

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020 10:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.  
Present: Chairperson Rogers, Vice Chairperson Oleson and Supervisor Walker. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

Public Comment: The following residents voiced their opposition to the proposed ordinance amendment concerning lawn, garden and yard maintenance services listed on the agenda and summarized their experiences with Planning & Development in the past and denial of similar requests.

Dale Scharf, 3522 Lori Sue Ln, Toddville; Greg Scharf, 1200 Continental Pl NE, Cedar Rapids; Philip Hughes, 3534 Lori Sue Ln, Toddville.

Robert Kettelkamp, 1310 Secrist Rd, Marion, voiced his opposition to the proposed ordinance amendments concerning the Marion Airport overlay listed on the agenda. He discussed the dairy farm he operates and the potential effects to his property if the amendment passes. Kettelkamp also stated that they are willing to hire a lawyer if needed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to open public hearing for an ordinance to amend Chapter 103, Airport Zoning, of the Linn County Code of Ordinances, and adopt a new Chapter 104, Marion Municipal Airport Land Use and Height Overlay Zones. Proof of publication was presented.

Les Beck, Planning & Dev. Dir., presented a PowerPoint highlighting the background and proposed changes for the Marion airport land use and height overlay zones.

A lengthy discussion continued regarding how farmers would be impacted and the impacts on future growth of Marion. Tom Treharne, City of Marion, shared his thoughts as well.

The consensus of the Board is to table this item until February 6<sup>th</sup> to allow Board members to meet with others to gain a better understanding of the impacts of these two ordinance amendments.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to close public hearing.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Walker to table first consideration of an ordinance to amend Chapter 103, Airport Zoning, of the Linn County Code of Ordinances, and adopt a new Chapter 104, Marion Municipal Airport Land Use and Height Overlay Zones

Motion by Oleson, seconded Walker to open public hearing for an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of Linn County, Iowa to reflect the Marion Municipal Airport Land Use and Height Overlay Zones.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to close public hearing.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to table first consideration on an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of Linn County, Iowa to reflect the Marion Municipal Airport Land Use and Height Overlay Zones.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to open public hearing for an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code. Proof of publication was presented.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Dev., presented a PowerPoint highlighting the background and a proposed option to allow lawn, garden and yard maintenance uses as conditional uses in agriculturally zoned areas.

Discussion continued regarding tax benefits, how to remedy the violation and home occupancy vs. specific land issues.

Greg Scharf, Greg's Lawn & Landscaping, and Chris Pultz, Country Club Lawn Care, voiced their concerns with being denied similar requests in the past. They would also like to see everyone treated the same.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to close public hearing.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve upon first consideration an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code.

Beck also discussed the annual Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Construction Evaluation Resolution to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the Board of Supervisors between February 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Nichols also discussed a Vacancy Form requesting a Planner II and a Senior Planner for the Planning and Development Department. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Jeannette Shoop, LCCS, discussed a request to submit a grant proposal to the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP), in the amount of up to \$50,000.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to authorize Chair to sign request to submit a grant proposal to the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP), in the amount of up to \$50,000.

Rebecca Stonawski, Deputy Auditor, discussed quote from Election Systems and Software (ES&S) in the amt. of \$20,650 for the rental of a ballot scanner for the 2020 Presidential Election. The Board will approve Wednesday.

The Board recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:58 a.m.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., gave an update on the Future Line/LIFTS building renovation project. Gage noted that this project was previously bonded for and the total project budget cannot exceed \$1.5 million.

Sarah Coleman, Martin Gardner Architecture, gave an update on the renovation including two alternates.

Gage will put this item on the agenda for a decision on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Gage also discussed the proposed Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between Linn County and Abbe Center for Community Mental Health for part of the "Fillmore Building" located at 520 11th Street NW, Cedar Rapids. The lease expires the end of December and he is proposing a six month lease extension with the same rate. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to table the following item: discuss and decide on Board of Supervisors committee and liaison assignments.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of January 2, 2020 as printed.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations) as follows:

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Combination Inspector Stanley Pfoff End of probation 1/7/20 21A \$24.97-21B \$25.85

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputy Sheriff Robert Amos Termination/resignation 1/2/20

Special Deputy Tim Waddilove Termination/resignation 8/15/19

Correctional Center Nurse Rasheedah Washington End of probation 1/07/20 39A \$33.67+\$ .25-39B \$35.45+\$ .25

Senior Account Clerk Whitney Stout Termination/resignation 1/2/20

JUVENILE DETENTION

Youth Leader Jade Irish End of probation 12/23/19 55A \$18.69+\$ .25-55B \$19.61+\$ .25

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Claim #70612312 in the amt. of \$55.

The Board received and placed on file a letter from Outdoor Creations re: Aaron's Lawn Care.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to enter into closed session to discuss two separate items: IBEW contract negotiations pursuant to Chapter 20, Code of Iowa and discuss pending litigation, pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c).

VOTE: Walker - Aye Rogers - Aye Oleson - Aye

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to go out of closed session.

VOTE: Walker - Aye Rogers - Aye Oleson - Aye

The Board recessed at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

The Board met to review the following proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budgets for LIFTS offers, Treasurer and Court Administration. Also present: Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir.; Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir.; Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Dir.; Sharon Gonzalez, Treasurer and Kelly Geater, Deputy Treasurer.

Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Dir., explained the following Offers: Rural Ride Needs Research - \$12,000; Electric Bus Conversion - \$16,000; Amble Software App - \$35,000 and Routematch Notification Module - \$38,000.

Court Expense - FY21 appropriations meet the Board's guidelines.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., discussed the budget.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve Court Expense FY21 appropriations in the amt. of \$98,500.

Treasurer - FY21 appropriations are under the Board's guidelines by \$7,606.

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Sharon Gonzalez and Kelly Geater presented their budget and explained the following Key Performance Indicator (KPI): title error % report - have a 93.5% accuracy rate for the number of titles issued to the percentage of errors.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve Treasurer FY21 expenditures in the amt. of \$3,544,191 and revenue in the amt. of \$4,055,583.

Gonzalaz presented her Offer for eight 360 degree cameras - \$9,368.

Adjournment at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor  
By: Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors