

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023 10:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Zumbach called the meeting to order.

Public Comment: Linda Langston, 716 East Post Ct. SE, Cedar Rapids, stated that she wants to comment on the vacancy form requesting a Resiliency Coordinator position. She thanked the Board for their efforts in finding a way to approve this position. Langston feels that it is a high value position based on the report that was submitted last year and with flood, derecho, and other disaster events that come along. It would build on relationships among jurisdictions and will build resiliency for recovery. She again thanked the Board for their efforts.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of May 9 and May 10, 2023 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to adopt Resolution 2023-5-74  
NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND MANAGERS WEED NOTICE!

Pursuant to the provisions of Title VIII Chapter 317.4 Subsection 2, Iowa Code, which can be found online at: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/iowaCode> and Iowa Administrative Code (otherwise referred to as Iowa Administrative Rules) Agriculture and Land Stewardship Chapter 58 Noxious Weeds, it is hereby resolved by the Linn County Board of Supervisors and ordered by the Linn County Weed Commissioner acting on behalf of the Linn County Board of Supervisors:

That between May 15, 2023 to October 1, 2023 each owner and each person in the possession or control of lands in Linn County including both incorporated and unincorporated shall: eradicate all Class A noxious weeds listed in Iowa Administrative Rules 21-58.4(317); and control all Class B noxious weeds thereon, at such time in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity.

Class A Noxious Weeds for Eradication: Palmer Amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*)

Class B Noxious Weeds for Control:

Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)

Teasel (*Dipsacus spp.*) biennial

Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)

Bull Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*)

Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*)

European Morning Glory or Field Bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*)

All other species of thistles belonging in the Genus of *Carduus*

That the Linn County Road Department shall control noxious weed infestations and other vegetation deemed appropriate for control growing in county road rights of way for the purposes of maintaining public health, preventing economic loss, or affecting safe travel. Methods for eradication/control and/or prevention of seed production will be performed in a manner consistent with the county's integrated roadside vegetation management plan.

That it is recommended noxious weeds be cut, burned or otherwise controlled or destroyed on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, so as to prevent the production of seed by all varieties of listed Noxious weeds. This includes noxious weeds on all lands within the limits of the County regardless of jurisdiction. Control or elimination measures associated with Class A and B Noxious Weeds located on lands enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will comply with the Conservation Reserve Program contract requirements for that land.

That persons not in compliance with Iowa's Weed Law, Code of Iowa Chapter 317 Noxious Weeds, and Iowa Administrative Rules Agriculture and Land Stewardship Chapter 58 Noxious Weeds will be notified to use appropriate methods to eradicate or control the weed problem. Failure to do so can incur penalties including, but not limited to, daily fines for non-compliance, and the Weed Commissioner or Deputies entering upon the land to control the weed problem, with all costs, including fines and administrative costs, levied against the landowner. Iowa law provides these assessments can be attached to the real estate tax of the land for collection. Weed eradication/control will still be required to be implemented in all cases where penalties are assessed.

More information regarding Linn County's weed control program can be found under the Soil Conservation section at [www.linncounty.org](http://www.linncounty.org) or by contacting Linn County Weed Commissioner: Jonathan Gallagher at 319-377-5960 Ext. 3.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal effective July 1, 2023 noting that this is the lowest renewal the county has had in quite some time. She recommends approval.

Supervisor Rogers asked if this is attributable to the county's Wellness Program and Powell responded yes, a good chunk of it but won't say 100%.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve Fiscal Year 2024 Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal effective July 1, 2023.

Tamara Marcus, Sustainability, presented a Vacancy Form requesting a Resiliency Coordinator position. She met with AFSCME last Monday regarding wages. The funding for FY24 will be through FY23 carryforward money from vacancies and the FY25 funding will be from the general fund.

Supervisor Rogers stated that her department received a decent amount of money through ARPA. He asked if this position would help execute the mission/tasks of those ARPA awards and Marcus responded yes.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Marcus for helping her through the process, noting there were four other positions that were pieced together or previous positions that were changed. By FY25, she hopes that this position will be part of the budget process. Running-Marquardt feels this is a very important position for their community and a lot of important work to be done now and in the years to come for the vulnerable population across the county. She thanked Marcus for her work on this.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

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

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Admin. Assistant I            Jessica Black            Promotion internal applicant 5/27/23 56E \$25.06–Gr 23, Level 2 \$26.37 Replaces E. Schutz

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Election Systems Admin.    Hannah Overton           Promotion internal applicant 5/13/23 38E \$34.59–40C \$36.12 New position

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Communications Oper.      Bridget Erbst            Termination/resignation 5/10/23  
Senior Account Clerk       Ashley Harville        New hire 5/30/23 55A \$19.92 Replaces M. Moses

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve claims for payroll deduction checks #71010956-#71010966 in the amount of \$17,253.16, ACH in the amount of \$29,079.42 and wires in the amount of \$2,038,668.31 for a total of \$2,085,000.89.

The Board received and placed on file a thank you letter from Affordable Housing Network regarding economic development grant money they received.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to enter into a closed session to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(c).

VOTE: Running-Marquardt – Aye            Zumbach – Aye            Rogers – Aye

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

VOTE: Running-Marquardt – Aye            Zumbach – Aye            Rogers – Aye

Adjournment at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor  
By: Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

APPROVED BY:

LOUIS J. ZUMBACH, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors