

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023 10:00 A.M.

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

Vice Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Baker Group Contract for the annual maintenance contract for card access and door controls in the amount of \$9,845 at the following locations: Community Services Building, Correction Center, Court House, Election Depot, Fillmore, Juvenile Justice Center, Mental Health Access Center, Public Service Center, and the Sheriff's Office effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Baker Group Contract for the annual maintenance contract for the card access and door controls in the amount of \$4,159 for the Dr. Percy and Lileah Harris building effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Baker Group Contract for the annual maintenance contract for the card access and door controls in the amount of \$15,558 for the Juvenile Detention Center effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Approve Cigarette Permit for Casey's Marketing Co., 888 Vernon Valley Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids, noting all conditions have been met.

Approve Cigarette Permit for Whittier Market, 1002 County Home Rd., noting all conditions have been met.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve Claims for AP checks #71011111-#71011160 in the amt. of \$77,482.90 and AP ACH in the amt. of \$867,983.44, for a total of \$945,466.34.

Stephanie Lientz, Planning & Development, recapped from yesterday's meeting that these changes make things more flexible for the public. She has not received any oral or written objections.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve Second Consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances (case PA23-0005), Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code, relating to:

- Simplifying requirements for minor site plans
- Allowing for a boundary adjustment between a non-buildable outlot and an adjacent parcel after a Land Preservation Parcel Split has been completed
- Clarifying setback requirements for detached accessory structures proposed to be located in front of a dwelling
- Changing the approval process for public campgrounds from a Conditional Use Permit to a Major Site Plan
- Updating the definition of a Two-Family Dwelling to help clarify how these units differ from Accessory Dwelling Units

Tam Marcus, Sustainability Program Dir., added that there are no changes, and the letter of support was approved by the Board last month.

Discussion continued regarding the timeline for the grant.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Marcus for all her work on this.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to adopt Resolution 2023-5-82
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EAST CENTRAL IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (ECICOG) TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE EPA CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT

WHEREAS, the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) has developed a comprehensive work plan for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) in collaboration with staff from grant eligible municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the CPRG aims to support regional climate action planning efforts and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the six-county region including Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington counties; and

WHEREAS, ECICOG has demonstrated its capacity and commitment to serving as the lead organization for this grant, providing professional planning, programming, and technical assistance to coordinating entities in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors has previously submitted a letter of support for this Notice of Intent for the EPA CPRG program; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors has heretofore deemed it necessary and desirable to apply for the \$1,000,000 grant through the EPA CPRG program for climate action and resiliency planning; and

WHEREAS, a grant application has been prepared for this funding opportunity and documents have been presented to the Linn County Board of Supervisors for the approval necessary to submit the grant application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the submission of a grant application for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) based on the presented work plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors authorizes the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) to serve as the lead organization and implement the grant activities outlined in the workplan.

PASSED AND APPROVED this date of May 31, 2023

Public Comment: Doug Elam, 136 17th St. SW, CR, stated that his topic is the County Home cemetery (near Landfill) that he believes most people don't know exists. Elam is in the process of researching the 97 County Home cemeteries and plans to write a book. He referenced an article that was in the Gazette in 1994 "Lost, not forgotten". Elam feels the county should be doing better than this and referenced only 16 graves knowing that there are more than that. It is county property and part of their heritage. The county has an opportunity to change this and make it better. Dr. Glenn Storey, a UI Professor, can do ground penetrating radar in June. There are smaller counties than Linn that have plaques up and mowed grass. Elam asked that the Board get this done in June and pony up the money. There are people who would support it.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to appoint Rick Moyle to the Civil Service Commission for Deputy County Sheriff for a six-year term expiring 6/30/29.

Adjournment at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors