

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020 12:00 P.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.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of April 22, 2020 as printed.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to adopt Proclamation: National Correctional Officers and Employees Week May 3-9, 2020.

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

- Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir. - 620 cases in Linn County with 35 deaths. Working with five long-term care facilities and six group homes with outbreaks. Producing new incident action plan every week. Working very closely with partners to protect citizens with the most vulnerable needs.
- Larry Hlavacek, Public Health - reported on Governor Reynolds press conference this morning. 77 counties will be released with some restrictions and 22 remain under current guidelines until May 15, which includes Linn County.
- Steve Estenson, Risk Manager - Received confirmation today that Linn County's FEMA application for reimbursement was accepted. They will be watching for duplication of benefits as there are several grants available.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., COVID-19 Budget Update - No new requests. Bigger issue is revenue losses.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to authorize Stacey Walker to sign, retroactive to April 24, 2020, a letter in support of additional funding for the Creating Safe, Equitable and Thriving Communities (SET) program through the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation.

Discussion: Supervisor Walker clarified that this is not asking for any additional funds from Linn County.

VOTE: All Aye.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve the 2020 Slough Bill exemptions.

The Board discussed a resolution adjusting the number of acres allowed in Slough Bill program. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Les Beck, Planning & Development, presented a recommendation for farm operation and management of Dows Farm Agri-Community (45 acres) used to grow food for the public and restaurants. The evaluation and selection committee recommends entering into negotiations with Sustainable Iowa Land Trust. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Dawn Jindrich presented the Tower Terrace Road BUILD Grant (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) Memorandum of Understanding between Linn County and the Cities of Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, Marion, and Robins, with Linn County to serve as the Lead Agency. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Jindrich also presented a Professional Services Agreement between Linn County and Snyder & Associates, Inc. with regard to the Tower Terrace Road BUILD Grant Application. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between Linn County and Willis Dady Homeless Services for a portion of the Fillmore Building (extending through May). April expenses were split between Linn County and the city of Cedar Rapids. Willis Dady should be able to handle May expenses.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between Linn County and Willis Dady Homeless Services for a portion of the Fillmore Building (extending through May).

Becky Shoop, Deputy Auditor, presented a request for a new job classification, Land Records Analyst, for the Linn County Auditor's Office. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Chairperson Rogers circled back to the COVID-19 discussion stating that he received an email from Public Health stating what the restrictions are in place for the 77 counties that were released.

Public Comment: Marty Stoll, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, stated that she is representing Paul Pate III. His Final Plat for Rolling Acres Greens First Addition, Case JF20-0001 was tabled on April 8 for two weeks to acquire an opinion from the County Attorney. They are coming up on three weeks and she is requesting that this matter be placed on the next Board agenda, noting that all requirements have been met.

Supervisor Oleson stated that this has been placed on Wednesday's agenda and there will be discussion.

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

**AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

Property Description Tech. Tammy Stewart Termination/resignation 05/01/20

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Database Analyst/Assoc. Chris Riedesel Step increase/contract 04/16/20 40C \$40.56 – 40D \$42.64

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Communications Oper. Kimberly Forbes New hire – FT 05/04/20 CB \$23.01 Replaces M. Liebe

Correctional Center Nurse Amanda Roberts Termination/resignation 04/09/20

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Medical Coding/ Billing Spec. Renee Martin Step increase/contract 05/01/20 56D \$23.51 – 56E \$24.78

**ENGINEERING**

Senior Mechanic Randy Wendt End of probation 05/10/20 21A \$24.97 – 21B \$25.85

Engineering Intern Jacob Kraemer New hire – Temporary 05/18/20 \$20.00/hr New position

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Adjournment 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors