

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

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

Statement of Election Costs - General Election, November 3, 2020

Receive and place on file Auditor's Quarterly Report for the quarter ending 12/31/20 in the amount of \$775,636.48. Total Auditor transfer fees deposited by Recorder with the County Treasurer in the amount of \$12,590.00.

Resolution 2021-2-13

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation constructed the Hwy 30 bypass around Mt. Vernon and Lisbon and transferred the old portion of Hwy 30, now named Business 30, to Linn County, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation has requested that the transferred section of road be accepted into the Linn County Secondary Road System, and WHEREAS, the Linn County Engineer has reviewed the transferred sections of Business 30 and recommends acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors, that the above named road(s) be hereby accepted into the Linn County Secondary Road System and the County Engineer be directed to assume the maintenance of said road(s) in accordance with the Linn County Road Maintenance Policy.

Resolution 2021-2-14

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation constructed the Hwy 30 bypass around Lisbon and built a new road, from Business 30 over the new Hwy 30 to Adams Ave in Cedar County, in NE1/4 section 13-82-5, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation has requested that the new section of road be accepted into the Linn County Secondary Road System, and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Engineer has reviewed the newly built road as Lisbon Blvd and recommends acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors, that the above named road(s) be hereby accepted into the Linn County Secondary Road System and the County Engineer be directed to assume the maintenance of said road(s) in accordance with the Linn County Road Maintenance Policy.

Resolution 2021-2-15

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation has constructed the Hwy 30 bypass around Mt. Vernon and built a new access road west of Willow Creek Road in the NW1/4 NE1/4 and NE1/4 NW1/4 section 17-82-5, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation has requested that the new section of road be accepted into the Linn County Secondary Road System, and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Engineer has reviewed the newly built access as Willow Creek Lane and recommends acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors, that the above named road(s) be hereby accepted into the Linn County Secondary Road System and the County Engineer be directed to assume the maintenance of said road(s) in accordance with the Linn County Road Maintenance Policy.

Resolution 2021-2-16

A Resolution approving a one lot final plat to be named Alger Homestead Addition.

The following description is a summary of Resolution No. as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective February 3, 2021. Said ALGER HOMESTEAD ADDITION (JF20-0011) TO LINN COUNTY, IOWA is divided into three (3) lots, labeled Lot 1 (one), Lot 2 (two) and Lot A. The label of the lot is designated on the Final Plat by figures near the center of the lot. The dimensions of the lot, the width of the street and the distances from the lines and corners of the United States public land survey system are shown in feet and decimals thereof on said Plat.

The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at www.linncounty.org

Resolution 2021-2-17

The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2021-2-17 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective February 3rd, 2021. Morio Farm Addition (Case # JPS21-0001) to Linn County, Iowa, containing two (2) lots, numbered lot 1 and lettered outlot A, a subdivision of real estate located in the NWNE of Section 24, Township 82 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., Page 2

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Linn County, Iowa, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 82 North, Range 5 West; thence S 87°04'57" W along the South line of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24, a distance of 1322.18 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24; thence N 01°11'13" W along the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24, a distance of 1184.36 feet to a point on the South line of the North 8 rods of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24; thence N 86°48'14" E along said South line, a distance of 495.00 feet to a point on the East line of the West 30 rods of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24; thence N 01°11'13" W along said East line, a distance of 77.18 feet to a point on the centerline of Green Ridge Road; thence Southeasterly along said centerline 156.75 feet along the arc of a 553.90 foot radius curve, concave Northeasterly, whose 156.23 foot chord bears S 30°41'03"E; thence S 38°47'29" E along said centerline, a distance of 884.00 feet; thence S 34°03'29" E along said centerline, a distance of 152.20 feet; thence S 27°25'29" E along said centerline, a distance of 203.90 feet thence S 23°32'03" E, a distance of 99.38 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 26.14 acres of which 1.10 acres appears to be existing county road right of way and being subject to all easements and restrictions of record. The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at www.linncounty.org

Resolution 2021-2-18

Accepting a contract for project FM-C057(152)-55-57, HMA(hot mix asphalt) resurfacing on First St. and Front Dr. from bridge #795 to Otter View Rd., to L.L. Pelling Co., Inc. in the amount of \$275,597.94 and authorize Bradley J. Ketels, County Engineer, to sign contract and associated documents.

Resolution 2021-2-19

Resolution accepting contract for project L-SHELLSBURG RD (21), concrete paving on Shellsburg Road from Linn-Benton Road to Palo city limits and on Blairs Ferry Road from Palo Marsh Road to the Cedar River bridge, and on Palo Marsh Road from Blairsferry Road to the Bear Creek bridge, to Horsfield Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,394,659.30 and authorize Bradley J. Ketels, County Engineer, to sign contract and associated documents.

Approve agreement between the East Central Iowa Council of Governments, Linn County, and Feed Iowa First for rural recovery projects related to economic recovery and resiliency

Authorize Chair to sign an Iowa Certified Local Government 2020 Annual Report for the Linn County Historic Preservation Commission

Approve and authorize Facilities to donate 2 counters, 4 office chairs plus track and hardware to Benton County Transportation (Dana Burmeister - Director) noting this is used furniture with no County value.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of February 1, 2021 as printed.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Zumbach to approve payment to Marcia Rogers in the amount of \$450.00. VOTE: Walker & Zumbach - Aye Rogers - Abstain

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve payment to Area Ambulance in the amt. of \$5,213.00.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to approve Claims & ACH in the amount of \$2,409,881.16.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development, stated that there have been no further comments on the following ordinance amendment.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve upon third and final consideration Ordinance #2-2-2021, amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code.

Pramod Dwivedi and Tricia Kitzmann, Public Health, gave the following update on Linn County's response to COVID-19

- It was a matter of time before the UK variant was found in Iowa.
- COVID vaccine distribution.
- Vulnerable population subcommittee met this morning. Chairperson Walker would like to be included.
- COVID call center staffed with temporary staff.
- Linn County started Phase 1B on February 1.

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- Working closely with hospitals to schedule appointments for those that are 65 and older.
- Bi-weekly webinars with Iowa Dept. of Public Health.
- Vaccines to begin at area Walgreen and CVS pharmacies.

Brent Oleson, Deputy Dir. of Policy & Community Relations, presented a final draft of the FY 21 Witwer Trust Grant funding recommendations including the rounding discussed on Monday for a total of \$80,000.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Fiscal Year 2021 Witwer Trust Grant funding recommendations as follows: African-American Heritage Found. - \$4,000; Big Brothers Big Sisters - \$3,000; Catherine McAuley Center - \$4,400; Cedar Rapids Public Library Found. - \$2,000; Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity - \$2,500; Community Health Free Clinic - \$3,850; Discovery Living - \$2,500; Eastern Iowa Health Center \$3,250; Families Helping Families of Iowa - \$2,500; Family Promise of Linn County - \$4,000; Horizons a Family Service Alliance - \$2,500; Iowa Legal Aid - \$4,250; McKinley STEAM Academy - \$5,000; Monroe Township Fire Dept. Assoc. - \$3,000; PEER Action Disability Support - \$3,250; Riverview Center - \$5,000; Tanager Place - \$4,000; Academy for Scholastic & Personal Success - \$7,000; Trees Forever - \$7,000; VALOR, Inc. - \$2,000; Willis Dady Homeless Serv. - \$5,000.

Board Member Reports - Supervisor Rogers reported that he had a full day of MHDD Regional Governance Board meetings last week; went on a final tour of Mental Health Access Center; attended biweekly ASAC meeting; the Board met with Terry Whitson for Learning Inst.; met with a Core Value class this morning; met with Conservation regarding their efforts; and tomorrow is the Cedar Rapids and Linn County Conference Board meetings.

Supervisor Zumbach reported that he attended some of the same meetings as Supervisor Rogers and he is spending a lot of time meeting re: solar farms.

Chairperson Walker reported that he met with incoming Veteran Affairs Dir. and had Elected Official updates yesterday; he has been advocating for more progressive cannabis laws in the state and participated in a webinar this morning regarding a cannabis report; met with Conservation on their efforts and will be unable to attend conference board meetings tomorrow.

Legislative Update - Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., reported that there is a Senate Study Bill regarding authority of counties and cities to regulate housing. The county's lobbyists are asking for the Board's position on how they should register on this bill.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that he would like to take the time to read the bill. Zumbach also reported that he and Tamara Marcus are meeting with lobbyists re: funding for trees.

The Board received and placed on file a letter from the City of Cedar Rapids re: proposed annexation and a letter from Trees Forever thanking the Board for funding.

Chairperson Walker stated that he is receiving emails from school superintendents regarding the inability for teachers to access COVID vaccines. He will decide what is placed on the official record.

The Board recessed at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. to discuss proposed FY 22 budget. Present: Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir. and Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir.

Bearrows stated that the Offer pot has increased since their discussions on Monday. It is now \$255,000.

The Board reviewed Offers that received two or more Board approvals which is as follows: Communications Digital Asset Mgt. System - \$5,000; EMA/EOC Operation Staff - \$125,400; and Risk Management Online First Aid/CPR Training - \$8,000.

Chairperson Walker asked for consideration to approve the Human Resources Offer, Certified Diversity Professional Program, in the amount of \$27,300.

Supervisor Zumbach asked for consideration to approve the Juvenile Detention Center Offer, Part-Time Detention Supervisor, in the amount of \$54,517.

Discussion continued regarding an existing fund under Human Resources, Employee Tuition Reimbursement, that could possibly be used for the Diversity training. The Board will discuss this suggestion with the HR Director.

Jindrich stated that if the Board approves the Diversity Program Offer, they could place it under their Board Other budget under the Consultant line item. This would give the Board control of the funds.

Supervisor Rogers stated that his Offer selections do not spend the whole Offer pot (and most are one-time expenditures).

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Discussion continued regarding a savings of \$76,416 if Elected Officials and their deputies do not receive a salary increase July 1. This would possibly lower the levy by a little over ½ penny. It was the consensus of the Board to not spend the savings in another way and will discuss further on Friday.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to approve the following FY22 Budget Offers:

- Communications Digital Asset Mgt System - \$5,000
- EMA/EOC Operation Staff - \$125,400
- Risk Management Online First Aid/CPR Training - \$8,000
- HR Certified Diversity Professional Program - \$27,300
- Juvenile Detention Center PT Detention Supervisor - \$54,517.

Discussion: Chairperson Walker stated that this leaves \$29,342 in the Offer pot. That amount could be added to Elected Officials salary savings of \$76,416, resulting in a tax relief.

Supervisor Rogers stated that this motion is signaling that these are the Offers that they are interested in and they will have discussions Friday regarding salaries.

It was also clarified that the Offer for the Diversity training can be removed and placed under HR's employee tuition reimbursement if the HR Director is agreeable.

VOTE: All Aye

Discussion continued regarding the Board's views regarding the Compensation Board's recommendation for a 3% increase for Elected Officials and their deputies.

Supervisor Rogers stated that he has been struggling with the Compensation Board's recommendation. It has been an extraordinary year and he knows that people in the community are taking pay cuts and have lost jobs.

Chairperson Walker stated that he will be calling in on Friday when this will be on the agenda. He agrees with Supervisor Rogers that it has been an extraordinary year, and yes, employees have gone above and beyond and if they can raise their wages, then they should. However, the amount of hurt in the community is enormous. He also thinks that Elected Officials and individuals tied to their salaries deserve every cent they are paid.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that he agrees that there are people suffering and that county employees work hard. At the end of the day, the Board represents county residents and it will be a tough decision.

Adjournment at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors