

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 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:

Resolution 2021-1-10

A Resolution approving a one lot final plat to be named Cress Addition.

The following description is a summary of Resolution No. as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective January 27, 2021.

CRESS ADDITION (Case # JPS20-0014) to Linn County, Iowa, containing two (2) lots, numbered lot 1 and lettered lot A, a subdivision of real estate located in the NW SW of Section 23, Township 85 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows:

Commencing at the West  $\frac{1}{4}$  Corner of said Section 23;

Thence N88°29'31"E 1134.65 feet along the north line of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 23 to the point of beginning;

Thence N88°29'31"E 334.95 feet along said north line of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Thence S01°30'29"W 327.05 feet;

Thence N85°52'40"W 336.58 feet,

Thence N01°30'29"W 294.03 feet to the point of beginning. The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at [www.linncounty.org](http://www.linncounty.org).

Resolution 2021-1-11 A Resolution approving a one lot final plat to be named Mroch Village. The following description is a summary of Resolution No. as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective January 27, 2021. MROCH VILLAGE (Case #JF20-0014) to Linn County, Iowa, containing three (3) lots, numbered Lot 1 (one), Lot 2 (two), & Lot 3 (three) has been filed for approval, a subdivision of real estate located in the NENE of Section 18, Township 83 North, Range 06 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 18, Township 83 North, Range 6 West, of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Linn County, Iowa; Thence S89°11'13"E, along the North Line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 18, a distance of 40.01 feet, to its intersection with the Northerly Projection of the East Line of Lot 1 of Auditor's Plat No. 54, in accordance with the Plat thereof Recorded in Book 1863 at Page 386 of the Records of the Linn County Recorder's Office; Thence S00°14'27"E, along said Northerly Projection, 70.59 feet, to its intersection with the South Line of Acquisition Parcel No. 4, in accordance with the Plat thereof Recorded in Book 2087 at Page 688 of the Records of the Linn County Recorder's Office; Thence S00°14'27"E, along the East Line of said Lot 1, a distance of 432.45 feet; Thence Southeasterly, 498.97 feet, along said East Line on a 758.11 foot radius curve, concave Northeasterly, whose 490.01 foot chord bears S19°05'46"E; Thence S73°51'41"W, along said East Line, 123.07 feet; Thence S00°14'27"E, along said East Line, 156.57 feet, to the Southeast Corner thereof; Thence S89°20'16"E, along the South Line of said Lot 1, a distance of 529.67 feet; Thence N00°16'36"W, along said South Line, 497.12 feet; Thence N89°17'36"W, along said South Line, 728.90 feet, to the Southwest Corner thereof; Thence N00°21'12"W, along the West Line of said Lot 1, a distance of 553.15 feet, to its intersection with the South Line of said Acquisition Parcel No. 4; Thence N79°52'56"E, along said South Line, 172.49 feet; Thence N89°58'03"E, along said South Line, 399.31 feet; Thence S87°09'48"E, along said South Line, 200.59 feet; Thence N89°57'42"E, along said South Line, 450.26 feet, to the Point of Beginning. Said Tract of Land contains 22.71 Acres, and is subject to easements and restrictions of record. The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at [www.linncounty.org](http://www.linncounty.org)

Resolution 2021-1-12 A Resolution approving a one lot final plat to be named RAMBO Addition.

The following description is a summary of Resolution No. as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective February 27, 2021.

RAMBO ADDITION (Case #JF20-0009) to Linn County, Iowa, containing three (3) lots, numbered Lot 1 (one), Lot 2 (two) and Lot A has been filed for approval, a subdivision of real estate located in the SWSW of Section 26, Township 85 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of

Section 26, Township 85 North, Range 8 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian; thence N0°17'43"W along the west line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 26, a distance of 262.22 feet; thence N88°37'45"E along the north line of the south 4 acres of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of said Southwest Quarter, 664.90 feet to the east line of said West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence S0°11'47"E along said east line and the east line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Southwest Quarter, 593.50 feet; thence S88°39'20"W along the south line of the North Half of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, 664.68 feet to the west line of said Southwest Quarter; thence N0° 09'17"W along said west line, 330.97 feet to the point of beginning. The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at [www.linncounty.org](http://www.linncounty.org)

Award bid and approve purchase order PO37 for street signs to Hall Signs in the amount of \$5,694.54 for the Secondary Road Department

Award bids and authorize Chair to sign contracts for Maintenance Rock as follows:

- Alice Shop to Wendling Quarries, Inc. in the amount of \$231,937.50
- Drexler Shop to Weber Stone Co. in the amount of \$140,875.00
- Main Shop to Wendling Quarries, Inc. in the amount of \$70,687.50
- Morgan Creek Shop to Crawford Quarry Co., Inc. in the amount of \$112,750.00
- Mount Vernon Shop to Martin Marietta Aggregates in the amount of \$110,775.00
- Toddville Shop to Wendling Quarries, Inc. in the amount of \$115,875.00
- Walford Shop to Martin Marietta Aggregates in the amount of \$39,937.50
- Whittier Shop to Weber Stone Co. in the amount of \$113,887.50

Approve purchase order PO38 to Insight Public Sector for additional storage space for the It Department in the amount of \$145,000.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of January 25, 2021 as printed.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Walker to approve Claims in the amt. of \$1,027,216.03.

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

- Hospitalizations are down.
- Public Health moved metrics on Monday.
- State is partnering with Hy-Vee's for vaccinations.
- Additional vaccines will be allocated to Iowa.
- Planning is well underway for Phase 1B.
- Linn County has had 18,200 cases; 2,100 active cases; 22 are hospitalized and 251 deaths.

Supervisor Rogers stated that there has been additional confusion in terms of who can receive vaccines and where distributed after the Governor's press conference on Monday (example: Hy-Vee pharmacy's starting to give vaccines).

Tricia Kitzmann, Public Health, responded that Hy-Vee has been partnering with them and Public Health has provided them with a list of names of the priority population.

Chairperson Walker stated that they need to continue to be aware of how frustrated residents are becoming and how important communication is. The Board hopes to have an answer for them this afternoon regarding the call center.

Supervisor Zumbach questioned the amount of the second vaccine that will be allocated to Linn County and Kitzmann stated that those allocations are identified to go to those that have received the first dose.

Supervisor Rogers asked about Linn County employees available to assist with the call center and if there are any qualifications needed.

Kitzmann stated that there are prepared talking points that they will walk them through with a nurse. There is no medical background needed. If there are more technical questions, they will transfer the call.

Chairperson Walker stated that they will be sending out an "all call for help" to Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development, explained that the third and final consideration of the ordinance amendment, Chapter 107, Unified Development Code must be moved to next week as the wrong ordinance was posted with the agenda.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to remove from agenda and place on February 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda third and final consideration Ordinance Amendment 1-1-2021, amending the Code

of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code.

Mike Tertinger, Planning & Development, stated that there have been no comments received in favor or against the following ordinance.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve upon third and final consideration Ordinance Amendment 1-1-2021, rezoning case JR20-0012, request of Alan & Julia Mroch Joint Revocable Trust, owner, and Tim Mroch, petitioner, to rezone 22.71 acres located at 111 Rosedale Road from AG (Agricultural) zoning district to the RR2 (Rural Residential 2-Acre) zoning district.

Board Member Reports: Supervisor Rogers reported that he participated in the Early Childhood Iowa Board meeting; he and Supervisor Zumbach will attend Solid Waste Agency strategic planning session; will attend Area Ambulance Executive meeting and tomorrow MHDD Governance and Advisory Board meetings.

Supervisor Zumbach reported that he will attend Solid Waste Agency Board meeting this afternoon and he has been in contact with House members regarding county legislative priorities.

Chairperson Walker reported that he had a meeting for the Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success; meeting with Joi Alexander, Bridgett Williams and Leslie Wright re: Community Resilience Project; this morning had a phone call including Supervisor Zumbach, Steve O'Koneck and the Marion Fire Chief re: outdoor warning sirens; later today have a lunch meeting with Cedar Rapids Councilmember Scott Olson and a citizen to discuss potential acquisition of government owned land and properties; later today attending Board of Health meeting as well as the Linn County Democratic Central Committee where Asst. County Atty. Maybanks will give a presentation on the marijuana diversion program. Friday is the weekly UCC meeting; 9:00 a.m. COVID call for Elected Officials in the county; had a call with a resident that is passionate about social justice and a call with someone starting a church in Wellington Heights and an entrepreneur in the Wellington Heights area. January 30<sup>th</sup> is his aunts' birthday.

Legislative Update: Supervisor Zumbach stated that there is a bill that requires larger counties (with three supervisors) to be by district and not at large.

The Board recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Also present: Dawn Jindrich, Finance Mgr., Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir, Steve O'Konek, Pramod Dwivedi, and Tricia Kitzmann, Public Health.

Dwivedi and Kitzmann reported that they just received news that they are going to receive federal CDC funding to pay for hiring temporary workers for the COVID call center, therefore the Board does not need to worry about the financial aspect of it.

The Board will hold off on the all call to Elected Officials and Department Heads.

The Board reviewed the following FY22 budgets:

Veteran Affairs - The change in the budget is due to the new director's health insurance election. The previous requested appropriation was \$624,519 and is now \$605,151.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve FY22 Veteran Affairs appropriation in the amount of \$605,151.

Information Technology (IT)- The change in the budget is due to a position moved from LCCS to IT. The new appropriation is now \$4,017,219 (includes that position).

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve IT FY22 appropriation in the amount of \$4,017,219.

EMA - The EMA Commission has removed \$175,000 from the budget (outdoor warning sirens) pending final numbers from Britt Hutchins regarding the RFP process for a cost to maintain the sirens. The new proposed appropriation is \$662,697, which is over guidelines by \$111,200 (adding funding for a Duane Arnold grant funded position that is no longer being funded).

A lengthy discussion followed regarding whether or not to fund the position and how other counties structure funding for emergency management and outdoor warning sirens.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that undoubtedly one of the largest responsibilities of the Board of Supervisors is to set the budget. He firmly believes that Linn County will have something that other counties won't have which is sirens throughout the county. This should not just be the responsibility of Linn County and that it is more important to everyone that benefits from the sirens to have some skin in the game if Linn County takes it over.

Chairperson Walker pointed out that there is potential for conflict when they try to get municipalities to split the cost of something. He is not discounting the wisdom

of having skin in the game from those that also benefit but that there is also a benefit to have one entity that has a countywide responsibility.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to approve EMA FY22 appropriations in the amount of \$662,697 which includes \$111,200 for the position.

Discussion: Supervisor Rogers stated that he has an issue with the position not coming in as a Budget Offer. He really does not know what this person does knowing that it was a grant funded position through Duane Arnold. He stated that he has nothing against this person but wants to be consistent and continue with budgeting for outcomes and go through a Budget Offer. This person also plays a critical role with the outdoor warning sirens, which has also not been established. He would consider this a top priority Offer.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that he agrees that they do not know what this person does. Duane Arnold is no more and the funding they provided is gone. He does not want to automatically hitch their wagon to what they are not funding anymore. He too wants to see this submitted as a Budget Offer and he will consider it a top priority Offer.

Chairperson Walker stated that his reasoning is that O'Konek shared with the Board what this person does and it is an incredibly valuable position (95% supporting EMA and 5% supporting the power plant). The EMA Director has stated that this is a critical position.

O'Konek explained the duties of this position which he stated is absolutely critical to what they do which also includes managing COID and the Derecho. It would be devastating to lose this person at this time. He implored the Board to not allow him to lose that position.

VOTE: Walker - Aye                      Rogers & Zumbach - Nay

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve EMA FY22 appropriations in the amount of \$551,497 minus the cost of the employee benefits.

Discussion: Steve O'Konek stated that he will get with Budget & Finance on the Offer process.

VOTE: Walker - Nay                      Rogers & Zumbach - Aye

Board Other - The FY22 appropriation request is \$4,834,738, which is under allowable by \$22,539.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Board Other FY22 appropriations in the amount of \$4,723,538 less EMA employee benefits.

Adjournment at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors