

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 11:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of March 30, 2022 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to open a public hearing for rezoning case JR22-0006, request to rezone property located at 8717 Blairs Ferry Rd, from the RR3 (Rural Residential 3-Acre) zoning district to the USR (Urban Services Residential) zoning district, approximately 3.63 acres, Anthony Clinton, owner.

Mike Tertinger, Planning & Development, explained the case. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve first consideration for rezoning case JR22-0006, request to rezone property located at 8717 Blairs Ferry Rd, from the RR3 (Rural Residential 3-Acre) zoning district to the USR (Urban Services Residential) zoning district, approximately 3.63 acres, Anthony Clinton, owner.

The Board discussed an end date for allowing residents who live in unincorporated Linn County in the half-mile buffer zone around the cities of Cedar Rapids, Marion, Hiawatha zoned as Urban Services Residential (USR) to openly burn tree debris from the August 2020 derecho.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., Pramod Dwivedi & Amy Drahos, Public Health, indicated that they are receiving phone calls asking about new permits. The challenges that residents are facing is that there were dry conditions last year that prohibited burning as well as not being able to secure a contractor until now. It was noted that this is only for properties that are zoned urban service residential. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to extend the end date to June 30. The Board will take action on Wednesday.

Pramod Dwivedi stated that he is requesting the Board to end the mask mandate at the Harris Building, with the exception of the clinic, noting that there is a very low transmission rate and hospitalizations.

Steve Estenson, Risk Manager, stated that he is also fielding calls from county employees to remove the plexi glass barriers from their personal work stations. He also assured the Board that masks will be available for those entering county buildings.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to end mask mandate at the Harris Building with the exception of the Public Health clinic.

Sonia Evans, Finance & Budget, presented an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Agreement between Linn County and Prospect Meadows, Inc. for the Prospect Meadows Financial Stabilization and Sustainability Plan. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Darrin Gage presented Change Order Number 1 for the Linn County Conservation Morgan Creek ranger house derecho repair project for an additional \$6,984.78. The majority of the costs is for additional framing and anchoring and includes a deduct for siding repair that will require a separate contract. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt Resolution 2022-4-48

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT AND PERFORMANCE AND/OR PAYMENT BONDS FOR THE PRIORITY #2 LINN COUNTY FACILITIES DERECHO REPAIRS PROJECT
WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") on March 30, 2022 awarded a contract for the "Priority #2 Linn County Facilities Derecho Repairs Project" (the "Project"), to Unzeitig Construction (the "Contractor") and fixed the amount of the performance and/or payment bonds required for the Project; and, WHEREAS, the contract for the Project is duly signed by the Contractor, and the contract appears to be in proper form; and, WHEREAS, the Contractor filed satisfactory performance and/or payment bonds in the amount fixed by the Board. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the aforementioned contract and performance and/or payment bonds, authorizes the Board chairperson to execute said contract, and declares the contract and performance and/or payment bonds binding upon the parties thereto.

Gage also presented an estimate from Kelly Concrete for concrete replacement in the Horseshoe Falls Lodge parking lot at Pinicon Ridge Park in the amount of \$10,048. Funding will come from ADA Capital Improvement. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

The Board discussed Elections Services request to use Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3 in the Public Service Center for the Absentee Special Precinct Board statutory duties as needed.

Auditor Joel Miller, via phone, stated that they have a commitment with Board staff for the June primary election and he continued to say that they would need those same rooms for the upcoming General Election in November. He stated that he would like the Board's acknowledgement that Elections Services can use those rooms and wanted a meeting of the minds in a public forum.

Discussion continued clarifying that three days would be needed for the Primary and five for the General. If Election Services would be required to move to another location, there would be rent and other issues to deal with.

Matt Warfield, Deputy Auditor, clarified the specific dates needed prior to an election and post-election.

Gage stated that this has been a moving target based on past requests; the use of the rooms was for much longer periods and caused problems for other departments. He stated that the three and five days are much easier to work with departments.

The Board indicated that they have no resistance to this request.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations) as follows:

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Elections Systems Mgr. Tim Yancey New hire – FT 04/04/22 \$76,470/annually Replaces M. Warfield

FACILITIES

Custodian Andrea Geissler End of probation 05/07/22 10A \$17.61 + \$.25 – 10B \$18.18 + \$.25
Custodian Rocio Calderon End of probation 04/10/22 10A \$17.61 + \$.25 – 10B \$18.18 + \$.25

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Senior Account Clerk Deb Scott Termination/retirement 05/10/22

VETERAN AFFAIRS

Veteran Affairs Nicole Kehres Termination/resignation 04/08/22

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Direct Support Staff Teresia Stucker Termination during probation 04/01/22

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve claims for payroll deduction checks #71006498 - #71006519 in the amt. of \$353,049.78, payroll deduction ACH in the amt. of \$56,392.32, and payroll wires in the amt. of \$1,938,479.72.

Brent Oleson, Deputy Dir. of Policy & Comm. Relations, gave a Legislative Update of the status of various bills.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to appoint Bonnie Pospisil and Dennis Uthof as Bertram Township Trustees, to fill unexpired terms ending Dec. 31, 2022.

Adjournment at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors