

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Statement of Election Costs- City of Palo

Statement of Election Costs- Center Point-Urbana Community School District

Receive and place on file Auditor's Quarterly Report for the quarter ending 3/31/22 in the amount of \$389,791.57. Total Auditor transfer fees deposited by Recorder with the County Treasurer in the amount of \$11,370.00.

Receive and place on file the Recorder's Quarterly Report for January 1 through March 31, 2022.

Resolution 2022-4-54

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the LOST-BRIDGE 1036(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 timber bridge replacement on Buffalo Valley Lane 1100' west of Hills Mills 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 Peterson Contractors, Inc in the amount of \$276,330.25 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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.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 4/12/2022.

Resolution 2022-4-55

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the LOST-LEFEBURE RD(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 8" concrete overlay on Lefebure Road from Wright Brothers Blvd to Linn Street in the city of Fairfax, 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 Metro Pavers, Inc. in the amount of \$2,240,189.25 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 4/12/2022.

Resolution 2022-4-56 SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Linn County Secondary Road Department is in possession of surplus equipment and vehicles that are of no further serviceable use to Linn County (See Attachment 1 - listing), and; WHEREAS, it has been determined that disposal of the surplus equipment and vehicles is in the best interest of Linn County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors this date met in lawful session and; authorized the Linn County Secondary Road Department to conduct an online auction of surplus equipment and vehicles at [www.publicsurplus.com](http://www.publicsurplus.com).

Resolution 2022-4-57 APPOINT COUNTY ENGINEERS

WHEREAS: The Linn County Board of Supervisors is required to hire one or more registered Civil Engineers to serve in the capacity of County Engineer, in accordance with Chapter 309 of the Code of Iowa. WHEREAS: These engineers oversee the operation of the Linn County Secondary Road system which includes establishing and following a budget, approving claims for expenditure of funds, approving payroll, accepting subdivision platted roadways, and administering various programs approved by the Linn County Board of Supervisors, and WHEREAS: These engineers shall serve for a term not less than three years, and WHEREAS: This term shall end December 31, 2024, and WHEREAS: Bradley J. Ketels, P.E., Garret A. Reddish, P.E. and Curtis A. Logan, P.E., are qualified to act in the capacity of County Engineer for Linn County, Iowa. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby appoint Bradley J. Ketels, P.E., County Engineer, Garret A. Reddish, P.E., Assistant County Engineer and Curtis A. Logan, P.E., Assistant County Engineer, to serve in the capacity of Linn County Engineer and perform all duties of the Linn County Engineer.

Reject all bids for project L-RCB 1739(22) on Maple Grove Road due to unexpected higher costs and budget constraints.

Award bid and approve purchase order P0282 for culverts to Illowa Culvert & Supply Co. in the amount of \$17,951.20 for the Secondary Road Department

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of April 18, 2022 as printed.

Motion by Rogers to approve claims for AP checks #71006721-#71006764 in the amt. of \$90,989.01 and AP ACH in the amt. of \$1,984,868.11.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that he would like to pull a claim for Trip#10864-32322. He has had several people question Supervisor Walker's trip of a lifetime and his trip back to Iowa paid through a county credit. He wanted to give Supervisor Walker the opportunity to explain it because he wasn't sure how to explain it to people.

Supervisor Walker explained his trip to the PathNorth Conference was totally unrelated to a personal trip that he took to Antarctica. He respectfully asked that questions about something that has to do with him be directed to him next time. He attended the PathNorth Conference, which is operated by Ambassador J. Douglas Holiday (former Ambassador to South Africa) and served as the Chief Advisor to Pres. Ronald Reagan and three other presidents. Holiday teaches at Georgetown where he was able to TA for him out of college. This conference is invite only. They invite leaders from around the world annually to gather for leadership training. He committed to this conference before he knew about the opportunity to travel to Antarctica. The conference was sited in Orlando which was the city he flew back into from Antarctica. That is why there is a one-way trip back home and hotel expenses is where the conference itself was sited. He reiterated that this was unrelated to a personal trip he took to Antarctica and he would be happy to chat with any other staff or constituents that have questions about it.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to segregate the conference claim.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve all claims and ACH with the exception of the segregated claim (Trip#10864-32322) that is included in the JP Morgan claim.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve segregated claim (Trip#10864-32322) in the amt. of \$2,020.75 (included in the JP Morgan claim).

VOTE: Rogers & Zumbach - Aye Walker - Abstain

The Board continued discussions from Monday regarding a Resolution establishing the Linn County Sustainability Department. They discussed a licensing fee of \$1,800 for GovSense and can be covered with current revenue from Derecho woodchips.

Supervisor Walker stated that his hope would be that after this department formally becomes a department, that it would be building out its own budget just like any other department for which a renewal of a license fee would be included.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., stated that as of right now, the sustainability budget is included in the Board's budget. That license fee is not included in that budget, so this license would be in addition to what is being segregated out for a Sustainability Department. The chip revenue is a one-time revenue so there are no revenues going forward to cover the \$1,800 fee.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to adopt Resolution 2022-4-58  
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LINN COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") has the responsibility to

protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county and its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents;

and, WHEREAS, Linn County has a long standing and previously demonstrated commitment to sustainability and environmental protection as shown through, among other things, its work to preserve and protect outdoor natural areas, to ensure air and water quality, to implement soil and water conservation practices, to engage in regional watershed management and planning, to increase access to critical natural resources, and to include high efficiency and waste reduction standards in facility construction and management; and, WHEREAS, Linn County's previous and current Strategic Plan include a commitment to financial health, excellence in budgetary and financial management, and accountability to taxpayers through responsible budgetary decisions that are supported, in part, by implementing sustainability measures, and;

WHEREAS sustainability measures increase the County's resilience to budgetary constraints, economic challenges, and costly disasters by preparing for the impact of future events and designing practices and policies to better position the County to respond when they do happen; and, WHEREAS, in accordance with the county's responsibilities and commitments listed above, the Board on July 17, 2017 passed and approved Resolution No. 2017-07-107 in support the objectives of the Paris Agreement, an international treaty on climate change; and, WHEREAS, the Board on December 4, 2019 passed and approved Resolution 2019-12-160, in which it declared a climate crisis and committed to accelerated efforts to limit the global average temperature increase; and, WHEREAS, in 2020 the Board created the position of Sustainability Program Manager within the Board of Supervisors' department to conduct a greenhouse gas inventory, create and update Linn County's Climate Action Plan, to provide sustainability education and resources, and to provide subject matter expertise on sustainability practices; and, WHEREAS, in 2021 the Board created the Linn County Sustainability and Resiliency Committee to help complete an annual greenhouse gas inventory and to help review and monitor progress toward the goals and objectives of Linn County's climate resolutions. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors determines the ongoing work of the Sustainability Program Manager is necessary and desirable, and such work advances the administration of Linn County's responsibilities and commitments. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors finds it is in the best interest of Linn County to provide an increased level of visibility around Linn County's sustainability efforts, and to encourage more collaboration between stakeholders. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby creates the Linn County Department of Sustainability.

Discussion: Supervisor Zumbach stated that he spoke to Tamara Marcus and she understands that this is not about her or sustainability. He believes that this is not the right time to do it. They talked about it in length Monday, so he suggests that they just move on.

Supervisor Walker stated that this resolution is essentially a formality because they have had what has been a functioning sustainability department for over a year now. During that time, this Board has come to rely on the expertise, energy and innovation that comes out of this department of one that is being supplemented by the AmeriCorps program. Largely the successes of this department is the community partnerships that have been made and the expertise that the community has come to rely on and that is largely due to Marcus's leadership. He stated that it has been an honor over the past year to serve as her colleague and it has brought him great joy to learn about one of the most pressing issues of their time, which is addressing the challenges of climate change.

VOTE: Rogers & Walker - Aye            Zumbach - Nay

Board Member Reports - Supervisor Zumbach reported that he attended the Solid Waste Agency budget meeting yesterday. A meeting will be held at the Czech Museum regarding other options as the landfill is proposed to be closed in 2044.

Supervisor Walker attended a zoom meeting yesterday with a few creatives in the community who he worked with last year on a multimedia project around black liberation. They have resumed talks about other projects in that space. This morning was the first in person Employee Recognition Breakfast in 2 years. He noted that Recorder Joan McCalmant has been serving 35 years. Tomorrow he will meet with ADM and Wolf representatives; Friday is an important conference board meeting and later this evening the county will be hosting a climate conversation at CSPS.

Supervisor Rogers also attended the Employee Recognition Breakfast which was put on pause for two years due to COVID; last night he represented the Board of Supervisors at the Discovery Living 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Linn County was recognized as a community champion; he also attended the Solid Waste Agency meeting and will be involved with the Veteran Affairs Director interviews.

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Adjournment at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors