

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 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 2021-3-33

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL
WHEREAS, Linn County LIFTS identified that a certain 2006 Chrysler Town & Country van, VIN: 2A4GP54L96R759332, previously used to provide participant rides is "retired" from use and no longer meets the needs of Linn County LIFTS; and,
WHEREAS, Willis Dade will accept the transfer of ownership for said bus.
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors, this date met in lawful session, that the following described property is declared to be surplus property: 2006 Chrysler Town & Country van, VIN: 2A4GP54L96R759332
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors determines that there is no further public use for this property and authorizes Linn County LIFTS to transfer ownership of the same to Willis Dade at no charge with the understanding that Willis Dade accepts said van "as is" without warranty of any kind and assumes all responsibility for the proper use, any required maintenance, and ultimately the disposal of said van.

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WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the M-BR 1663(21), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as Bridge Repair on Austin Road - Bridge #1663; and WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Linn County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from TAYLOR CONSTRUCTION, INC. in the amount of \$35,016.00 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Brad Ketels, P.E. Linn County Engineer, the County Engineer for Linn County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded bridge maintenance project quoted on 3/2/2021.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign an amended contract between Early Childhood Iowa and Linn County Child Development Center for Early Care and Education Supportive Services with the intent to purchase equipment and supplies for the center's sensory rooms, classrooms including health and safety supplies and 4 laptop computers for teachers. Addition to the original contract is \$22,744.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign an amended contract between Early Childhood Iowa and Family Transformation Services for supplies for Long term Nurturing Parenting Program including parenting supplies/incentives and child health and safety supplies. Addition to the original contract is \$3,656.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign an amended contract between Early Childhood Iowa and Family Transformation Services for supplies for Short term Nurturing Parenting Program including parenting supplies/incentives and child health and safety supplies. Addition to the original contract is \$1,219.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Partial Release of the judgement in place against properties listed at 915 Shaver Road NE, and 1800 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa to be used for flood control measures

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Contract for Services between Sweney Group LLC and Linn County Sheriff's Office to perform an audit to assess compliance at the Linn County Correctional Center of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) for \$3,301.80.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign 36 month lease at \$219.13 with Gordon Flesch Company, Inc. for a copier for the Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of March 8, 2021 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Claims #71001579-#71001648 in the amt. of \$125,420.12 and ACH in the amt. of \$514,045.38.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve upon second consideration for rezoning case JR21-0001, request to rezone property located in the 2000 Block of Covington Rd. NW NE 15-83-8, from the VR (Village Residential) district to the VM (Village Mixed-Use) district, approximately 0.37 acres, Brecke Construction Services, LLC, owner.

Brent Oleson, Deputy Dir. of Public Policy & Community Relations, again presented a joint proposal from Kirkwood Community College and Eastern Iowa Airport for letter of support in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant request and conditional financial award of \$25,000 from FY'22 Economic & Community Development funds. Oleson stated that after consulting with the Budget Director, there is \$30,000 that has been committed which is for the Marion Library project and the Historical Society. That leaves \$170,000 in the Economic & Community Development Fund.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve joint proposal from Kirkwood Community College and Eastern Iowa Airport for letter of support in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant request and conditional financial award of \$25,000 from FY'22 Economic & Community Development funds.

Discussion: Supervisor Zumbach asked how helpful this money will be with getting the remaining funds and he also asked how much they have raised.

Jody Pellerin, Kirkwood, stated that it is incredibly helpful in trying to leverage a variety of resources and they are pleased with what they have so far. They are also working on a \$500,000 FAA Workforce grant. They also have great community support.

Chairperson Walker asked if other government entities have contributed.

Pellerin responded that Linn County is the first they have asked.

Oleson stated that typically, the Board will make grant decisions in June for these funds and no funds will be disbursed until they are awarded the grant. A letter of support will be written.

VOTE: All Aye.

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

- It has been a year since the first COVID-19 case reported in Linn County.
- Every Tuesday night he participates in a briefing with the White House. The vaccine supply will continue to increase.
- Based on the Governor's Proclamation last week, Public Health is making adjustments to the distribution of the vaccine based on priority order. They are working with all vaccine providers.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., stated that Supervisor Zumbach asked about the status of reopening Linn County government buildings as there is an upcoming public hearing on solar farms. He stated that while this is an important discussion to have, they are not in the position now for a complete opening.

Chairperson Walker stated that the hearings can be held in the Central City/Coggon area as well as the Palo area.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that the public should be able to attend if they choose to. He is not advocating that they open tomorrow but he would like to have some information to give to the public.

The Board asked that the Health Department provide to them a framework to guide them when planning to reopen buildings.

Deputy Auditor Shoop stated that the only locations that she can think of that would be large enough for a public hearing and keeping social distanced is the Linn County Fairgrounds Lynn Dunn Building and the Palo Community Center.

Supervisor Zumbach will work with the Auditor's Office and Darrin Gage to find a suitable location.

Board Member Reports: Supervisors Rogers and Walker reported that they attended the ribbon cutting of the Mental Health Access Center.

Legislative Update - Chairperson Walker stated that with respect to the back the blue bills, he spoke to the minority leader in the senate yesterday regarding a specific provision in one of the bills that would jeopardize funding for local governments that reduce budgets to law enforcement. There may be a number of reasons that a

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county/city dealing with budgetary issues may have to reduce a budget. There could be unintended consequences.

Darrin Gage noted that there are exceptions related to budget reductions.
Linn County has no registered position.

Adjournment at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors