

RESOLUTION 2022 – 8 – 133

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FIRST LINN COUNTY RESILIENCY HUB

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.301 grants the Linn County Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) the authority and responsibility to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county and its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 18B.1, Iowa Smart Planning Principles, states, “Planning, zoning, development, and resource management should be undertaken to promote clean and renewable energy use and increased energy efficiency.” and

WHEREAS, the Board, on December 4, 2019, passed Resolution Number 2019-12-160, A Resolution Declaring a Climate Crisis and Committing to Accelerated Efforts to Limit the Global Average Temperature Increase; and

WHEREAS, the Board, on December 16, 2020, passed Resolution Number 2020-12-138, A Resolution Prioritizing Vulnerable Communities in Future Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Sustainability Department has worked with numerous Linn County departments including Public Health, Conservation, and Facilities to provide recommendations to the Board on projects and policies that promote emission reduction, regenerative agriculture, and improved access to critical resources; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Department has built community partnerships with local community organizations such as Feed Iowa First, The Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success, and Our Future to provide improved access to County-owned resources; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Community Resilience Project final report states, “Pre-disaster recovery planning would help to leverage, maximize, and more speedily deploy post event resources...Pre-event resiliency and capabilities are a good predictor of recovery capabilities.” and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Community Resilience Project final report states, “Linn County will commit to the study and development of best practices in the areas of resiliency and sustainability, placing an emphasis on marginalized communities.” and, “Cultivate strong relationships to reach residents, especially in marginalized and vulnerable communities...” and, “Facilitate opportunities for public engagement on the topic of resiliency to empower communities and stakeholders to have more control and influence over the development and implementation of resiliency strategies that are more localized and tailored to the specific needs of the community.” and

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WHEREAS, the Linn County Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2022-2027 states a focus on supporting a high quality of life for Linn County residents through "Organizational and community resilience and emergency response preparedness.;" and

WHEREAS, in support and furtherance of the authority and expectations enumerated in Iowa Code, commitments enumerated in resolutions of the Linn County Board of Supervisors, previous and ongoing work performed by Linn County departments, and recommendations included in the Linn County Community Resilience Project final report, the Board finds that it is desirable and in the best interest of the county and its residents to establish a resiliency hub using sustainable practices to provide critical resources.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors establishes the first Linn County Resiliency Hub at 501 13th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405 to help provide access to critical resources including, but not limited to, food, electricity, and actionable information in times of disaster, as well as the period between disaster events.


PASSED AND APPROVED this 24 day of August, 2022.

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Ben Rogers, Chair

Louis J. Zumbach, Vice Chair



Stacey Walker, Supervisor

Aye: 2 Nay: 1 Abstain: 0

ATTEST:



Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor
Deputy