

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 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 2021-3-41 confirming the schedule of assessment for nuisance abatements. Per Iowa Code, the Linn County Board of Supervisors confirms the Schedule of Assessments for Nuisance Abatement for property found unsafe by the Linn County Building Official. Assessed abatement costs shall be collected in the same manner as property tax. Furthermore, the Linn County Board of Supervisors directs that:
a. the County Auditor shall certify the Schedule of Assessments to the Linn County Treasurer; b. the County Auditor is directed to publish the Schedule of Assessment for two (2) consecutive weeks, the first being within 15 days of the adoption of the resolution; c. the Auditor shall send by certified mail notice to each property owner a copy of the notice.

Resolution 2021-3-42 A Resolution approving a Temporary Use Permit.
The following description is a summary of Resolution No. as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective March 31, 2021. Larry Hess, owner, and Dean Paup, petitioner; Case JTU21-0001, has requested the Linn County Board of Supervisors' permission to operate a seasonal campground, located in the 900 & 1000 Block of Lnenicka Lane, from April 1 to October 31, 2021. 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.

Resolution 2021-3-43 A Resolution approving a two-lot final plat to be named Huber Farm Subdivision. The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2021-3-43as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective March 31, 2021. Huber Farm Subdivision (Case # JPS21-0002) to Linn County, Iowa, containing two (2) lots, numbered lot 1 and lettered lot A, a subdivision of real estate located in the NENE of Section 36, Township 86 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 36; thence S00°08'47"W, 667.00 feet along the east line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 36 to the point of beginning; thence continuing S00°08'47"W, 239.00 feet; thence N89°10'56"W, 261.00 feet; thence N00°08'47"E, 34.00 feet; thence N89°10'56"W, 172.00 feet; thence N00°08'47"E, 205.00 feet; thence S89°10'56"E, 433.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.24 acres, which includes 0.21 acres of public road right of way. 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

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Preliminary Plat application as owner of the Dows Farm property.

Approve staff public participation plan for upcoming utility scale solar projects.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a certificate of insurance as part of an agreement with Lindale Mall. This will allow Linn County Public Health to utilize space for a mass vaccination clinic at a time and date yet to be determined.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a 36 month lease at \$314.88 per month with Gordon Flesch Company, Inc. for a copier for the Department of Human Services.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a 36 month lease at \$32.22 per month with Gordon Flesch Company, Inc. for a copier for the Department of Human Services.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of March 29, 2021 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve AP Claims #71001813-#71001862 in the amt. of \$178,645.44 and AP ACH in the amt. of \$397,153.42.

Emily Parker, Riverview Center, thanked the Board for taking the time to consider the Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month-April 2021.

Chairperson Walker read the following Proclamation: Sexual Assault Awareness Month-April 2021.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt Proclamation: Sexual Assault Awareness Month--April 2021.

The Board recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

Chairperson Walker read the following Proclamation: National County Government Month--April 2021.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt Proclamation: National County Government Month--April 2021.

Chairperson Walker read the following Proclamation: National Public Health Week--April 5-11, 2021.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt Proclamation: National Public Health Week--April 5-11, 2021.

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

- Working on details for vaccine clinics.
- Mercy Medical Center working on vaccines for homeless.
- Working on vaccine hesitancy (resources are available).
- Vaccine access and future planning for distribution.
- All Iowans (above 16 yrs. old) are eligible on April 5, 2021.

Discussion continued regarding pressures to open county buildings. The Board concurs that the Public Service Center's lobby is not large enough to handle the crowds that they experience plus the fact that there is no way to monitor the numbers entering and exiting the building. Dwivedi stated that they have to be patient as they continue to be at the moderate risk level.

Tricia Kitzmann, Public Health, explained how data regarding vaccinations is collected by address to know the number vaccinated in each county. There is no data on those receiving vaccinations out of state.

Dwivedi also expressed his gratitude to the Board of Supervisors and Board of Health for being supportive of their department and making sure they have the resources to do their work so efficiently and effectively in the community.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve upon second consideration on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code. This proposed amendment would formally allow for the keeping of chickens and other small animals on lots in residential zoning districts. Roosters would be prohibited, and a limit on the number of small animals per acre is included.

David Thielen, LCCS, presented a Vacancy Form requesting a temporary Home Health Aide for Linn County Community Services Home Health. Almost half of the current staff will be out on FMLA.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Vacancy Form requesting a temporary Home Health Aide for Linn County Community Services Home Health.

Discussion: Supervisor Zumbach stated that it may appear that there is no discussion on these types of topics but Board members do speak to departments when items are on the agenda.

Chairperson Walker stated that all three Board members helped with Meals on Wheels and noted that they asked a staff member to check on someone, which he appreciated.

Thielen also presented a Vacancy Form requesting a Home Health Supervisor for Linn County Community Services Home Health. He stated that he is the direct supervisor over this department and it has become more involved regarding the day to day operations. He would like to hire a Supervisor for this program. If the current Coordinator applies and is awarded the position, they will not backfill that position.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Vacancy Form requesting a Home Health Supervisor for Linn County Community Services Home Health.

Discussion: Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., stated that they went through this during the budget process and there is funding available to make this work, given a couple outcomes. No new funds will be needed for the plan they have put forth.

Legislative Update: Supervisor Zumbach stated that the tourism bill is being amended; EMS bill is going to the Senate. He encourages that residents call their legislators to keep the House language;

Supervisor Rogers asked if the Senate was in session as a Senator tested positive for COVID. Supervisor Zumbach did not know.

Board Member Reports - Supervisor Rogers had phone conversation with Jennifer Pratt with Cedar Rapids regarding transitioning the homeless shelter out of the Fillmore Building; attended Regional Governance Board meeting as well as ASAC, and the Mental Health Access Center Committee meeting; all three Supervisors helped with Meals on Wheels; participated in meeting with representatives of municipalities re: reopening government buildings; and interviewed for Mental Health Awareness initiative.

Supervisor Zumbach thanked Kay Fisk for inviting the Board to ride along with Meals on Wheels and wanted to thank a staff member for following up on person he was concerned about; toured solar farm in Wapello; met with Congresswoman Hinson; talked to person on Prairieburg city council re: City Hall sidewalk; talked to people in Coggon; participated in a zoom meeting re: solar project near Palo and met with Auditor Miller.

Chairperson Walker met with a young man who is interested in reviving conversations around universal health care (make it free and comprehensive to all people).

Supervisor Rogers placed on file an email from Robin Kash inquiring about Supervisor Zumbach and asking if he is active on the Board or is he a real person, does he exist.

Supervisor Rogers and Walker assured the public that Supervisor Zumbach attends meetings and frequently meets with staff, goes on tours and responds quickly to concerns. They appreciate his approach to openness and how he interfaces with staff, asks questions and is responsive and open. It is an admirable quality.

Adjournment at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors