

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2022 11:00 A.M.

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

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Consent Agenda as follows:

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Vacancy Form requesting a Temporary Nurse for the Public Health Department.

Resolution 2022-8-135 AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF VACATED RIGHT-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, is empowered under §331.361, Code of Iowa, to dispose of the interest of Linn County, in real property, and, WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, has vacated the portions of right-of-way described as:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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 subject to easement and restrictions of record. and,

WHEREAS, Elaine Novotny Living Trust, owner of real property adjacent to the above described parcel of vacated right-of-way desire to obtain whatever interest Linn County, Iowa may have in the above described parcel of vacated right-of-way, and WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, has pursuant to §331.361, Code of Iowa, conducted a public hearing upon the proposal to convey by quit claim deed whatever interest Linn County, Iowa, may have in the above described parcel of vacated right-of-way. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, this date met in lawful session that whatever interest Linn County, Iowa, may have in the above described parcel of vacated right-of-way shall be conveyed to Elaine Novotny Living Trust, owner of real property adjacent to the above described vacated right-of-way, by quit claim deed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, hereby authorize to execute said quit claim deed conveying whatever interest Linn County, Iowa, may have in the above described parcel of vacated right-of-way to Elaine Novotny Living Trust.

Resolution 2022-8-136 APPROVE QUIT CLAIM DEED

WHEREAS, there is presented to the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, for its approval, a quit claim deed executed and acknowledged by Ben Rogers, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, and Joel D. Miller, County Auditor of Linn County, Iowa, conveying the interests of Linn County, Iowa, to Elaine Novotny Living Trust, and WHEREAS, said deed conveys the following real estate described as follows:

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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, subject to easement and restrictions of record. and

WHEREAS, said deed was executed by Ben Rogers, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, and Joel D. Miller, County Auditor of Linn County, Iowa, pursuant to resolution 2022-8-135 adopted

by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, on the 31st day of August, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, this date met in lawful session, that the above described quit claim deed, dated the 31st day of August, 2022 conveying whatever interest Linn County, Iowa, may have, to Elaine Novotny Living Trust, be and the same is hereby approved.

Resolution 2022-8-137 AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF VACATED RIGHT-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, is empowered under §331.361, Code of Iowa, to dispose of the interest of Linn County, in real property, and, WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, has vacated the portions of right-of-way described as:

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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 85 and 86 of said Town of Western and the south half of the alley lying adjacent to the north line of said Lot 86. Said area contains 0.25 acres more or less, subject to easement and restrictions of record. Said vacated area = 3498 sf or 0.08 acres subject to easement and restrictions of record. and, WHEREAS, Timothy K. Grissel Jr., owner of real property adjacent to the above described parcel of vacated right of-way desire to obtain whatever interest Linn County, Iowa may have in the above described parcel of

vacated right-of-way, and WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, has pursuant to §331.361, Code of Iowa, conducted a public hearing upon the proposal to convey by quit claim deed whatever interest Linn County, Iowa, may have in the above described parcel of vacated right-of-way. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, this date met in lawful session that whatever interest Linn County, Iowa, may have in the above described parcel of vacated right-of-way shall be conveyed to Timothy K. Grissel Jr., owner of real property adjacent to the above described vacated right-of-way, by quit claim deed. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, hereby authorize to execute said quit claim deed conveying whatever

Resolution 2022-8-138 APPROVE QUIT CLAIM DEED

WHEREAS, there is presented to the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, for its approval, a quit claim deed executed and acknowledged by Ben Rogers, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, and Joel D. Miller, County Auditor of Linn County, Iowa, conveying the interests of Linn County, Iowa, to Timothy K. Grissel Jr., and WHEREAS, said deed conveys the following real estate described as follows:
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WHEREAS, said deed was executed by Ben Rogers, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, and Joel D. Miller, County Auditor of Linn County, Iowa, pursuant to resolution 2022-8-137 adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, on the 31st day of August, 2022. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, this date met in lawful session, that the above described quit claim deed, dated the 31st day of August, 2022. conveying whatever interest Linn County, Iowa, may have, to Timothy K. Grissel Jr., be and the same is hereby approved.

Resolution 2022-8-139

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LINN COUNTY'S UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT, AND GRANTING AUTHORITY TO MANAGE THE GRANT AGREEMENT WHEREAS, Linn County and the Black Hawk County Conservation Board are subrecipients of Destination Iowa Outdoor Recreation Grant Award No. 23-DOR-005, awarded by the Iowa Economic Development Authority ("Authority") to pave and complete other improvements to a portion of Cedar Valley Nature Trail; and WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement ("Agreement") for Grant Award No. 23-DOR-005 between the Authority, the Black Hawk County Conservation Board, and the County of Linn identifies the subrecipients by a Unique Entity Identifier ("UEI"); and WHEREAS, the proper execution and acknowledgement of the Agreement is a condition to the disbursement of the grant funds. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The Board grants Linn County Conservation the authority to use Linn County's UEI for the administration of Grant Award No. 23-DOR-005.
2. The Board grants Linn County Conservation Deputy Director Daniel Gibbins the authority to execute the Agreement for Grant Award No. 23-DOR-005, retroactive to August 17, 2022.
3. The Board Grants Linn County Conservation Deputy Director Daniel Gibbins the authority to manage Grant Award No. 23-DOR-005, including necessary reporting and financial requirements.

Resolution 2022-8-140 PETITION for SUSPENSION of FISCAL 2023 / ASSESSMENT 2021 PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors is this day presented with the attached petitions for suspension of taxes and/or special assessments pursuant to Section 427.8 of the Code of Iowa and; WHEREAS, the properties for which assessments against these Petitioners are made lie within Linn County and; WHEREAS, these Petitioners are unable to contribute to the public revenue by reason of age, infirmity, or both. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, this date met in lawful session that the attached petitions be approved for the following Petitioners, parcels, and tax years:

PETITIONER	PARCEL #	TAX YEARS	Special #
Sisson, Michael	13243-30008-00000	2021	

The Linn County Treasurer is ordered to suspend the collection of taxes assessed against these Petitioners, their polls or estates, for the above parcels for the above tax years as indicated.

Approve and authorize Chair to electronically sign the Software as a Service Agreement between Linn County and BSA Software, Inc. effective early 2024 for the amount of \$138,035.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Quit Claim Deed to Elaine Novotny Living Trust of Linn County, Iowa's interest of vacated right-of-way described as 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.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Quit Claim Deed to Timothy K. Grissel Jr., of Linn County, Iowa's interest of vacated right-of-way described as the east half of the alley lying adjacent to the west line of Lots 85 and 86 of said Town of Western and the south half of the alley lying adjacent to the north line of said Lot 86.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Linn County Children's Mental Health Assistance Program FY23 Provider Agreement with Maria Isabel Ramos LMFT, LLC effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Purchase of Service Agreement with the Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC) for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment beds effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Approve and authorize Chair to sign an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subaward Agreement between Linn County and Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Inc. for the HACAP Linn County Affordable Housing Expansion Project in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Approve purchase order PO346 in the amount of \$13,073.59 to C & R Supply Inc. for purchase of a skid sprayer for the Secondary Road Department.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Claims for AP checks #71008190-#71008217 in the amt. of \$559,626.14, and AP ACH in the amt. of \$497,674.80 for a total of \$1,057,300.94.

Ashley Balius, Dir. of Comm. Outreach & Asst. LCCS-Core Serv., gave a presentation on the Alliance for Equitable Housing highlighting that homelessness in Linn County has increased 200%.

Discussion continued regarding high barrier and high risk tenants and they want landlords to be a part of the solution and solve some of these problems.

Ann Carter, Health Equity Program Manager, presented a letter of support for a MADE (Modernized Anti-Racist Data Ecosystems) for health justice grant application. The United Way is the applicant.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve letter of support for a MADE (Modernized Anti-Racist Data Ecosystems) for health justice grant application.

Discussion: Supervisor Walker stated that this Board has received questions about what is "equity" and why does that matter. Again, they find themselves in a situation where a lot of people know but they need to continue educating the general public. He asked Ms. Carter to explain redlining, which she did.

VOTE: All Aye

Brad Ketels, County Engineer, presented a contract between Vaisala and Linn County to purchase road analyzing software for the Secondary Road Department. This software has been demoed for two months. This data is comparable to IDOT data.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve contract between Vaisala and Linn County to purchase road analyzing software in the amount of \$13,419.00 for the Secondary Road Department effective September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

Cliff Crimmins, Deputy Auditor, presented the annual approval of the 2022 Homestead Credit (including Disabled Veterans) & Military Exemption Allowances & Disallowances. After approval, the two Assessors will follow up with required notifications.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve the annual approval of the 2022 Homestead Credit (including Disabled Veterans) & Military Exemption Allowances & Disallowances.

Chairperson Rogers read the following Proclamation: Recovery Month-September 2022.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to adopt said Proclamation.

Discussion: Chairperson Rogers recognized several in attendance that have impactful and meaningful stories with regard to their struggles with mental health and substance abuse. He continued to say that he has been open about his substance abuse (8 yrs. of sobriety) and mental illness. Recovery is achievable. He has an immense sense of gratitude that the month of September is recognized as recovery month and marks a personal milestone for him.

VOTE: All Aye

Public Comment: Debbie Courtney, Asst. Dir. for the CRUSH Recovery Comm. Center in Linn County, stated that the recovery month theme (every person, every family, every community) hits home for her. Her family and thousands of others across the US have been impacted by mental health and substance use disorders. Her son died from fentanyl

poisoning in November 2016 at 38 years old. They soon became a part of a community of some of the strongest people imaginable. She wanted to remind people that recovery is possible and there is hope.

Erin Foster stated that this is just the beginning of several awareness days in the month of September. Today is National Overdose Day. Many have lost loved ones due to overdose and wants the community to know that recovery is possible. It takes the community to acknowledge both mental health and substance use disorder as human struggles and not let the stigma and lack of education that creates more barriers. September is also Suicide Prevention month, which has clear and strong connections to recovery. She thanked the Board for finding value in doing simple tasks such as Proclamations that makes large populations in the community feel seen.

Jeff Johnston acknowledged that his son Seth died about a month from Debbie's son, which bonded them. He just got done with a 95-day RV tour around the US with his two boys. His wife died of alcohol abuse from the grief of losing a child. 800 people a day die in America from addictions and mental health challenges. He applauds what Ron and Debbie Courtney are doing and the groundswell of support in every city in the US and together they can make a difference. He thanked the Board for the opportunity and admires Supervisor Roger's leadership and talking about his personal challenges, which means a lot to him.

Board Member Reports: Supervisor Zumbach reported that all three supervisors have attended the Duane Arnold solar meetings; he attended the carbon pipeline meeting this week; attended a roundtable with Congresswoman Hinson yesterday and housing was a topic of discussion there.

Supervisor Walker expressed his gratitude to Supervisor Zumbach for attending the pipeline meeting; tomorrow he is speaking to students at Cornell about local government; tomorrow is the Linn County Community Resiliency panel discussions (he hopes the community receives the message that resiliency isn't just about preparing for the next natural disaster); meeting with a retired attorney from the Des Moines area who is in the beginning phases of creating a citizens review board. He thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting for the reading of the Proclamation and thanked his colleague and brother Ben Rogers for being a leader in terms of government. Citizens at Linn County are fortunate to have services available (Linn County employees have access to an incredible amount of resources to ensure staying healthy on a mental health aspect). He is eternally grateful for Ben Rogers and grateful to share in this fellowship.

The Board received and placed on file the Duane Arnold Solar Projects Phase I and II Reclamation plans.

Adjournment 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors