

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 11:00 A.M.

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

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

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

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Vacancy Form requesting two (2) temporary engineering interns for the Secondary Road Department

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Vacancy Form requesting five (5) temporary roadway maintenance workers for the Secondary Road Department

Received and place on file the Recorder's Quarterly Report for October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Approve and authorize Chair to sign contract amendment #4 5881HC08, between Linn County Community Services - Ryan White Program and Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) for the period of September 30th, 2020 to March 31st, 2021 for a total contract total equaling \$764,082. Funding Source correction was made by IDPH from Contract Amendment #3.

Award bid for M-SIGNAL-COUNTY HOME(21), traffic signal improvement at County Home Road and N Center Point Road intersection, to K & W Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$7,250.00.

Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir., gave the following update on Linn County's response to COVID-19:

- Thanked partners for ensuring Linn County residents receive the vaccine.
- 10,543 residents have been vaccinated and 1,607 have received both doses.
- Benton, Tama & Delaware counties have redistributed vaccines to Linn County.
- Due to the call volume, they are looking at setting up a call center.
- There have been 17,802 cases; 15,494 have recovered; 2,058 active cases; 24 are hospitalized and 250 deaths.
- Moving to Phase 1B on February 1.

Tricia Kitzmann, Public Health, gave an update on the status of the call center (working on a location and hiring through a temp service).

Joi Alexander, Communications Mgr., stated that the county's text messaging capability has maxed out due to residents signing up on the county's website asking for COVID updates. The Board will address that issue at another time.

Les Garner, Pres. & CEO of Greater CR Foundation and Karla Twedt-Ball, Sr. VP Programs & Community Invest., gave a presentation on the Safe, Equitable and Thriving program. The financial ask is the same as last year (\$50,000).

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development, presented the second consideration on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code. He stated that there is a bucket of code changes including language regarding accessory buildings, small animals and contractor storage. After a discussion with Supervisor Zumbach, he is recommending approval of second consideration with the exception of the small animal section. They will do further research and revisit at a later time.

Nichols also stated that there have also been some internal discussions regarding agenda requests and how his department can be more transparent. They will work on adding more detail.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve second consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code with the removal of the section pertaining to small animals.

Chairperson Walker presented a Project Agreement with Collective Clarity to assist with strengthening collaborative community wide disaster preparation, response and recovery. The total project cost shall not exceed \$45,000 with the sum of \$15,000 to be paid by Linn County (Board's consulting line item). Walker stated that after the Derecho, he observed several significant resource gaps in the community and witnessed many individuals sleeping in tents and going without food and utilities.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to approve funding for the Community Resilience project and authorize Chairperson to sign Project Agreement with Collective Clarity for an amount not to exceed \$45,000 with the sum of \$15,000 to be paid by Linn County.

Discussion: Supervisor Rogers summarized his thoughts regarding everything impacted from the Derecho and the gaps. A report like this from an expert who understands this and who will take a deep dive into the data will be extremely beneficial. The Derecho exposed some unfortunate elements.

Chairperson Walker stated that when the Derecho hit and seeing the devastation, they mobilized every resource of Linn County. He never had a prouder moment and he himself transported people and got them places to sleep. He hopes that this report will be able to help them do their jobs better in the future.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that he wanted to confirm that the \$15,000 was coming out of the current budget, the money is already there. He stated that they see this yearly in the rural area. This is a good idea but he is concerned that every storm is different and what they learn from this storm may not be the same for the next storm.

VOTE: All Aye

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to open public hearing on the fiscal year 2021 proposed budget amendment.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., stated that they typically have two amendments per year, and this is the fourth due to the Derecho and COVID. She presented proof of publication and noted that she received no public input.

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

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to approve the fiscal year proposed 2021 budget amendment and adopt Appropriations Resolution 2021-1-9

LINN COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Expenditures cannot exceed the following fiscal year 2021 appropriations by organization:

1	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	\$	5,968,271
2	AUDITOR		3,771,835
3	RECORDER		1,564,996
4	TREASURER		3,623,991
5	COUNTY ATTORNEY		5,293,933
6	IT		3,675,599
9	RISK		337,024
10	CIVIL SERVICE		24,427
11	HUMAN RESOURCES		1,090,649
12	FACILITIES		3,070,325
13	FACILITIES - BOARD BUILDINGS		1,174,172
14	FINANCE & BUDGET		624,863
16	PURCHASING		473,731
21	SHERIFF		26,186,585
24	MEDICAL EXAMINER		721,400
27	COURT EXPENSE		98,500
29	JUVENILE JUSTICE		179,500
30	DHS - STATE WELFARE		317,077
33-34	LCCS		22,444,508
35	YOUTH SERVICES		4,476,474
36	VETERAN AFFAIRS		618,413
37	PUBLIC HEALTH		6,767,227
40	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		1,568,688
42	LIFTS		2,226,359
45	SOIL CONSERVATION		195,906
46	CONSERVATION		17,485,912
61	ENGINEER		19,538,194
65	CIP		22,909,972
86	BONDS		5,499,713
		\$	<u>161,928,244</u>

Discussion: Bearrows stated this resolution increases Org. 65 by \$6 million (capital projects). This is where they pay for Derecho expenses.

VOTE: All Aye.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to approve ACH in the amt. of \$1,079,725.16 and Claims in the amt. of \$549,340.22.

Board Member Reports: Supervisor Rogers reported that he attended the ASAC board meeting and is now Chair; attended the SWA Board meeting (along with Supervisor Zumbach); participated in an LC3 customer center culture class with Ted Garnett; attended 6th Judicial Corrections Board and LIFTS COVID impact meeting.

Supervisor Zumbach reported that he attended the SWA Board meeting and continues to meet with departments and staff.

Chairperson Walker reported that he concluded a several month long negotiation with the city of Cedar Rapids regarding terms of the Citizens Review Board (top priority of black organizations) and looking forward to his first tour of the Mental Health Access Center.

The Board received and placed on file the following correspondence: a thank you from MEDCO; letter from the City of Cedar Rapids regarding proposed annexation; and letter from the City Development Board regarding Ely annexation.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to appoint Stephanie Lientz to the Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority; Charlie Nichols to the Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority; and David Connelly to the ECICOG Board, term ending 12/31/23.

The Board recessed at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. to review proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budgets. Also present: Auditor Miller, Deputy Auditor's Betsworth and Stonawski; Steve O'Konek, EMA Dir.

Auditor - The FY22 proposed budget is under the Board's guidelines by \$8,100 due to a decrease in the cost of scanning claims paperwork following the implementation of a new financial system.

Rhonda Betsworth presented the budget narrative for the administrative division as well as the election division.

Auditor Miller noted that this is a status quo budget with one Offer. He stated that he had previously discussed with the Board possible consolidation of townships (cost savings) and possible additional polling locations (increase in costs) which could impact the budget in the future.

Discussion continued regarding when the census data will be available (unknown at this time) and the statutory requirement of 3,500 voters per precinct.

Rebecca Stonawski presented the history of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOSST) election. The Board needs to discuss and consider the timing of another LOSST election as well as the gaming referendum.

Stonawski presented the following Offer: Polling Place ADA Improvements - \$20,000

Supervisor Rogers and Walker thanked Betsworth and staff on the tremendous collaboration during the software conversions that occurred last year. They also thanked Stonawski and staff on an incredibly well run election.

The Board will not take action on the Auditor' budget today to allow Bearrows additional time to review.

EMA - The FY22 proposed budget exceeds the Board's guidelines by \$246,200 (funding from the Duane Arnold Energy Plant will go away in the summer of 2021).

O'Konek presented his budget highlighting the following:

1. The loss of DAEC funding occurred sooner than expected to the expedited plant closure due to Derecho.
 - 1 Linn EMA FTE base salary is partially funded from this revenue.
 - The remaining amount \$51,802 funds training, drills and exercises, other EMA activities and EOC equipment upgrades and equipment.
 - The commission intends to retain the employee.
2. DAEC is offering to donate the outdoor warning sirens to Linn County
 - (this represents approx. \$4.2 million dollar donation)
 - Continued operations and maintenance costs estimates are \$175,000 annually.
 - Linn EMA commission intends to accept the OWS donation with Linn EMA to manage entire County's system.

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A lengthy discussion continued regarding the pros and cons of taking on the responsibility of the outdoor warning sirens and whether or not other municipalities should share in the costs.

No decision was made on the EMA budget today.

Jindrich stated that January 27 is set for the Board to have follow-up budget discussions and ideally, the Board would be making a decision on what they want to fund.

Adjournment at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors