

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, MAY 16, 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 9 & 11, 2022 as printed.

Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Dir., discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Transit Purchase of Service Contract between East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) and Linn County to provide public transit noting that this takes place annually.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Jody Bridgewater, MHDD East Central Region, presented funding requests for Linn County's Mental Health/Disability Services Fund Balance Dollars.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Linn County's Mental Health/Disability Services Fund Balance Dollars as listed on sheet.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., discussed Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance FY23 Renewal, Delta Dental Insurance FY23 Renewal, and Health Solutions Wellness Rewards FY23 Renewal all effective July 1, 2022. Powell highlighted that Health Solutions now has a licensed counselor on staff so that will be an added benefit to employees. The cost is dependent upon utilization.

Matt Warfield, Deputy Auditor, discussed a resolution establishing a rate of compensation for the Precinct Election Officials (PEO's). His office is looking to increase the pay for PEO Chairpersons noting that they have additional responsibilities. There is a shortage of PEO's and he feels that an increase in pay could help to recruit and keep them coming back to work future elections.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Emily Blomme, CEO of Foundation 2, discussed a letter of intent committing the Linn County Board of Supervisors to fund Foundation 2's total request of \$2.32 million for the purchase and renovation of a building as outlined in their round one American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) application. Blomme explained that they are in the process of looking for an agency headquarters and the property they are interested in would like to know there is enough revenue available to cover the purchase of that building.

Supervisor Zumbach questioned if others were funding this project and Blomme responded yes noting that there are other donors and Foundation 2 has money they have saved as well. Their ARPA application lists additional sources of funding as well.

Supervisor Walker noted that this may be an exception due to the threshold of \$1 million.

Blomme added that this letter would help keep the process moving forward. They are looking at 120-150 days to get a building under contract.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., discussed \$2,724.37 claim to buyout farm lease for 8.4 acres of tillable land acquired by the County for District 1 Road shop and termination of farm lease. He anticipates by September of 2022, the farm lease will be canceled and dirt work can begin.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Chairperson Rogers discussed budget allocation of \$40,000 to the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance and \$10,000 to the Marion Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) from FY'23 approved \$50,000 budget line-item for economic development group membership/investments noting that they have been asked to keep it at last year's funding level.

Gary Grant & Larry Murphy (via phone) discussed a Consulting and Advisory Services Agreement between Linn County and collectively L&L Murphy, Associates and Grant Consulting LLC for consulting and lobbying services. Grant stated that nothing has changed on this annual agreement.

Supervisor Walker spoke of the wisdom he has come to learn from Grant and Murphy and about the legislation process noting that Linn County is well served.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Gage and Jennifer Pfab, Aspect Architecture, discussed a resolution to provide for a notice of public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost for the Linn County Correctional Center Video Visitation Remodel Project, and for the taking of bids on said project. Pfab explained that this project is remodeling the 2nd floor to allocate space for video visitation, expanding medical

services on the 3rd floor and creating a recreation space on the 4th floor, and converting the chapel into a female holding cell.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Zumbach to approve Resolution 2022-5-70

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATED TOTAL COST FOR THE LINN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER VIDEO VISITATION REMODEL PROJECT, AND FOR THE TAKING OF BIDS ON SAID PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Linn County Sheriff's Office proposes that the Linn County, Iowa Board of Supervisors (the "Board") authorize the construction of the public improvement(s) as described in the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract prepared by Aspect Architecture (the "Project Architect"), which may be hereinafter referred to as the "Linn County Correctional Center Video Visitation Remodel Project", or the "Project"; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost for the project (the "Contract Documents") are on file with the Board; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set a time, and place for a public hearing on the Contract Documents, to publish a Notice of Public Hearing on the Contract Documents, and to advertise for sealed bids on the Project.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

The Board hereby approves the proposed contract documents referred to in this Resolution, as prepared by the Project Architect, in their preliminary form.

The Board hereby determines that the Project is necessary and desirable for Linn County (the "County"), and finds that it is in the best interest of the County to proceed toward the construction of the Project.

The Board shall hold a public hearing on the proposed contract documents on the 13th day of June 2022 at 11 o'clock am in the Formal Board Room of the Linn County Public Service Center located at 935 - 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at which time any interested person may appear and file objections to the proposed Contract Documents, and, after hearing objections, the Board may proceed with approval of said Contract Documents.

The Board hereby authorizes and directs the publication of a notice of public hearing on the Contract Documents for the Project at least once, not less than four (4) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of the hearing in one or more newspapers that meet the requirements of Iowa Code Section 618.14.

The Board hereby delegates to the Linn County Purchasing Director and/or his designee(s) the duty of receiving bids for the construction of the Project until 2 o'clock pm on June 10, 2022, at the Jean Oxley Linn County Public Service Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Board hereby sets June 13, 2022, at 11 o'clock am in the Formal Board Room of the Jean Oxley Linn County Public Service Center as the time and place that the Board or its designee will open and announce the bids received for construction of the Project, and that the Board will consider said bids.

The Board hereby fixes the amount of the bid security to accompany each bid at five (5) percent of the amount of the bid.

The Board hereby authorizes and directs advertisement for sealed bids for the Project in accordance with Iowa Code Section 26.3.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of May, 2022.

Public Comment: Wendy Hartman, Cedar Rapids, stated that the county does business in real time, however it might take her a week to figure out what has been discussed. Supervisor Walker mentioned something about interviews for the internship program at a master's level. She is curious about something she came across on the county's website regarding a search for a mask mandate and the explanation of close contact.

Chairperson Rogers stated that he will respond to Hartman by email.

Stacey Walker, speaking as Supervisor, proceeded to give a detailed explanation of the internship program.

Hartman continued to ask questions about the internship program.

Walker responded that procedurally speaking the Board cannot speak unless an item has been listed on the agenda. When he spoke during public comment he was explaining what the county's internship program is. He is happy to respond to any questions over email or by phone. Walker added that the internship program is a landing page on their website and anyone can access it noting that there is no preference given.

Hartman thanked the Board for schooling her on the how the procedure works. She feels that she had to come here initially because her emails were not being answered. Hartman apologized if it seems like she is jumping into places she does not belong.

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

<u>COUNTY ATTORNEY</u>		
Special Prosecutor	Jason Norwood	Termination/resignation 5/6/22
<u>FACILITIES</u>		
Custodian	Consolata Nyandwi	Step increase 2/20/22 10D \$19.46+\$.25-10E \$20.95+\$ 25
Custodian	Ryan Symonds	New hire-PT 5/16/22 10A \$17.61+\$.25 20 hrs/wk
<u>SHERIFF'S OFFICE</u>		
Deputy Sheriff	Loren Lorang	Termination/resignation 6/3/22
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>		
Direct Support Staff	Emily Zimmerman	New hire-PT 5/16/22 56A \$20.95 35 hrs/wk
<u>ENGINEERING</u>		
Engineering Technician II	Jason Beazer	Reclassification 5/21/22 17E \$26.92-58E \$30.33

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve claims for payroll deduction checks #71007001-#71007022 in the amount of \$350,276.90, payroll deduction ACH in the amount of \$56,295.57, and payroll wires in the amount of \$1,942,657.02 for a total of \$2,349,229.49.

Legislative Update: Gary Grant stated that subcommittee chairs will be meeting in Des Moines this week. He has heard from the house and senate and they expect both bodies to go in next week and after Memorial Day until they adjourn.

Chairperson Rogers asked if there are any outstanding bills that could impact Linn County and Grant responded yes (transportation infrastructure and mental health funding appropriations).

Adjournment at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors