

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 10:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.  
Present: Chairperson Walker, Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Oleson. 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 Oleson to approve Consent Agenda as follows:

Receive and place on file Treasurer's (Auto Dept.) Report to the County Auditor Receipts and Disbursements for the Month of January 2019.

Resolution 2019-2-28

A Resolution approving a Temporary Use Permit. The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2019-2-28 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective February 13, 2019. Bill & Donna Warhover, owners; Case JTU19-0001, has requested the Linn County Board of Supervisors' permission to hold seasonal outdoor food truck events related to their on-site farm/CSA operation, located at 681 Hwy 1, Mount Vernon, Iowa. 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](http://www.linncounty.org)

Authorize Chair to sign purchase order #5516 for \$33,144.00 to Erb's Technology Solutions for the replacement of two back-up servers for the IT Department.

Authorize Chair to sign the maintenance renewal contract with DVTel Camera Systems Software maintenance/support between Siemens Industry Inc. and Linn County for services located at the Community Services Building, the Sheriff's Office, and Juvenile Detention Center effective 2/1/2019 through 1/31/2020 in the amount of \$13,869.02.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of February 5, 2019 as printed.

A public hearing was called to order for a proposed amended 28E Agreement between Linn County and the City of Mt. Vernon for Construction Code Administration. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

Les Beck, Planning & Development, explained that this is in response to a request by Mt. Vernon for Linn County to collect their zoning permit fees.

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to adopt Resolution 2019-2-29

A Resolution Approving a 28E Agreement Between Linn County and the City of Mt. Vernon for Construction Code Administration The following is a summary of Resolution No. 2019-02-29, as passed and approved by the Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective March 1, 2019. Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa authorizes local governments to enter into agreements with each other to provide joint services for their mutual benefit. The Resolution approves a 28E Agreement between Linn County and the City of Mt. Vernon. The purpose of the Agreement is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Construction Codes of the City of Mt. Vernon by Linn County. Linn County, through the Building Division of the Planning and Development Department, shall provide services to administer and enforce the Construction Codes of the City of Mt. Vernon for all projects requiring inspections, plan review and certificates of occupancy as specified in the City's adopted Construction Codes. 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 web site at [www.linncounty.org](http://www.linncounty.org).

The Board continued the discussion from last week regarding a funding request by the NAACP to pay for catering for "Not Without Me" forums.

Supervisor Walker stated that according to the Cedar Rapids Comm. School Dist. website, there are academic disparities in the black and brown students. The forums are to explore solutions to these issues. They asked for \$4,000 and he proposes \$1,000. The funds would be paid to the African American Museum as they are a 501c`3 non-profit.

Motion by Walker to support the NAACP "Not Without Me" forums and grant \$1,000 to the African American Museum. Supervisor Rogers seconded the motion for purposes of discussion.

Discussion: Dawn Jindrich, Budget Dir., stated that there is \$3,000 available in this particular line item.

Supervisor Oleson explained why he will not support the request as it is for catering for which he does not see the public purpose. He encourages them to come back and ask for an appropriate use such as programing.

Supervisor Walker stated that there is no real programing except ideas and solutions; however, he feels that this is an appropriate use of government funding.

Supervisor Rogers stated that he will support this and noted that food sometimes is the "great gatherer" especially after an event. He continued to say that this education line item is dwindling down and they need to refrain from future appropriations. Organizations need to come to them during budget discussions.

VOTE: Rogers and Walker - Aye            Oleson - Nay

Steve Tucker, Finance Dir., and Dawn Jindrich, Budget Dir. continued the discussion from Monday regarding issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for audit services or extend the County's engagement with Eide Bailly.

Tucker stated that he strongly recommends extending Eide Bailly's contract for three or five years and explained why (busy looking for a new financial software system and will start implementation of a new property tax system).

Supervisor Oleson stated that Eide Bailly has done a good job and have had Linn County's business for two decades. If they approve an extension then they would have no competitive pressures. He stressed the importance of including this in a competitive environment.

Discussion continued regarding the time involved if a new firm is selected.

Supervisor Rogers stated that it is unfortunate that they did not have these discussions prior to the end of the contract with Eide Bailly. He agrees with Supervisor Oleson and is not comfortable with an extension. He will support an RFP process and will be interested to see what the State Auditor does.

Chairperson Walker stated that he is supportive of a competitive process should the board decide to go that direction. However, if the issue is that it looks bad to extend the contract with a qualified firm, then they should also be concerned about an RFP process where Eide Bailly might be the best choice.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to go through an RFP process for an audit firm.

For clarification purposes, Steve Tucker stated that since the Board has decided to go with an RFP, he would like to send it to only the firms with CAFR experience. It should also be a 5-year agreement. He would like to limit the bidders to those that he and Jindrich believe are vendors that they believe would be best for the county (Eide Bailly, State of Iowa and RSM). He strongly urged the Board to not pick a firm that has not done a CAFR. Tucker further suggested that Finance and Budget give their recommendations of the RFP's to the Board.

Supervisor Oleson stated that his intent was to send to those firms (6 or 7) that were provided by Tucker on Monday.

Sherry Timmins, Policy & Admin., continued the discussion from Monday regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Witwer Trust Grant Funding. Based on the Board's votes, the total of the grant funding is \$81,054 and \$80,000 is available. She took the overage of \$1,054 and applied that against the five applicants with the highest amount of funding.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve FY 19 Witwer Trust Grant Funding as presented.

Dawn Jindrich stated that they are finalizing the FY 20 budget and entering the numbers into the system. The countywide and rural levy rates will remain unchanged; the Mental Health levy (8.8 cents) is very small and within the countywide levy rate; they will meet the 20% maximum fund balance that they are allowed to have and a break even general fund balance of 25%. They will finish reports and bring the actual proposed publication for approval next week as well as the news release.

Supervisor Oleson stated that he will sit down with Jindrich and review with her the budget in total (he has reviewed it piece by piece). Jindrich will schedule a meeting on Monday with the Board for any clarifications before Wednesday.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve payment to Supervisor Rogers in the amt. of \$120. VOTE: Oleson & Walker - Aye Rogers - Abstain

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve a payment for a car wash (no receipt) in the amt. of \$8.56; payment to ASAC in the amt. of \$1,345.03; ACH in the amt. of \$981,668.81 and Claims #70607137-#70607213 in the amt. of \$99,700.02.

Board Reports: Supervisor Oleson spent time with the road crew, foremen, County Engineer and Asst. County Engineer about issues and policy changes (when and how decisions are made). He invited the Superintendent to address the Board on some of those things. He stated that there are significant openings on boards and commissions that will be put out to the public. The MPO meeting this morning revealed that there is a project that will be defunded (free up \$1 million).

Legislative Update: Chairperson Walker stated that he received a note from Iowans for Prosperity stating that they are interested in public sector "ban the box" legislation.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to appoint Donna Reid as Jackson Township Clerk and Leon Soukup as Jackson Township Trustee, both to fill vacancies. Both terms will expire subsequent to the 2020 General Election.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to enter into a Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.1 (j) to discuss the purchase of real estate.

VOTE: Walker - Aye Rogers - Aye Oleson - Aye

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to go out of Closed Session.

VOTE: Walker - Aye Rogers - Aye Oleson - Aye

Adjournment at 11:24

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors