

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 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:

Receive and place on file Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for period from July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Resolution 2021-3-37

FIXING THE AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENTS

WHEREAS, by the Linn County Code of Ordinances Chapter 105, article VI adopted April 04, 2015, the Linn County Board of Supervisors directed that whenever there is imminent danger due to an unsafe condition, the code official shall order and pay for the necessary work to be done to render such structure temporarily safe. Appropriate action shall be instituted against the owner of the premises or owner's authorized agent where the unsafe structure is or was located for the recovery of such costs; and WHEREAS, Iowa Code §331.384 authorizes the County to assess the County's costs of abatement of a nuisance against the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax; and WHEREAS, following notice to the respective property owners and subsequent failure of the property owner to abate the nuisance as directed, the County has expended public funds to abate the nuisance condition of respective properties listed. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the amount to be assessed in accordance with the attached Nuisance Abatement Assessment Schedule and orders the list of delinquent properties; containing the amount to be assessed, the parcel number, the parcel description, the parcel address, and the name and mailing address of the owner; be delivered to and placed on file with the County Auditor for public inspection.

Resolution 2021-3-38

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3-38 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ROAD CLOSURES FOR CONSTRUCTION

On March 24, 2021, the Linn County Board of Supervisors passed and approved Resolution 2021-3-38, effective upon its passage, entitled "A Resolution to Authorize Road Closures for Construction." The following description is a summary of the provisions of the resolution. The Linn County Board of Supervisors, on the recommendation of the Linn County Engineer, authorizes the closure or partial closure of 41 secondary roads to public travel during construction scheduled for 2021. In addition, the Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the County Engineer to place appropriate signs to protect the work and the traveling public. The full text of the resolution is available for inspection during regular business hours, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, or on the Linn County website at <https://www.linncounty.org/955/County-Resolutions>.

Approve and sign purchase order PO69 for the purchase of a portable traffic signal system to Horizon Signal Technologies in the amount of \$50,150.00 for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve and sign purchase order PO70 for AVL\GPS system to Cypress Solutions in the amount of \$81,010.87 for the Secondary Road Department.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of March 23, 2021 as printed.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve Claims #71001758-#71001812 in the amt. of \$66,417.01 and AP ACH in the amt. of \$422,938.76.

Ray Stefani, Compensation Board Chair., presented the Compensation Board recommendation for Fiscal Year 2022 elected officials' salaries in the amount of 3% across the Board.

Chairperson Walker thanked the Compensation Board for their time and the Board has arrived at a decision on the matter and the Resolution adopting those salaries is later on the agenda.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to open Public hearing on proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., presented proof of publication and provided the following budget summary:

- Property taxes levied: \$79.5 million, an increase of 2.3% from FY21.
- Countywide levy rate remains unchanged at \$6.40. Rural rate remains unchanged at \$2.71 and includes a reduction of \$1.00 for rural residents from Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) allocation.
- Impact to homeowner: an increase of 2.3% due to the increase in taxable value as a result of a change in the residential rollback
- Commercial and industrial property taxes will remain the same
- Farm taxes will increase approximately 3.0% due to a change in the state agricultural rollback
- Property taxes levied: \$79.5 million, an increase of 2.3% from FY21.
- Wage increases for non-bargaining unit budgeted at 2.0%. Bargaining unit increases will be 2.0% for AFSCME, AFSCME Conservation, and AFSCME EMA. Bargaining unit increases will be 3.0% for PPME (deputies), IBEW (sergeants) and IBEW (assistant county attorneys).
- Health and dental insurance rates will increase 5.1%.
- Budget of \$130.7 million, a decrease of 1.4% due to changes in operations in the Options program and decreases in Conservation capital projects.
- LOST revenue of \$2.7 million is budgeted for road construction, \$1.5 million for Conservation projects, and \$1.5 million in property tax relief for rural residents.
- Approved offers of \$225,658 are included in the FY22 budget.

There were no oral or written objections. The Board thanked Budget & Finance for all of their work and time spent on this budget, noting all of the challenges presented to them.

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt Resolution 2021-3-39

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO FISCAL YEAR 2022 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES

WHEREAS, the Linn County Compensation Board, in accordance with Iowa Code Sections 331.905 and 331.907, meets annually to review the compensation paid to the Linn County auditor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, attorney, and supervisors, and comparable officers in other Iowa counties, other states, private enterprise, and the federal government; and,

WHEREAS, upon completing its review, the Compensation Board prepares a recommended compensation schedule for the county's elected officers for the succeeding fiscal year to submit to the board of supervisors for inclusion in the county's budget; and,
WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2021 compensation schedule for elective Linn County officers is: auditor, treasurer, recorder, and supervisors - \$119,197.97; sheriff - \$164,543.95; and attorney - \$190,492.28; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Compensation Board met on January 21, 2021, at which time it voted to recommend a 3.0% across-the-board increase in the compensation paid to the auditor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, attorney, and supervisors for fiscal year 2022 , which begins July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Compensation Board submitted its recommended fiscal year 2022 compensation schedule to the Linn County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, upon receipt and review of the recommended fiscal year 2022 compensation schedule, determined that it will not increase the compensation paid to Linn County elected officers in fiscal year 2022.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors that the final fiscal year 2022 compensation schedule for Linn County elected officials, which remains unchanged from the fiscal year 2021 compensation schedule, is: auditor, treasurer, recorder, and supervisors - \$119,197.97; sheriff - \$164,543.95; and attorney - \$190,492.28.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Certification of FY 22 budget.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Resolution 2021-3-40

Adopt proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget by Resolution 2021-3-40

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed fiscal year 2022 county budget and certification of taxes; and,

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county budget was published as required and

posted on the county web site and/or social media accounts; and,
WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county budget was held on March 24, 2021,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors as follows:
The county budget and certification of taxes for fiscal year 2022, as set forth in the Proposed Budget Summary, is hereby adopted, and the Board of Supervisors and County Auditor are hereby authorized to sign the approved fiscal year 2022 county budget.

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

- Tracking and monitoring case counts and based on that data, it translates to the moderate risk category.
- Linn County vaccines continue to increase.
- Eligibility will be expanded on April 5.
- Residents can call Linn County Public Health or 211 for assistance.
- Demand exceeds supply.
- Recommend not letting guard down and follow mitigation strategies and guidelines.

Supervisor Zumbach will meet with Dwivedi to discuss what it will take for him to recommend opening county buildings.

The Board discussed the current policy regarding Temporary Use Permits, which is to review them on a case-by-case basis.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., explained the process pre-COVID, which was to administratively approve permits if they were year after year with no changes. New permits came before the Board.

Supervisors Walker and Rogers stated that it would be prudent to take some of the stress off of staff trying to gauge if the Board would approve the event or not. They would like to continue with the case-by-case review until such time they move into a different category.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that his preference is to follow state guidelines but offered a compromise to review on a case-by-case basis until the point that Public Health allows them to open buildings at which point they will go back to the previous situation.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to continue to review Temporary Use Permits on a case-by-case basis indefinitely with the notion that they will revisit at the time Linn County Buildings are open to the public or before.

Discussion: Supervisor Rogers stated that that they had experiences with volunteers leading smaller events where they would come to them a week before the event and had everything in place. They try to ensure they can hold their events.

VOTE: Walker & Rogers - Aye Zumbach - Nay

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to remove the following item from the agenda:
Discuss and decide on derecho related debris pick up.

Board Member Reports: Supervisor Rogers participated in a weekly planning group re: homeless services in the community; met with Congresswoman Ashley Hinson and staff to tour the Mental Health Access Center; participated in a weekly zoom meeting with municipalities re: reopening government; attended Early Childhood Iowa committee meeting; met with representative of Tanager Place re: Mental Health issues with juveniles and tomorrow is Mental Health Regional Governance meetings.

Supervisor Zumbach also met with Congresswoman Ashley Hinson; toured Linn County historical building and continue to visit various county departments on location.

Chairperson Walker spent several hours on Saturday with the Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success.

Legislative Update: Chairperson Walker stated that a permit less gun bill heading to the Governor's desk that is not supported by any law enforcement agency in the state. He encouraged residents that think it is not prudent to reach out to the Governor and encourage her to rethink signing the bill.

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The Board received and placed on file the following correspondence: Letter from Central City re: Urban Renewal Area Amendment MEDCO Annual Report 2020; ECICOG Annual Report 2020; Letter from IDOT re: implementation of corridor preservation for the Interstate 380 corridor; Thank you's from Willis Dady, Cedar Rapids Public Library Foundation, and Community Health Free Clinic; two Notices of teleconference meetings re: voluntary annexation City of Fairfax; three Voluntary Annexation notices for Swisher and Shueyville.

Adjournment at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors