

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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 (via phone). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of January 28 & 29, 2020 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to open public hearing for a Floodplain ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code.

Stephanie Lientz, Senior Planner, presented the floodplain ordinance amendment changes including: the definition of substantial damage and substantial improvement, minimum required freeboard and conditional use permitting process. Proof of publication was presented.

Supervisor Oleson questioned the language in the ordinance regarding factory built homes. Lientz stated that they are DNR approved definitions.

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

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

Jim Fox, Options Dir., discussed a facilities rental agreement between Linn County Options and Kirkwood Community College for an annual off site celebration. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Maura Pilcher, Chair of the Linn County Historic Preservation Commission, gave their annual update to the Board.

Kim Guardado and Laura Seyfer, Linn County Food Systems Council, gave their annual update to the Board.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., presented the Administrative Services Agreement between Linn County and Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 noting that the only changes are housekeeping on Wellmark's part. The County Attorney has reviewed the agreement. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Powell also presented the Stop Loss Policy between Linn County and Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 noting that there are no changes. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Jim Hodina, Health Dept., presented a Vacancy Form requesting a change in position from a Program Nurse to a Healthy Homes Specialist for Public Health noting that a nurse is no longer a requirement so they changed to a more broad position. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Rebecca Stonawski, Deputy Auditor, presented a Vacancy Form requesting a temporary Elections Technology Manager for the Auditor's Office noting that it is a budget neutral request due to the layoff of an Elections Systems Administrator. The Board will discuss further on Wednesday.

Lisa Epp, Asst. County Attorney, presented a Settlement Statement for property located at 207 10th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to authorize chair to sign a Settlement Statement for property located at 207 10th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin, presented the FY 2020 rural library appropriations.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve FY 2020 rural library appropriations, authorize Chair to sign individual contracts for library services, and authorize release of payment to individual libraries upon receipt of their respective contracts for the following: Cedar Rapids - \$78,436.98; Center Point - \$61,338.29; Central City - \$22,485.00; Coggon - \$12,746.00; Ely - \$32,686.58; Fairfax - \$25,587.49; Hiawatha - \$63,853.23; Lisbon - \$22,718.40; Marion - \$84,461.11; Mount Vernon - \$26,867.85; Springville - \$33,820.08.

The Board discussed Fiscal Year 2020 Witwer Trust Grant funding. They will make a decision on Wednesday.

Public Comment: Brent Oleson, Supervisor and citizen, stated that he has been working with Teresa Sackett in the Recorder's Office on drafting an ordinance to regulate and authorize the use of ATV's on specific county roads and trails, etc. Oleson feels

this would be a good thing for the county and would like to enact by the time spring rolls around.

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

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Intern Michelle Kumar Termination/position ended 1/17/20  
Intern Kevin Drahos Termination/position ended 1/17/20

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planner II Mike Tertinger Bid award 2/1/20 37E \$30.24-38D \$30.80  
Senior Planner Stephanie Lientz Bid award 2/1/20 38E \$32.46-39D \$33.09

RISK MANAGEMENT

Loss Control Spec Patrick Soyer New hire 2/10/20 39A \$28.9

HUMAN RESOURCES

Intern Joesephine Bautch Termination/position ended 1/27/20

FACILITIES

Custodian Consolata Nyandwi Step increase 2/20/20 10B \$17.44+\$.25-10C \$18.13+\$.25

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Special Deputy James Houser Termination/retired 2/9/20

PURCHASING

Clerk Ilene Kahler-Loutsch New hire-Temp 1/24/20 51A \$13.97

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Center Aide Diane Rowe Revised hire date 2/10/20 51A \$13.97 Repl J. Roach  
Clerk Typist Natasha Schrage Return to previous position during trial period 1/25/20  
55C \$20.64-53E \$19.80

ENGINEERING

Senior Mechanic Randy Wendt New hire 2/10/20 21A \$24.97 Repl A. Dake  
Light Equip Oper Matthew Schmidt Step increase/contract 2/19/20 17C \$23.12-17D \$24.04  
Design Engineer Curt Logan End of probation 2/4/20 40A \$36.35-40B \$38.46  
Light Equip Oper Corey Melchert Return to previous position during trial period 1/28/20  
18C \$24.04-17C \$23.12

Legislative Update: Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., highlighted the following bills: Senate Study Bill 3098 oversight of county courthouses; House Study Bill 519 prohibiting banning employers from requesting criminal histories; House File 2035 limits on compensation of county supervisors; House Study Bill 586 competitive bid alternatives; and House File 2151 mental health and disability service regions.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to enter into closed session to discuss the purchase or sale or real estate, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.(1)(j) and pending litigation, pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c).

VOTE: Rogers - Aye Oleson - Aye Walker - Aye

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

VOTE: Rogers - Aye Oleson - Aye Walker - Aye

The Board recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. to discuss funding and preliminary offers for the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget. Also present: Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir. and Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., stated that all preliminary budget decisions have been presented to the Board and voted on. In order to break even with the budget and no offers included, it would require an increase in the levy to \$6.30.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to set levy rate at \$6.35.

Discussion: Supervisors Walker and Rogers shared similar thoughts that the increase in the levy rate would not be enough to fund the Access Center and offer pot.

VOTE: Oleson - Aye Rogers & Walker - Nay

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to set levy rate at \$6.40.

VOTE: Rogers & Walker - Aye Oleson - Nay

Jerry Vander Sanden, County Attorney, highlighted his urgent need for his Offers due to the large issue with gun violence in the community.

Adjournment at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors