

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, MAY 9, 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 Walker to approve minutes of May 4, 2022 as printed.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development, discussed a purchase, sale and development agreement with Ahmann Companies (Dows Agri Community Development LLC) for the Dows Farm development. Legal has reviewed and approved the agreement.

Chairperson Rogers shared his appreciation of Ahmann noting the potential this property has. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Nichols also discussed a proposal from Stanley Consultants offering review assistance for utility-scale solar project application submittals in the amount of \$10,100 noting that this is similar to what was done for the previous solar project application.

Chairperson Rogers asked Nichols to have the County Attorney's Office review the proposal and the Board will take formal action Wednesday.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to open public hearing.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., and Sarah Coleman, Martin Gardner Architecture, discussed Priority #3 Linn County Facilities Derecho Repair Project plans, specifications, form of contract, and the estimated total cost is \$221,000. No verbal or written comments have been received. Proof of publication was presented.

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Resolution 2022-5-67

A RESOLUTION GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL AND CONFIRMING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATED TOTAL COST FOR THE PRIORITY #3 LINN COUNTY FACILITIES DERECHO REPAIRS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Linn County, Iowa Board of Supervisors (the "Board") on April 13, 2022 approved, in preliminary form, the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total project cost (the "Contract Documents") prepared by Martin Gardner Architecture (the "Project Architect") for the Priority #3 Linn County Facilities Derecho Repairs Project (the "Project"); and,
WHEREAS, Linn County published a Notice of Public Hearing on the Contract Documents in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.305 and Iowa Code Chapter 26; and,
WHEREAS, the Board conducted a public hearing on the Contract Documents on May 9, 2022 in accordance with the published Notice of Public Hearing.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board hereby grants final approval to the Contract Documents referred to in this Resolution, and confirms the prior Board action granting preliminary approval to the Contract Documents, and finding the Project necessary and desirable.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of May, 2022.

Gage opened and announced bids for the Priority #3 Linn County Facilities Derecho Repair Project and bids were referred to Linn County staff and the project architect for review and tabulation with a decision on Wednesday.

Public Comment: Wendy Hartman, Cedar Rapids, stated that they are co-workers but she is also a constituent and this may be an HR question. She asked for clarification if she were to have an issue with a Supervisor or a Supervisor's Supervisor, what the process to seek resolution is. Hartman also asked if HR serves as a mediator what happens if someone has a complaint directly with HR. Who would serve as mediator then? She also asked if county employees had to pay out of their pocket to attend the State of the County.

Ben Rogers, speaking as Supervisor, stated that the State of the County is hosted by the League of Women Voters and is about \$40 a ticket. Department Heads and/or Elected Officials can attend and there is a budget line item that allows for it. His family was in attendance so he wrote a personal check. Rogers added that Hartman can speak with the HR Director after the meeting regarding the chain of command. Linn County has a culture where they try to resolve issues directly with an individual and if that cannot be achieved there are other ways in which to address problems. He noted that Elected Officials are a different class of employees since they are elected. Rogers suggested that Hartman set up a meeting with the HR Director to discuss further.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker on Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations) as follows:

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Special Prosecutor Nicole Nagin New hire 7/11/22 \$82,500/annually Replaces J. Norwood

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputy Sheriff Elliott Patterson Correction to resignation date 5/6/22

ENGINEERING

Light Equip Operator Jason Fagle New hire 5/16/22 17A \$22.42 Replaces C. Wendt

Account Technician Ian Graham New hire - FT 5/16/22 58A \$24.61 Replaces C. Wright

Clerical Specialist Chyenne Wright Termination/resignation 5/18/22

Chairperson Rogers stated that the Department Head meeting tomorrow has been cancelled.

Adjournment at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor

By: Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors