

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020 12:00 P.M.

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

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve Consent Agenda as follows:

Approve and authorize Brad Ketels to sign, retroactive to March 30, 2020, the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway National Scenic Byway Designation Form for Jurisdictions.

Receive and place on file Auditor's Quarterly Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$275,607.93, with total Auditor transfer fees deposited by Recorder with the County Treasurer in the amount of \$9,295.00.

Receive and place on file Treasurer's (Auto Dept.) Report to the County Auditor of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of March 2020.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign purchase orders for herbicide products for a brush spray program as follows: Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$36,815.00 and Van Diest Supply Co. in the amount of \$4,230.59 for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign Fourth Amendment to Contract No. DCAT4-19-017, Wraparound Services for DHS Involved Child Welfare Families, extending duration of contract through June 30, 2021.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign Fourth Amendment to Contract No. DCAT4-18-020, Relative Wraparound Fund, extending duration of contract through June 30, 2021.

Approve and authorize Chair to electronically sign Contract #5881HC08 between the Iowa Department of Public Health and Linn County Community Services/Ryan White Program authorizing \$374,937.00 in funding for contract year April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of April 13, 2020 as printed.

Update on Linn County's response to COVID-19:

- Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir. - 276 cases in Linn County and 21 deaths. Received guidelines from the Attorney General on data sharing. Working on developing Mental Health metrics and educating employers on best practice guidelines for disease mitigation. Cross training staff in disease investigation and have reached out to laundromats (posted signs in different languages). Update on call center staff activities.
- Steve Estenson, Risk Manager - Implemented temperature self-checks of county employees in the Public Service Center yesterday. Receiving feedback and making some changes.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., reported that there have been no additional COVID-19 budget requests. They are asking employees to choose to take overtime as pay rather than comp. time (even though it cannot be required). This would allow the County to be reimbursed from FEMA.

Auditor Miller presented an update on early voting plans for the June 2 Primary. A mailer was sent to every household in Linn County with two absentee ballot request forms. He is encouraging everyone to vote at home to avoid contact with Precinct Election Officials and other voters. The Secretary of State (in coordination with the Governor) has indicated that in person early voting will begin on May 4 therefore he must provide a location. They are looking at the possible use of the recently purchased Cedar Rapids Lumberyard across the street as a temporary location to conduct curbside voting and/or counter voting. There are several issues that need to be addressed such as ADA compliance and connectivity. Discussion continued regarding other possible locations such as the Election Depot, the Cedar Rapids Veterans Coliseum or the Community Services Building lobby.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to approve Claims #70613709-#70613747 in the amt. of \$155,280.39; ACH in the amt. of \$820,726.99 and a JP Morgan claim from the Sheriff's Office in the amt. of \$28.79 (no receipt).

Adjournment at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors