

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve Consent Agenda as follows:

Receive and place on file Treasurer's (Auto Dept.) Report to the County Auditor Receipts and Disbursements for the Month of April, 2023.

Resolution 2023-5-75

A Resolution approving a final plat to be named Swanson Addition.

The following description is a summary of Resolution No.2023-5-75 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective May 17, 2023.

Swanson Addition (Case # JF22-0028) to Linn County, Iowa, containing three (3) lots, numbered Lot 1, Lot 2, and lettered Lot A, a subdivision of real estate located in the NESW of Section 25, Township 83 North, Range 6 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows: Lot 3 Irregular Survey E ½ SW ¼ Section 25-83-6, Linn County, Iowa.

The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at www.linncountyiowa.gov.

Approve the annual maintenance invoice between Linn County and Schumacher Elevator Company for all Linn County building's elevators effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$46,826.65.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign Change Order No. 1 for the Linn County Secondary Road District 1 Shop, Phase 1 Project decreasing the contract sum by \$2,940.00.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Statement of Work agreement between Linn County and CivicPlus for CivicClerk Media for a one-time implementation fee and prorated annual fee through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$2,545.98 and an annual recurring service fee beginning July 1, 2023, in the amount of \$7,497.00 subject to annual increase.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Fiscal Year 2024 (IDOT) Iowa Department of Transportation Secondary Roads Five Year Program Version 1.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign Fiscal Year 2023 (IDOT) Iowa Department of Transportation Secondary Road Budget Version 1.

Approve application for Display Fireworks permit for Dave Hulshizer to conduct a display at 2549 Janette Nehl Ln, Central City on August 5, 2023 with a rain date of August 12, 2023, noting all conditions have been met.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of May 15 &16, 2023 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve claims for AP checks #71010967-#71011035 in the amount of \$122,016.70 and AP ACH in the amount of \$1,224,449.42, for a total of \$1,346,466.12 and segregated claim for Delta Airlines/Lisa Powell in the amount of \$30.00 for no receipt.

Supervisor Rogers read Proclamation: Mental Health Month—May 2023.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt Proclamation: Mental Health Month—May 2023.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., discussed Dows Farm management with Twenty40Concepts. Currently the county has a farm management agreement with SILT who has a sub agreement with Feed Iowa First that expires June 1st and no immediate plans to find a replacement farm manager. It is in the developer's best interest that a farmer is identified for the farm to be successful. The developer of Twenty40Concepts, also known as the Dow's Agri Community Development LLC, has indicated an interest in taking responsibility for the search for a farmer as well as overall responsibility for the success of the farm.

Chad Pelley, Twenty40Concepts, gave an update on the development. Pelley explained why Dow's Farm would be better served by his company, noting that it would relieve the county of undue burden.

Supervisor Rogers stated that they have met individually with Pelley and staff on the visions and understand that visions can change. He thinks this is a really audacious goal of the county and is excited to see how this develops over the years.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt expressed her appreciation for Pelley working with the county and the community and for the Dow's farm to still have an Agri community component. This is exciting for the county and community and she appreciates the work he has put forth on this.

Chairperson Zumbach added that it has been a pleasure working with Pelley.

Staci Meade, LCCS, presented Mental Health Advocate vacancy position for Fiscal Year 2024, increasing from 35 to 40 hours not that this is in their budget proposal for FY24. The Regional Governance Board approved the position as well so it will be fully reimbursed.

Supervisor Rogers asked what the role is. Meade responded that the advocate is an employee independent of the Region that Reports to David Thielen. This position handles Mental Health committals and different institutions. The case load is really high right now. This advocate will be dedicated to Linn County only.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve Mental Health Advocate vacancy position for Fiscal Year 2024, increasing from 35 to 40 hours.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to open public hearing on the fiscal year 2023 proposed budget amendment.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., stated that there are no verbal or written objections from the public. One change was made to decrease the amount of bond proceeds and push them back to July of FY24 instead of receiving them in June of FY23.

Supervisor Rogers stated that with legislation being passed due to the unfunded mandate, are they required to send an itemized tax bill at some point and will that impact when budget amendments are done? Bearrows responded that nothing requires mailing for amendments, it's only for the approval of the actual budget (\$75,000 for one mailing).

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that on the off years she would like to see if anything else will be mailed that they can combine with to help reduce from \$80,000. She also thanked Bearrows for all of her work.

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to adopt Resolution 2023-5-76
Expenditures cannot exceed the following fiscal year 2023 appropriations by organization:

1	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	\$	39,907,239
2	AUDITOR		2,950,652
3	RECORDER		1,775,638
4	TREASURER		3,800,712
5	COUNTY ATTORNEY		5,853,887
6	IT		4,219,583
9	RISK		347,308
10	CIVIL SERVICE		18,907
11	HUMAN RESOURCES		1,157,255
12	FACILITIES		3,197,976
13	FACILITIES - BOARD BUILDINGS		1,390,463
14	FINANCE & BUDGET		761,382
15	SUSTAINABILITY		159,805
16	PURCHASING		498,459
21	SHERIFF		28,638,267
24	MEDICAL EXAMINER		822,800
27	COURT EXPENSE		32,500
29	JUVENILE JUSTICE		213,017
30	DHS - STATE WELFARE		307,077
33-35	LCCS		17,441,641
36	VETERAN AFFAIRS		590,492
37	PUBLIC HEALTH		8,400,599
40	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		1,733,085
42	LIFTS		2,269,158
45	SOIL CONSERVATION		207,107
46	CONSERVATION		16,515,246
61	ENGINEER		29,552,539
65	CIP		5,110,000
86	BONDS		5,795,630
		\$	<u>183,668,424</u>

Tamara Marcus, Sustainability, discussed a Vacancy Form requesting a Resiliency Coordinator position noting that no changes have been made to the form since Monday. She stated that she feels this position would add a lot of value in keeping an eye on disaster resources and it ties directly to the county's strategic plan.

Supervisor Rogers expressed his appreciation for Marcus' patience with this. He gave his detailed support for this program.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt also expressed her appreciation for Marcus' work on this and explained in detail her support and funding of the position.

A lengthy discussion continued regarding funding and funding sources.

Chairperson Zumbach expressed interest in exploring future opportunities with the city and this department. He added that in the beginning, the Board was not going to hire anyone using ARPA funds and there was no offer pot this year. Zumbach has to weigh that out and if he is a nay vote it is more about the process and how the position is being funded.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve Vacancy Form requesting a Resiliency Coordinator Position.

Discussion: Chairperson Zumbach stated that he wants to add an amendment to the motion that the position goes through the Offer process for FY25 and the same process as any other positions would.

Supervisor Rogers understands that this is already a union position that is funded and will support it either way.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to amend original motion to include the position must be approved through the Offer pot process for FY25.

Discussion: Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that she understands where they are coming from. She referenced new positions with IT and the Treasurer's Office that used unspent FY23 dollars. She is going to vote no on the amendment. She would prefer that the position be wrapped into the FY25 budget like the other positions that did not go through the offer process.

Supervisor Rogers wants it to be a unanimous vote showing support for the work Marcus has done and the unique position. The work done by this position will justify a full-time position.

VOTE: All aye

Chairperson Zumbach added that before he calls for a vote of the original motion as amended, he wanted to include that the heartache does not come from the position, rather it is from the fact that the Board has told all the other departments one thing and are doing something else. He does not agree with that. When Zumbach became Chair he did not speak a lot about compromise and sometimes having to swallow the pill of deliberating in public. In the future, he hopes they can go back to the way things were done and that positions are done during the budget process.

VOTE: All Aye

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented an Acceptance of Proposal and Terms for the replacement of an HVAC condensing unit at the Linn County Courthouse. The proposal is \$7,490 with work to be completed this week by Pipe Pro. Funding will be from the Board building's budget under major maintenance.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to authorize Chair to sign an Acceptance of Proposal and Terms with Pipe Pro in the amount of \$7,490.00 for the replacement of an HVAC condensing unit at the Linn County Courthouse.

Public Comment: Erin Foster, Mental Health Access Center Dir., stated that she wants to thank the Board for signing the Mental Health Month Proclamation today. They did a "Make It Ok" presentation for the Board a couple weeks ago and tomorrow is the official State of Iowa "Make It Ok" day. Different departments around the county are wearing green and taking pictures. Invited Board members to the Access Center tomorrow morning to be part of their picture. Also, the Access Center is holding a small community center gathering on Friday evening.

Kirsten Running-Marquardt, 3515 Fieldstone Place SW, Cedar Rapids, stated that folks living in the westside neighborhood around Roosevelt are invited from 4:30-7:30 p.m. It is celebrating the neighborhood and the community. The folks she invited were happy to be invited to something like this and wanted to know more. This is another example of the excellence coming from the Access Center through Foster and her team. She hopes to stop by and appreciates all the work that has been done to make it happen on Friday.

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Adjournment at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

LOUIS J ZUMBACH, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors