

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021 11:01 A.M.

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

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order and led pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve consent agenda as follows:

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Vacancy Form requesting a Senior Accountant for the Finance & Budget Department

Resolution 2021-6-99

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Expenditures cannot exceed the following fiscal year 2022 appropriations by organization:

1	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	\$	6,202,517
2	AUDITOR		2,860,788
3	RECORDER		1,576,861
4	TREASURER		3,594,219
5	COUNTY ATTORNEY		5,425,223
6	IT		4,017,219
9	RISK		330,351
10	CIVIL SERVICE		17,904
11	HUMAN RESOURCES		1,023,346
12	FACILITIES		2,934,390
13	FACILITIES - BOARD BUILDINGS		1,144,172
14	FINANCE & BUDGET		615,887
16	PURCHASING		479,562
21	SHERIFF		26,686,945
24	MEDICAL EXAMINER		711,800
27	COURT EXPENSE		32,500
29	JUVENILE JUSTICE		185,300
30	DHS - STATE WELFARE		317,077
33-34	LCCS		17,724,294
35	YOUTH SERVICES		4,440,691
36	VETERAN AFFAIRS		605,151
37	PUBLIC HEALTH		6,756,462
40	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		1,626,473
42	LIFTS		2,153,578
45	SOIL CONSERVATION		193,625
46	CONSERVATION		13,332,418
61	ENGINEER		18,289,442
65	CIP		1,918,300
86	BONDS		5,501,880
		\$	<u>130,698,375</u>

Resolution 2021-6-100

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the LOST-RCB 337(21), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as reinforced concrete box (RCB) culvert replacement on Andre Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Linn County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Peterson Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$158,605.70 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Bradley J. Ketels, the County Engineer

for Linn County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let on 6/22/2021.
Dated at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this 30th day of June, 2021.

Resolution 2021-6-101

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the LOST-CMP 996(21), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert replacement on Bice Blvd; and
WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and
WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Linn County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and
IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Peterson Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$69,824.75 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Bradley J. Ketels, the County Engineer for Linn County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let on 6/22/2021.
Dated at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this 30th day of June, 2021.

Resolution 2021-6-102

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the LOST-CMP 2072(21), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert replacement on Burlingham Rd; and
WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and
WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Linn County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and
IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Peterson Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$109,685.10 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Bradley J. Ketels, the County Engineer for Linn County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let on 6/22/2021.
Dated at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this 30th day of June, 2021.

Resolution 2021-6-103

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the LOST-RCP 273(21), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) culvert replacement on C Street Road SW; and
WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and
WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Linn County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and
IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Peterson Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$111,391.85 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid

or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Bradley J. Ketels, the County Engineer for Linn County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let on 6/22/2021.

Dated at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this 30th day of June, 2021.

Resolution 2021-6-104

ESTABLISH TEMPORARY BRIDGE RESTRICTION

WHEREAS, Linn County Bridge Number 2190, FHWA Structure Number 221181, located over Morgan Creek on Sisley Grove Road SW in Section 31 & 32, T83N, R8W, Clinton Township, Linn County, Iowa, has been inspected, analyzed and rated, and
WHEREAS, this analysis indicates that the bridge should be restricted to 20 tons maximum gross vehicle weight and restricted to one lane using the southbound lane only, until repairs can be made, and
WHEREAS, the bridge should be signed with the regulatory signs required, and
WHEREAS, this resolution supersedes any previous resolutions pertaining to weight or lane restrictions and signing on this specific structure,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors, meeting in lawful session this day, authorize the Linn County Engineer to have the bridge posted for the following restrictions: 20 tons maximum gross vehicle weight and close the northbound lane.

Resolution 2021-6-105

A Resolution approving a two lot residential parcel split to be named LeClere Addition.

The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2021-6-105 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective June 30, 2021.
LeClere Addition (Case # JPS20-0011) to Linn County, Iowa, containing two (2) lots, numbered Lot 1 and lettered Lot A, a subdivision of real estate located in the NWSW of Section 5, Township 86 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 5, Township 86 North, Range 5 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian; thence N0°30'05"E along the west line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5, a distance of 1390.51 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N0°30'05"E along said west line, 295.47 feet; thence S89°29'55"E, 324.07 feet; thence N0°30'05"E, 104.70 feet; thence S89°29'55"E, 65.00 feet; thence S0°30'05"W, 104.70 feet; thence S89°29'55"E, 102.43 feet; thence S0°30'05"W, 295.47 feet; thence N89°29'55"W, 491.50 feet to the point of beginning. 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.linncounty.org

Resolution 2021-6-106

A Resolution approving a 3-lot final plat to be named FBH First Addition

The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2021-6-106 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective June 30, 2021.
FBH First Addition (Case # JF21-0007) 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 SENW of Section 20, Township 83 North, Range 6 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence South 0° 53' 14" East 114.65 feet along the East line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 20 to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0° 53' 14" East 70.01 feet along said East line; thence South 89° 50' 26" West 556.07 feet along the North line of Lot 1, Paullus First Addition to Linn County, Iowa, as filed for record in Book 4199, Page 30 in the Office of the Linn County, Iowa, Recorder to the Northwest Corner thereof; thence South 0° 52' 51" East 1140.19 feet along the West line of said Lot 1 and the West line of Frank Foster's First Addition to Linn County, Iowa, as filed for record in Book 1879, Page 1 in the Office of the Linn County, Iowa, recorder to a point of intersection with the South line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence South 89° 55' 11" West 768.47 feet along said South line to the Southwest Corner thereof; thence South 0° 43' 32" East 661.00 feet along the East line of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 20 to the Southeast Corner thereof; thence North 89° 57' 24" West 505.16 feet along the South line of said North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to a point of intersection with the East line of a tract of land described in Volume 1483, Page 448 in the office of the Linn County, Iowa, Recorder; thence North 16° 39' 39" East 449.14 feet along said East line; thence North 9° 07' 21" West 678.70 feet along said East line; thence North 22° 11' 21" West 247.30 feet along said East line; thence North 4° 42' 39" East 172.19 feet along said East line to a point of intersection with the South line of Parcel B, Plat of Survey No. 2479 as filed for record in Book 10816, Page 421 in the Office of the Linn County, Iowa, Recorder; thence North 89° 46' 20" East 540.57 feet along said South line to the Southeast Corner thereof; thence North 0° 54' 53" West 366.46 feet along the East line of said Parcel B to the Southwest corner of Parcel A, said Plat of Survey No. 2479; thence North 89° 50' 26" East 1326.09 feet along the South line of said Parcel A and the

Easterly extension thereof to the point of beginning, subject to easements, covenants and restrictions of record, containing 37.919 acres.

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.linncounty.org

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Public Bidder Tax Sale Certificate Abatement Agreement for a property located at 4477 Usher's Ferry Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a 28E Agreement with the City of Palo for rock shouldering on portions of Covington Road from Yates Road to Blairs Ferry Road and Blairs Ferry Road from Palo Marsh Road to the first set of railroad tracks.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the 2021 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award, Governing Body Review between Linn County and the City of Cedar Rapids for equal division of the \$49,202 grant award.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the provider agreement between Linn County and Abbe Center for Community Mental Health for the period of July 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2022 for services at the Mental Health Access Center.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the provider agreement between Linn County and Foundation2 for the period of July 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2022 for services at the Mental Health Access Center.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the provider agreement between Linn County and ASAC for the period of July 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2022 for services at the Mental Health Access Center

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the provider agreement between Linn County and Penn Center for the period of July 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2022 for services at the Mental Health Access Center

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Contract Extension between Linn County Community Services and Ilmir, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for software consulting services.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign Linn County Fiscal Year 2022 Provider and Program Participation Amendment for Substance Abuse Commitments between Linn County and Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Fiscal Year 2022 Linn County Purchase of Service Agreement for Substance Abuse Treatment beds between Linn County and The Area Substance Abuse Council

Approve and authorize Chair to sign Fiscal Year 2022 provider agreements between Linn County Children's Mental Health Assistance Program and the following organizations:

- Families, Inc
- Murray, Wilson & Rose Counseling
- PRK Williams, Inc dba To the Rescue
- Alli Center, LLC
- The Arc of East Central Iowa
- Abbe Center for Community Mental Health
- Four Oaks Family and Children Services
- Life Connections
- Alicia Gerber LMHC, LLC dba Guiding Light Christian Counseling Center
- Tanager Place
- Mount Vernon Family Counseling
- Heart & Solutions LLC
- Maria Isabel Ramos LMFT, LLC
- Melissa Wehr, Therapist

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve upon third and final consideration Ordinance Amendment 10-6-2021, rezoning case JR21-0006, request of STACO Corporation, owner & Lindsay K. McGrath-Vasquez, petitioner, to rezone 37.84 acres located in the 500 Block of Dows Road from the AG (Agricultural) zoning district to the RR2 (Rural Residential 2-Acre) zoning district.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., and Gayle Keiser, County Atty. Office Mgr., discussed Linn County Attorney Fiscal Year 2021 budget surplus of \$150,000 noting that it would be absorbed into their budget.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve County Attorney Fiscal Year 2021 budget surplus.

David Thielen, LCCS Dir., and Erin Foster, MHAC Dir., discussed authorizing Chair to sign the notification to ASAC Service to terminate sobering services at the Mental Health Access Center, effective 60 days from date of signature.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Walker to authorize Chair to sign the notification to ASAC Service to terminate sobering services at the Mental Health Access Center, effective 60 days from date of signature.

Vote: Zumbach, Walker - Aye Rogers - Abstain

David Thielen, LCCS Dir., and Erin Foster, MHAC Dir, discussed authorizing Chair to sign contract between Area Ambulance Service and Linn County for Sobering Services at the Mental Health Access Center effective September 1st through June 30th, 2022.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Walker to authorize Chair to sign contract between Area Ambulance Service and Linn County for Sobering Services at the Mental Health Access Center effective September 1st through June 30th, 2022.

Vote: Zumbach, Walker - Aye Rogers - Abstain

Foster also discussed authorizing Chair to sign Letter of Agreement with Amerigroup for Digital Solutions Kiosk Program at Mental Health Access Center.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to authorize Chair to sign Letter of Agreement with Amerigroup for Digital Solutions Kiosk Program at Mental Health Access Center.

Discussion took place regarding an eighteen month moratorium on utility scale solar.

Mike Sadler, 4192 Pikeview Dr, Center Point, spoke in opposition of the moratorium. He feels that solar is the future and views this project as a positive economic impact for the community. He highlighted the wages that would be paid to construction workers to build this project as well as the tax impact. He encourages the Board to vote no on the moratorium.

Matt Resor, 423 Truman St, Lisbon, stated that he is not in favor of a moratorium. He feels that this solar project will help by investing in the local workforce and infrastructure and minimize the effects of climate change.

Bob Doubek, 8508 C Street Rd, Cedar Rapids, encouraged the Board to not approve the moratorium. He feels that if the Board passes it, both sides will lose.

Nick Boeyink, 905 36th St, Bondurant, stated that Linn County has spent more than a decade preparing for utility solar scale and Iowa consumers and workers are ready now. He feels that the moratorium is more waiting for hundreds of jobs and the supply chain. A moratorium is not the answer and urges the Board to not approve it.

Junior Luensman, 4100 Woodridge Dr NE, Cedar Rapids, stated that he represents more than 700 electricians in the corridor, some who are in favor and others who are opposed. He feels that the ordinance protects them as residents and building an infrastructure will have positive impacts including creating jobs and providing revenue. He is opposed to a moratorium and asked the Board to make an educated decision on what is best for Linn County.

Troy Sauter, 632 Broderick Dr NE, Cedar Rapids, stated that he likes to help strengthen the community and loves the outdoors. He is opposed to the moratorium and urged the Board to vote no.

Jim Pray, 666 Grand Ave, Des Moines, stated that he is speaking on behalf of NextEra and against the moratorium. He has been working on energy in Iowa for several years and is passionate about solar. Solar is local and creates a strong infrastructure. He feels this would be a lost opportunity and cost millions of dollars.

Justin Foss, 1495 Hunters Green Way, Marion, stated that he is representing Alliant Energy. He works with counties to develop renewable energy plans. If approved, a solar moratorium could have long lasting impacts for Linn County including cancelling projects and halting new projects for five to seven years. 30 businesses and more than 120 customers have solar projects in place and Linn County is leading the way. He urged the Board to not approve the moratorium to avoid the unnecessary delay.

Jon Fasselius, 3100 3rd St, Marion, voiced his opposition for a moratorium. He asked the Board to show their trust and the hard work done by county staff and to vote no to the moratorium.

Nick Prymek, 5322 69th St, Urbandale, voiced his opposition for a moratorium. He highlighted the job creation that would come with the project. If a moratorium is passed, it may deter any future development projects. He asked the Board to not support the moratorium.

Nancy Patrilla, 3796 Alice Rd, Toddville, stated that she is pro moratorium. She does not agree with the data that Kimberly Dickey provided yesterday regarding the benefits of solar. She added that the people and businesses in favor of the proposed project should move out there. The decision to move forward will have a huge impact on their community including lost agricultural revenue and pollution. Patrilla is in favor of a public vote on this issue.

Traci Nelson, 3311 Pleasant Creek Rd, Palo, stated that she is in favor of solar power if it is done correctly. She is encouraging the moratorium and feels that the ordinance needs some tweaking because it does not protect the citizens of Linn County.

John Zakrasek, 531 Lawndale Dr, Cedar Rapids, voiced his opposition to the moratorium. This project will be a massive economic development asset and will increase land values and create jobs along with revenue for Linn County. He asked the Board to take action, allow the project proposal to move forward and discuss as a community the concerns. He strongly encourages the Board to vote no to the moratorium.

Jason Snell, 3105 Allegheny Dr NE, Cedar Rapids, stated that he is against the moratorium. He highlighted the climate resolution that was passed that states the county has until 2030 to switch to clean energy. This is an incredible opportunity with this proposed project and trillions of dollars in infrastructure.

Doug Neumann, 501 1st St SE, Cedar Rapids, stated that many manufactures have sustainability programs and when companies consider expansion, they look at sustainability goals to be met. He feels that a moratorium is the exact opposite.

Martin Smith, Cedar Rapids resident, stated that he is a renewable energy advocate and it is a way of the future. He is opposed to the moratorium, largely because an ordinance was passed a year ago. He asked the Board to vote no on the moratorium.

Deb Yates, 2362 young Rd, Palo, stated that her parents farmed and they are trying to save the top soil and build and improve water. It is Iowa's farmland, which is the biggest resource, and they do not want the generation blamed for solar panels being used instead of crops. She urged the Board to consider the request to approve the moratorium.

Brian Mullenbach, 4004 High Woods Rd, Center Point, reiterated his request for the Board to approve the 18-month moratorium. He highlighted an ordinance from Madison County, Iowa and read excerpts with regard to property values and setbacks. He feels that Linn County is significantly behind Madison County and asked for more time to make the necessary changes.

Steve Mason, 6547 Benton Linn Rd, Palo, voiced his concerns regarding the timeframe of the solar ordinance. He asked the Board to consider some of the personal concerns that are taking place. He also questioned if there are alternatives for placement of the project besides high dollar farmland and who handles the cleanup of contaminated soil.

Dylan Gramlich, 105 S Conroy Street, Knoxville, stated that he does not support the moratorium, as opportunities like this do not come around often. He feels the change should be used to be a leading county in the state for renewable energy and to help battle the effects of climate change.

Cheryl Valenta, 2409 C Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, stated that she appreciates the Board's willingness to listen to their comments. She is very concerned about climate change and read some of the resolution. NextEra needs to look at local people and keeping the jobs in state. Duane Arnold is the perfect place for a large solar scale site due to the existing infrastructure. This would be a positive influence on their future.

Kendra Aarhus, 111 Driftwood Cir, Palo, stated that she is supportive of solar. A moratorium can be for 3 or 18 months noting that home values are a big concern along with setback lines. Linn County has an impressive ordinance but they are asking for a pause to see what else is there. They would also ask NextEra to be required to utilize local contractors. She wants to ensure that the community is heard and the growth of the community and farmers is taken into consideration.

Wayne Buelow, 4646 Yates Rd, Palo, stated that he has farmed his entire life and sees no reason to try to rush this project. He feels they are trying to put the project through quickly due to tax incentives. They do not need fields and fields of solar panels to make someone rich and someone else happy. He feels there is greed involved.

Don White, 602 Blue Heron Ct NE, Cedar Rapids, stated that he understands and respects Palo's concerns about the proposed project limiting their growth. The cost of solar has dropped over the years and the efficiency of panels continues to increase. Linn County has been working towards attracting large-scale solar energy since 2008. He is opposed to the moratorium.

Paul Iversen, 313 3rd Ave NW, Mt Vernon, stated that a moratorium is the wrong tool for the job. They have spent too much time trying to address systemic issues. The Board's job is to deal with the public interest. He urges the Board to vote no on a moratorium.

Samantha Petersen, 3224 68th street, Shellsburg, stated that she is concerned about the missing pieces to this project. She appreciates the work that has been done on the ordinance but things some other things need to be addressed including the property value guarantee and the setback. She is in favor of a moratorium.

Jordan Oster, 2200 36th St, Des Moines, stated that a guide has been developed for existing ordinances and solar is not new to Linn County. Linn County is in the top three in the state for the most solar projects. A moratorium would be a black eye for the county to promote solar and asked that the Board not approve it.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., explained the process if Linn County received an application from NextEra.

Discussion continued regarding the moratorium and the misconceptions along with changes to the ordinance. They thanked the audience for participating in person and on the phone.

Tamara Marcus, Sustainability Coord., applauded everyone involved with this proposed project and advocating for their community. She feels that a moratorium would have a negative impact on the community and end their progress on projects. It is a unique opportunity to work together. Marcus asked the Board to remain open to receiving applications and to vote no on a moratorium.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that he was not against solar and the idea behind the moratorium was to strengthen the existing ordinance.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Walker to approve a resolution on an eighteen-month moratorium on utility scale solar.

Discussion: Supervisor Walker stated that people have asked about his attendance at the meetings. He was deathly ill for one, had a scheduling conflict for another, and apologized for his absence.

Vote: Zumbach - Aye Walker & Rogers - Nay

Nichols discussed a Resolution amending the Application Fee Schedule for Linn County Planning and Development specifically concerning Renewable Energy Overlay District Rezoning fees.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Resolution 2021-6-107
APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE FOR
LINN COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
WHEREAS, on March 12, 2003, the Board of Supervisors adopted, by Resolution #2003-3-5, the application fee schedule for the Linn County Department of Planning and Development; and
WHEREAS, the application fee schedule was last amended by resolution #2021-1-6 on January 13, 2021; and
WHEREAS, the application fee schedule must now be revised to reflect additional application types and fees as shown on Attachment A.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa that the following application fee schedule as shown on Attachment A, be adopted.

Adjournment at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors