

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, JULY 31, 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 Running-Marquardt. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Zumbach called the meeting to order.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of July 26, 2023 as printed.

Steve Estenson, Risk Manager, advised the Board that the 2023 Employee Safety and Wellness Fair will be held on September 21 at the Harris Bldg. Funding is provided from Human Resources and Risk Management and typically 30-40 vendors are invited. He noted that the biggest change is moving to the Harris Bldg. from the Public Service Center and parking will be available at the satellite parking lot which holds 40-50 cars. LIFTS will also assist with shuttling employees between county buildings. The Board has approved in the past an hour of paid time off to attend.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., stated that there is a public purpose for the lunch that is being provided and she will return with an updated employee recognition policy to include special events such as this and the Secondary Road's Annual Safety Meeting. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented an engineering services proposal from Aspect, Inc. for the Linn County Correctional Center Isolation Cell Buildout Project in the amount of \$166,000. He stated that the estimate for the project is \$2 million with \$1.7 million funded through ARPA.

Discussion continued regarding options if the project comes in over budget which is either to phase it or bid as alternates. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Public Comment: Dustin of Walford stated that Case AGCR 147310 is a bench trial with no jury. When the defendant in this trial tried to film his own bench trial about his own life, he was threatened with months in jail by Judge Keast. The Judge does not want to see the malicious prosecution or want any documentation or transparency on what's happening in courts right now. You can live stream in court in a lot of other states and people do it a lot, it's nothing criminal. He wanted to draw attention to the people at the top. Nick Maybanks and Kent Steenblock were subpoenaed but conveniently took a vacation day and not have to show up and speak on a public record about what these charges are. The problem with this is that it allows the people at the top to hide behind the client/attorney privilege and doesn't get to the real truth about whether these are legitimate charges or malicious prosecution to retaliate against people filming Linn County officials.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Secretary Jenni Pirc Step increase/contract 08/09/23 55C \$22.54 – 55D \$23.77

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Family Service Worker Hannah Rey End of probation 08/15/23 54A \$18.93 – 54B \$19.89

Family Service Worker Mercy Teah End of probation 08/15/23 54A \$18.93 – 54B \$19.89

Direct Support Staff Terry Davis Correction to effective date 08/07/23

JUVENILE DETENTION

Youth Counselor Avery Mirocha End of probation 08/20/23 36A \$25.09 + \$.25 – 36B \$26.34 + \$.25

Youth Leader Cassandra Cokefair Transfer from FT to on-call 07/26/23 55A \$20.42 + \$.25 – 55A \$20.42

Youth Leader Isabella Trevitt New hire – PT, on-call 08/07/23 55A \$20.42

PUBLIC HEALTH

Environmental Hlth Tech Cassidy Hanson New hire – FT 08/07/23 57A \$23.79

ENGINEERING

Engineering Tech II Travis Broell Correction to wage 06/24/23 17E \$27.53 – 58E \$31.01 and 58E \$31.79 as of 7/1/23

Road Maint Supervisor Gary Franck Termination/resignation 09/11/23

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to recess at 10:20 a.m.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to reconvene at 11:00 a.m.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to open public hearing for road improvement by private funds to improve Blue Heron Drive and Crystal Creek Road with a 1 ½ inch asphalt surface throughout the subdivision at an estimated cost of \$136,862.50. Proof of publication was presented.

Garret Reddish, Asst. County Engineer, stated that a petition was submitted to improve Blue Heron Dr. and Crystal Creek Rd. with 1 ½ inch asphalt surface throughout the subdivision. The County normally applies a sealcoat surface to subdivisions however, in this case, the County Engineer recommends acceptance of the petition with a 50% cost share (which is a minimum charge). Private funds will be donated with no option to pay over time like a Secondary Rd. Assessment Dist. There are 20 properties (19 property owners) involved resulting in a cost per property of \$3,421.56. The Road Dept. requires the full amount, noting that it does not matter who pays. 15 years is a reasonable life span for this type of surface.

Robert Chiusano, 2054 Blue Heron Dr., asked for clarification regarding his driveway not having a permit when it was built. He also questioned the transition from his driveway to the road.

Reddish stated that they try to have a permit for each driveway and his must have slipped through the cracks. He merely needs to submit paperwork. As far as the transition, the contractor will make a smooth transition between the driveway and the new asphalt, however, if property owners wish to have their driveways resurfaced, that is a separate issue and a paving permit will be required.

Sara Wright, 2156 Crystal Creek Rd., submitted a letter from Tony & Tim Alt in favor of the project.

Marvin Brown, 2088 Blue Heron Dr., stated that the life span for chip and seal is 5-6 years. This asphalt will triple the life.

Mike Harding, 2101 Blue Heron Dr., stated that he moved from a chip and seal area and the asphalt is the right way to go. It maintains property values and maintains the integrity of the area.

Reddish submitted letters from James & Suzanne Halley and Brandon Vos objecting to the project.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to close public hearing.

This issue will be on the Board's agenda for Monday, August 7th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss and decide.

Adjournment at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

APPROVED BY:

LOUIS J. ZUMBACH, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors