

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 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. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

Discuss and decide on actions related to county damages from the storm of August 10, 2020:

- Grinder is up and running at Morgan Creek Park and moving to Dow's property tomorrow
- Tetra Tech (debris monitoring firm) is mobilized and in town
- Working with GIS on debris monitoring mapping
- Working on RFP for disaster recovery
- Issues with citizens living on private lanes and very little or no right of way

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to add Emergency Agenda Item:

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development, presented a resolution for temporary housing as a result of storm damage.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Resolution 2020-8-99

PROVISIONS FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING AS A RESULT OF STORM DAMAGE

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2020 a significant storm event occurred throughout the State of Iowa, including Linn County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the storm damage Linn County has been placed under a state disaster declaration; and

WHEREAS, significant damage to residences was caused by the storm, leaving many residents unable to occupy their homes; and

WHEREAS, county government has a responsibility to respond in times of emergency with appropriate assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors that residents whose homes were directly impacted by the storm and are unable to occupy their home as a result of storm damage, may establish temporary housing under the following provisions:

Types of allowable temporary housing: allowable temporary housing types shall be limited to mobile or manufactured homes, or self-contained recreational vehicles and campers;

Location of temporary housing: temporary housing units shall only be allowed on the same site as the storm-damaged home, or on a vacant parcel intended for construction of a new residence to replace the damaged residence;

Residence placarded: the storm-damaged home shall have been placarded as "unable to occupy" (e.g. a yellow or red placard as used in the Linn County damage assessments, or similar placard as used by another government agency as part of the damage assessment process);

Ownership established: the parcel where the temporary housing is proposed to be located shall be under the ownership (deed or contract) of the occupants of the temporary housing unit;

Permits required for placement of temporary housing unit: all permits shall be obtained prior to placement of the temporary housing unit, including (as required) building, zoning, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and permits from the Public Health Department for waste disposal and water supply;

Permits required for repair of storm-damaged home: all permits for the repair of the storm-damaged home, or for construction of a new residence, shall be obtained within 60 days of placement of the temporary housing unit, including (as required) zoning, building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and permits from the Public Health Department for waste disposal and water supply. Extenuating circumstances (e.g. uncertainty related to insurance coverage) will be taken into account in this timeframe

Duration of temporary housing: temporary housing units shall be removed and all utility hookups shall be properly disconnected no later than 240 calendar days from the effective date of this resolution. A resident may request, and the Linn County Planning & Development Department may approve a single extension not to exceed an additional 125 calendar days (for a maximum of 365 calendar days), should circumstances prevent the timely completion and occupancy of the storm-damaged home.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., gave an update on CARES Act funding for Linn County. The State hired RSM as the accounting firm. She cannot submit anything that is eligible for FEMA reimbursement noting that her focus is payroll costs that will not be FEMA reimbursable.

Chairperson Rogers asked about a press release now that individual FEMA assistance is available (does not include tree removal).

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Adjournment at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors