

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020 11:00 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 and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Vacancy Form requesting a part time custodian for the Facilities Department

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

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Joint Funding Agreement between Linn County and the US Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, for the operation and maintenance of one streamflow-gaging station on the Cedar River at Blairs Ferry Road during the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$2,880 from Linn County and \$1,920 from the US Geological Survey.

Approve payment of invoice 8964 from East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) in the amount of \$48,588.00

Approve County Paid COVID Leave, travel restrictions and telework extension through October 31, 2020.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Resolution 2020-8-95 and a Shared Liability 28E agreement between East Central Iowa Local Workforce Development Area, Linn County Board of Supervisors, and six other counties pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 to ensure workforce activities are meeting the needs of job seekers and businesses

Steve Estenson, Risk Manager, presented a Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency. This will go to the EMA Director for submission.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to adopt Resolution 2020-8-96

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Linn County and the cities in Linn County experienced widespread severe wind damage from a complex of storms on August 10, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the storms caused extensive damage to public property and critical infrastructure and facilities including equipment, streets, and bridges, and water and power utilities and to private property, business, industry, and farms including equipment, inventory, facilities, homes, and land; and,

WHEREAS, the damage resulted in undue human suffering and hardship and threatens the health, safety, welfare, and well-being of citizens and the economic functioning of Linn County and the cities in Linn County; and,

WHEREAS, all locally available public and private resources and forces available to mitigate and alleviate the damage are deemed insufficient to cope with the resulting situation, and to initiate repairs, and meet restoration requirements; NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors declares a state of emergency as authorized under Iowa statute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors will:

1. Execute the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources
2. Invoke mutual aid agreements
3. Apply to the State of Iowa for assistance.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., gave an update on county damages from the storm of August 10, 2020.

- All generators for county buildings were filled and are on a daily schedule.
- Damages to county buildings within city limits; mostly minor damage to major buildings.
- Seeking tree removal bids.
- Cautioned the Board to not promise a service that FEMA cannot reimburse for.

Discussion continued regarding tree removal for rural Linn County residents. The Board needs to define tree removal for residents and will use language from the past.

Supervisor Oleson recommended that the Board also defer burning permit requirements.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to defer burn permits until Sept. 30, 2020 with the possibility of an extension.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to setting a date for a joint public hearing with the City of Bertram to be held September 2, 2020 at 7:00pm for vacating right-of-way on Deer Trail and Road No. 82. Linn County will join the City of Bertram's meeting by Zoom or by phone.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve second consideration for rezoning case JR20-0002, request to rezone property located at 2031 Paris Rd. SW SE 20-86-06, from the REC-CNR (Recreation-Critical Natural Resources) overlay district to CNR (Critical Natural Resources) zoning district, approximately 63.17 acres, Kurt & Mary Gillette, owners & Linn County Planning & Development, petitioner.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve second consideration for rezoning case JR20-0003, request to rezone property located at 4401 Witwer Ln SE. SW SW 18-83-06, from the AG (Agricultural) zoning district to RR2 (Rural Residential 2-Acre) zoning district, approximately 37.68 acres, TPC Development LLC, owner.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve second consideration for rezoning case JR20-0004, request to rezone property located at 2692 E Robins Rd. NW SE 26-84-07, from the AG (Agricultural) zoning district to USR (Urban Service Residential) zoning district, approximately 2.63 acres, Jean Freilinger (Helmrich), owner.

Public Comment: Supervisor Oleson wanted to make sure that the major secondary road construction projects are not affected and will remain on track. He will talk to the County Engineer.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to approve Claims #706015219-#70615284 in the amt. of \$18,836.80 and ACH in the amt. of \$1,946,672.81.

Adjournment at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors