

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 11:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of August 3, 2022 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to open public hearing to vacate the following: a portion of Town of Western, located in the NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 34, T. 82N., R.07W. of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa described as follows: The east half of the alley lying adjacent to the west line of Lots 93, 94 and 95 of said Town of Western and the north half of Sycamore Street lying adjacent to said Lot 93 and the alley lying between said Lots 94 and 95. Said vacated area = 11,963 sf or 0.27 acres.

Curtis Logan, Asst. County Engineer, presented information regarding said vacation noting that it is for excess right of way. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

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

Jody Bridgewater, MHDD East Central Region, discussed a 28E Agreement for Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region (MHDS-ECR) noting that revisions were needed due to legislative changes made this year as well as funding now coming from the state. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Staci Meade, LCCS Finance Dir., discussed an agreement between Linn County Community Services - General Assistance Department and ILMIR, Inc to provide for online service applications for their General Assistance Department effective immediately and continues until terminated at a cost of \$300 a month. She noted that the monthly fee will be absorbed in General Assistance's budget. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., discussed a review of Linn County's Deferred Compensation Program, plan documents update, and recommendations. She gave background noting that deferred comp. was put into place in 2002 and there have been no comprehensive updates since. Powell did seek outside legal help as well as Gallagher. She highlighted the next steps in the process. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Chairperson Rogers disclosed that his wife's company will be responding to this proposal noting that she is not an owner and does not stand to gain anything from it.

Darin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., discussed a proposal from Cook Appraisal for an amount not to exceed \$4,500 for an appraisal of Linn County-owned property located at 1944 County Home Road, Marion, Iowa (Secondary Roads Main Shop). This is the first step in the planning for the future of this property. He noted that the landfill is having an appraisal done as well. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Gage also discussed a proposal for floor coating at the Linn County LIFTS building with Pro Maintenance in the amount of \$89,997.05. This project is part of the capital improvement plan and was approved for \$80,000. Savings from another project will be used to cover the difference. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Public Comment: Wendy Hartman, Cedar Rapids, stated that there has been a lot of construction around the Public Service Center (PSC) the last three to four weeks. She is disappointed as a public consumer with the lack of signage to get to the PSC. She wonders how many people attempted to get to the building and then drove away. Hartman is surprised that no one has looked at how to make access to the PSC easier. She added that she works at the Community Services Bldg. and there are ten signs for alternate fuel vehicles and two for family visitation services. Hartman finds this discouraging and discriminatory towards people that don't have electric vehicles noting that the average person can afford a \$12,000 car. She feels that the signs should be painted over and not used.

Ben Rogers, Supervisor, stated that he appreciates Hartman bringing up her construction concerns noting that Steve Estenson, Risk Mgr., sent out an email to county staff on July 27th with regard to the upcoming construction. The county does not have control over the city's construction schedule but agrees that the county could do better with signage. The construction has been disruptive. Rogers stated that the alternate fuel vehicles signs have to do with the LEED certification for the building, but her observations are true.

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

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Permit Specialist Amy Speed Transfer from Recorder's Office 9/3/22 55E \$24.49-56D \$25.06 Repl R. Sampica

FACILITIES

Custodian Celestin Ndagije Termination/resignation 8/12/22
Custodian Ryan Symonds End of probation 8/16/22 10A \$18.01+\$.25-10B \$18.59+\$.25
Custodian Ixelle Ntidendereza Step increase/contract 8/24/22 10C \$19.33+\$.25-10D \$19.90+\$.25
Custodian Jeanine Nyarasafari Step increase/contract 9/8/22 10C \$19.33+\$.25-10D \$19.90+\$.25
Custodian Marcy Pennington Step increase/contract 9/8/22 10C \$19.33+\$.25-10D \$19.90+\$.25
Custodian Balleria Longstreet End of probation 9/27/22 10A \$18.01+\$.25-10B \$18.59+\$.25

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputy Sheriff Alex Wink Transfer to Patrol 8/20/22 D5 \$36.65-D5 \$36.25
Female Corr Officer Heather Walker New hire 8/8/22 56A \$21.42+\$.25
Female Corr Officer Jemmy Navarro Termination/resignation 8/5/22

LIFTS

LIFTS Driver Warren Bolsinger Step increase/contract 8/9/22 55B \$20.90-55C \$21.99

JUVENILE DETENTION

Youth Counselor Darren Cook New hire 8/22/22 36A \$24.48+\$.25

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve payroll deduction checks #71007989-
#71008010 in the amount of \$357,797.07, payroll deduction ACH in the amount of
\$54,426.13 and payroll wires in the amount of \$2,024,325.60 for a total of
\$2,436,248.80.

Adjournment at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors