

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 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 2021-4-46 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 April 14, 2021.
Bass Family Farms, LLC, owner; Charlene Allaire, petitioner, Case JTU21-0002, has requested the Linn County Board of Supervisors' permission to hold the "Eastern Iowa Pet Expo," an outdoor event located at 835 & 840 Bass Lane, Mount Vernon, Iowa, on May 1, 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.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Mental Health Access Center construction Change Order Number 5 in the amount of \$10,121.73

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Community Services Building TI remodel project Change Order Number 2 in the amount of \$13,611 with Sheets Design Build

Authorize Linn County Board of Supervisors Chair, to electronically sign Contract #5882HC08 between the Iowa Department of Public Health and Linn County Community Services/Ryan White Program authorizing total contract amount for \$749,874.00 in funding for contract year April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022 for HIV Client Services Program.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign Law Enforcement Services contracts for law enforcement protection provided by the Linn County Sheriff's Office at a rate of \$38 per hour for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 as follows: Alburnett--43 hours/month, Bertram--6 hours/week, Center Point--21 hours/week, Central City--21 hours/week, Coggon--40 hours/month, Ely--25 hours/week, Fairfax--18 hours/week, Palo--87 hours/month, Prairieburg--9 hours/month, Springville--80 hours/month, Walford--20 hours/week, Walker--14 hours/week.

Approve purchase order #P077 for Telespar sign posts from Xcessories Squared in the amount of \$9,488.00 for the Secondary Road Department.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of April 12 & 13, 2021 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach, to approve Claims for AP Checks #71001995-#71002063 in the amt. of \$168,046.64; AP ACH in the amt. of \$827,264.62; payment to Kim Honn (no receipt) in the amt. of \$12.91; and payment for Health Dept. car wash (no receipt) in the amt. of \$10.00.

Chairperson Walker read the following Proclamation: Workers' Memorial Day - April 28, 2021.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Proclamation: Workers' Memorial Day - April 28, 2021.

Discussion: Chairperson Walker, every year labor holds a celebration of life of individuals whose lives were lost while at work.

VOTE: All Aye

Tricia Kitzmann, Public Health, presented the following update on Linn County's response to COVID-19:

- CDC has recommended a pause in the Johnson & Johnson vaccine due to blood clots.
- 4,810 prime doses were received this week and 6,480 will be allocated for next week.
- A 24 hr. Community Clinic will be held this weekend at the Doubletree and various targeted clinics have also been planned.
- Approximately 49.5% of eligible (16 and older) Linn County residents have started the vaccination process.
- Linn County is stable with hospitalizations and there is no information if they are linked to the variant strains in the community.

Chairperson Walker extended his thanks to Public Health for addressing the vulnerable communities in Linn County. He was also asked by the Public Health Dir. if the Board wanted to continue with these weekly updates.

Supervisor Rogers also stated how proud he was of the Public Health Dept. for reaching out to vulnerable populations in Linn County. He also asked for an explanation of how HERD immunity is determined.

Kitzmann responded that it is estimated with COVID-19 that HERD immunity is achieved with 70-80% vaccinated of the total population.

The Board agreed to continue to receive the written report from Public Health and they keep the item on the agenda with a Public Health member available if there are questions or any significant developments.

Alicia Sachtjen, County Assessor Office, presented the 2021 Slough Bill exemptions.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve 2021 Slough Bill exemptions.

Discussion: Supervisor Rogers asked if there is a cap on the number of acres that can be exempted and Sachtjen indicated 3,000 acres.

VOTE: All Aye.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., stated that he has received no additional comments regarding the following proposed ordinance amendment.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve upon second consideration an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code to allow day cares and preschools as accessory uses to nature centers.

Public Comment: Carolyn Peterson, Cedar Rapids, asked that the COVID 19 Public Health report submitted to the Board weekly be made a public record.

The Board agreed to list the report on the agenda and hyperlinked for the public to review. The report will also be a part of the minutes and published as a part of the minutes.

Board Member Reports - Supervisor Rogers participated in the weekly COVID 19 phone call with stakeholders (will now be held on an as needed basis); participated in weekly call regarding homelessness (still using overflow shelter at Fillmore); participated in the weekly reopening government call (Marion and Cedar Rapids opening pools in June).

Supervisor Zumbach stated that the majority of phone calls and emails relate to roads and derecho cleanup.

Chairperson Walker attended a zoom meeting with a teacher at Mt. Vernon High School whose mission is to educate students of racial inequities and civil rights; will be talking to students at Georgetown Univ.; will be meeting with individuals from different community groups interested in resiliency hubs; meals on wheels funding challenges; and overflow meeting on Friday.

The Board received and placed on file the following correspondence:
Letters from the Iowa Dept. of Cultural Affairs re: Wickiup Hill Mounds to be considered on the National Historic Registers; invitation to Matthew 25 event; notice of thanks from Riverview center; Cedar Rapids proposed and annexation; and an email from Robin Kash and response from Sheriff Gardner re: Handguns and Tasers.

Chairperson Walker read the email from Robyn Kash and Sheriff Gardner's response and submitted as a public record because of a high profile case in a neighboring state where a 20 yr. old black civilian was shot and killed by a police officer with the excuse that she was confused between a Taser and a handgun.

Adjournment at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors