

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021 11:00 A.M.

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

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

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

Receive and place on file Treasurer's (Auto Dept.) Report to the County Auditor  
Receipts and Disbursements for the Month of September, 2021.

Receive and place on file Treasurer's Semi-Annual and Semi-Annual Settlement Report  
for period from Jan. 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a contract with Unzeitig Construction for the  
remodel of the Linn County Courthouse Law Library in the amount of \$17,786

Approve and authorize Chair to sign "Adopt-A-Roadside" for Sierra Club to adopt County  
Home Road and North Center Point Road ¼ mile in all four directions from the  
intersection.

Approve a purchase order #P0177 by RACOM for surveillance cameras at tower sites in  
the amount of \$10,280.96 for the Sheriff's Office

Award bid and approve purchase order #P0179 for culvert materials to Illowa Culvert &  
Supply Co in the amount of \$5,200.00 for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve purchase order #P0180 for \$17,129.25 to Hexagon Safety & Infrastructure for  
software for the Sheriff's Office.

Approve Liquor License for the Whittier Market, 1002 County Home Rd., noting all  
conditions have been met.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of Oct. 12, 2021 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve AP Checks #71004555-#71004614 in the  
amt. of \$179,619.13 and AP ACH in the amt. of \$591,944.02.

Vice Chairperson Rogers read the following Proclamation: Brain Health Awareness  
Month-October 2021.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Proclamation: Brain Health Awareness  
Month-October 2021.

Discussion: Erin Foster, Mental Health Access Center Dir., stated that she appreciates  
the Board approving the Proclamation, noting that it addresses not only brain health  
but also the stigma surrounding it.

VOTE: All Aye

Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir., presented the following Covid 19 update by Public  
Health:

- Seeing a significant decline in the number of cases from 2 weeks ago.
- Cannot make a confident estimate that this will continue to decline because  
community transmission in Linn County still remains high and less than 60% are  
fully vaccinated.
- Merck has applied for approval by the FDA for a COVID pill. This would add  
another tool to beat the virus (50% effective in treating minor to moderate  
infection of the virus).
- There are currently 37 hospitalized.
- 58% of population is fully vaccinated; 85% in ages 65+ and 68% in ages 12+

Vice Chairperson Rogers asked if perhaps the schools that are now mandating masks is a  
result of the decline in cases. Dwivedi responded that masks have been proven to be  
effective and can be attributed to the decline but there is really no way to know.  
They do know that masks make a difference.

Vice Chairperson Rogers asked Dwivedi what he learned about the inventory of test kits  
and Dwivedi responded that he has been told by the state hygienic lab that there are  
enough test kits.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve upon third and final consideration  
Ordinance Amendment #17-10-2021, rezoning case JR21-0002, request of Bethel & Larry  
Sylvester, owners, to rezone 0.69 acres located in the 3400 Block of North Center  
Point Road, from the AG (Agricultural) zoning district to the RR1 (Rural Residential  
1-Acre) zoning district.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve upon third & final consideration Ordinance Amendment #18-10-2021, rezoning case JR21-0003, request of Bethel & Larry Sylvester, owners, to rezone 0.04 acres located at 3381 Schmickle Road, from the AG (Agricultural) zoning district to the RR1 (Rural Residential 1-Acre) zoning district.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve the following applications for Linn County's Mental Health/Disability Services Fund Balance Dollars for a total of \$818,111.00:

- Abbe Center for Comm. MH - \$30,000 & \$59,500
- ARC of ECI - \$40,550
- Crest Services - \$32,500
- Discovery Living - \$37,000
- Foundation 2 - \$58,660
- Goodwill of the Heartland - \$62,475
- HACAP - \$65,000
- Horizons - \$75,000
- LC Mental Health Access Center - \$113,000
- Linn County Board of Supervisors - \$10,000
- NAMI - \$7,500
- Options of Linn County- \$100,000
- Penn Center/Kingston Hills RCF - \$2,310 & \$19,985
- Tanager Place - \$94,631
- Thrive Together - \$10,000

Adjournment at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Vice Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors