

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
 CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 10:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Zumbach called the meeting to order.

Carter Baldwin, LIFTS Dir., presented a Service Agreement for new scheduling software between Linn County LIFTS and TripMaster by CTS effective September 2023 through September 2028. An RFP was issued through the county's Purchasing Dept. and the current provider did not respond. ECICOG will provide the funding for a five-year contract as well as all transitioning costs (payment through Linn County's capital funds and reimbursement from ECICOG).

Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir., noted that this shows that they are constantly working with partners to find ways to save money for the county. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir., presented and explained his FY 2023 carryover request which includes all grant funds for a total of \$192,177.00. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented and explained a FY 2023 carryover request for the Mainstreet award and allocation. The Central City Main Street program has been discontinued and the Board agreed to split their amount between the three remaining Mainstreet's (\$16,666 each). The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Sonia Evans, Finance & Budget, presented ARPA fund requests for Linn County Departments as previously discussed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve the following Linn County Departments' requests for American Rescue Plan Act funds:

Linn County Department	Project Name	Request
Human Resources	Online Learning Management System (NEOGOV LEARN)	\$ 90,000.00
Human Resources	Talent Recruitment, Retention and Succession Planning	\$ 80,000.00
Human Resources	HR Technology Hardware Upgrades and Expansion	\$ 3,400.00
Planning & Development	Planning and Development Office Upgrade	\$ 125,000.00
Total of Requests		\$ 298,400.00

Public Comment:

Kelly Merta, 4194 Quail Ridge Rd., Center Point, stated that work conflicts have gotten in the way of her being able to attend the first 2 meetings for the RE overlay ordinance review. She thanked the Board for the time the county has given to work on strong code updates over the last year and she looks forward to the final product that will work to balance the conflict between the impacted areas of the Comprehensive plan. As a member of the Good Neighbor Committee and from being a rural resident who also lives in the footprint of Phase 3, she continued with comments relating to sound, setbacks and scorecard.

With regard to the LIFTS software contract, she stated that she works for the State's Public Guardian's Office and that the software purchase they are approving is phenomenal and has fantastic functionality. They will absolutely use the online portal.

Christina Acres, Cedar Rapids, stated that she is giving notice that the Board has been sworn on oath to uphold and defend and carry out duties of their public office and based upon that, they have gained the public's trust. She came to the Board months ago and wanted somebody to address or recognize the fact that DHS comes into innocent people's lives and tears families apart. The funding starts with the Board. They have more incentive to take their children and keep them from their parents than to give them back. She compared them to human trafficking by definition. She gave statistics regarding funding to DHS and they have more incentive to take their children and it is human trafficking. The Board is supporting it. She

suggested that they start taking into consideration doing things differently because the public has had enough.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve Payroll Authorizations as follows:

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Intern Kaylynn Sieverding Termination as a paid employee 08/12/23

FACILITIES

Senior Facilities Worker Jared Samuelson Step increase/contract 10/17/23 18B \$25.26 –  
18C \$26.26 10B \$19.05 + \$ .25 – 10C \$19.81 + \$ .25

Custodian Nazriet Zeremariam Step increase/contract 10/18/23 10C \$19.81 + \$  
.25 – 10D \$20.40 + \$ .25

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Public Health Nurse Heidi Flamming Termination/resignation 09/06/23

JUVENILE DETENTION

JDDS Supervisor Samantha Jones Moving from PT to FT position 09/09/23 Grade  
25 \$31.64/hr 24 hrs/wk – 40 hrs/wk

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to appoint Linda Fierstine as Bertram Township Clerk term ending 12/31/26.

Adjournment at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

LOUIS J. ZUMBACH, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors