Call to Order

Public Comment: Five Minute Limit per Speaker
This comment period is for the public to address topics on today’s agenda.

Minutes
Discuss and decide on meeting minutes.

Discuss contract with The Summerill Group, LLC for consulting and negotiating new federal per diem rate for
Linn County Correctional Center

Discuss amended contract and Scope of Services with Reynolds Urban Design for Dows Farm Agri-Community
Phase 2 Planning Services. The amendment reduces the contract amount from a not-to-exceed cost of
$250,000 to a not-to-exceed cost of $225,000.

Discuss and decide on letter of support for Brucemore’s Enhance Iowa grant application

Public Comment: Five Minute Limit per Speaker
This is an opportunity for the public to address the board on any subject pertaining to board business.

Payroll Authorizations
Discuss and decide on Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations).

Claims
Discuss and decide on claims.

Correspondence

Legislative Update

Appointments

Adjournment

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January 7, 2019

Sheriff Brian D. Gardner  
Linn County Sheriff's Office  
310 2nd Ave SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Subject: Negotiating New Per Diem Rate For US Marshals IGA: 29-00-0019

Dear Sheriff Gardner:

I appreciate your consideration of The Summerill Group, LLC for calculating and negotiating a new per diem rate for IGA 29-00-0019 for housing U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) prisoners in the Linn County Jail. The following proposal, if accepted, will serve as the contract between The Summerill Group, LLC and Linn County, Iowa for this project.

STATEMENT OF WORK.

- The Summerill Group, LLC shall work with Linn County Sheriff’s officials (and other County officials) to collect all allowable and allocable economic data regarding the costs associated with the current and future operation of the Linn County Jail.

- Mr. Summerill's team will build Linn County's new federal per diem rate, utilizing methodologies in compliance with the U.S. Office of Management & Budget Circular 200; Chapter XXVIII – Department of Justice (2 CFR 200) and Section 119 of the Department of Justice Appropriations Act of 2001 (Public Law 106-553).

- Mr. Summerill will then present to Sheriff Gardner a draft proposal to submit to USMS. We will research neighboring County federal per diem rates and make a strategic recommendation regarding the submittal of the Sheriff’s proposal to USMS.

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If Linn County chooses not to submit the proposal prepared by The Summerill Group, LLC to USMS, no fee shall be paid to The Summerill Group, LLC.

In such a case, all cost data prepared by The Summerill Group, LLC shall remain our property.

- Upon the County’s approval, Mr. Summerill’s team will then submit the proposal (for the new per diem rate and the new transportation / guard service rate) to USMS, uploading the County’s cost data into the USMS eIGA internet system. We will also assist the Sheriff’s Office in creating the County’s eIGA account; reviewing the cost data in that eIGA account; and ultimately submitting that electronic proposal.

- After the electronic proposal is submitted to USMS, we will work with the DOJ Office of the Federal Detention Trustee (OFDT) to answer their questions regarding the format of the proposal submitted. Upon OFDT’s approval, the proposal will be forwarded to the USMS grants officer for negotiation.

- The USMS Grants Officer will represent the government in the negotiations of the new IGA. She will need at least 30 days to review our data submitted through the eIGA website. During that time, we will be available to answer any questions raised by her regarding the proposal and provide her answers.

- The USMS grants officer will use different price analysis techniques to assess the fairness and reasonableness of the Sheriff’s proposed per diem rate. For example, the grants officer will calculate an “adjusted core rate” by applying certain facility characteristics to an “econometric model.” We will work with the grants officer as she goes through this analysis.

- We will then request that USMS start negotiations. Mr. Summerill will then partner with Sheriff Gardner (or other designated County official) to conduct the actual negotiations with USMS. During those negotiations, we will supply USMS with all necessary data and back up material to support the per diem rate request.

- Once the USMS grants officer determines a new per diem rate and transport rate, we will review that offer with Sheriff Gardner and make a recommendation as to whether or not the County should accept the offer or, instead, continue negotiations. Once the County and USMS agree upon new rates, we will work with the USMS grants officer to answer any remaining questions during the finalization process.

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Sheriff Brian D. Gardner
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SUMMERILL GROUP ADVISORY TEAM.

For this project, The Summerill Group, LLC advisory team will be made up of the following individuals:

Joe Summerill is the Managing Principal of The Summerill Group, LLC. Joe specializes in working with the Department of Justice’s Federal Bureau of Prisons, United States Marshals Service and the Department of Homeland Security’s Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Before entering private practice, Mr. Summerill was the chief contracts attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, advising the agency on various commercial issues, including the negotiation, award, and administration of contracts and intergovernmental service agreements for prison services and construction.

Michele Sharpe is the Senior Grants Officer for The Summerill Group, LLC. Michele specializes in the preparation and submission of Intergovernmental Service Agreement proposals to the US Marshals Service and Immigration & Customs Enforcement. Ms. Sharpe understands the rules and regulations, including A-87 Cost Principals, necessary to build federal per diem rates with allowable and allocable jail and law enforcement operating cost. Ms. Sharpe has developed internal algorithms which can assist local government is calculating per diem rates.

TIME FRAME FOR THE LINN COUNTY PROJECT.

From the date of engagement until the date that Linn County executes a new USMS IGA is typically 90 to 110 days. No proposal can or will be submitted to USMS without the Sheriff’s approval. Mr. Summerill will work directly with the USMS grants officer to answer any questions related to the calculation of the per diem rate. Mr. Summerill will partner with the Sheriff’s Office during the actual negotiation session. If submitted by February 15, 2019, Mr. Summerill anticipates that negotiations with USMS will begin in late March 2019 and a new IGA per diem rate starting in April / May 2019.

GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT.

A draft analysis by The Summerill Group, LLC of costs related to the operation of the Linn County Jail suggests a new per diem rate of $76.00 - $79.00 (See Attached Draft Analysis). With an Average Daily Population of 100 USMS prisoners housed at this facility, a new rate of $76.00 would generate new additional annual revenue of approximately $425 K for Linn County. The IGA between the Sheriff and USMS can have a term between 36-48 months. With a term of 36 months, Linn County will generated approximately $1.2 M in new additional revenue over the 36 month life of the IGA. This amount will increase if the Sheriff chooses a longer term (i.e., 48 or 60 months).
COMPENSATION FOR CALCULATING & NEGOTIATING NEW PER DIEM.

In consideration for the services described above, the Parties agree that The Summerill Group, LLC shall be paid a firm fixed fee of **FORTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($45,000.00)**. This price reflects the complexity of the project and the skills required to perform the service.

If the Sheriff chooses not to execute the new IGA with USMS, no fee shall be paid to The Summerill Group, LLC. Until such time that the Sheriff executes the new IGA, all cost data belongs to The Summerill Group, LLC.

If the Sheriff chooses to execute the new IGA with USMS, the Parties agree that The Summerill Group LLC’s invoice for this project shall be paid no later than September 1, 2019.

The Summerill Group, LLC will submit one invoice to Linn County, IA and that invoice shall not reflect an hourly breakdown of the work performed by Mr. Summerill, but instead state: "For Services Rendered to Linn County, IA In Connection With the Formation and Execution of IGA 29-00-0019 Between the Linn County Sheriff’s Office and the U.S. Marshals Service - $45,000.00.

WAIVER OF CONFLICTS.

In consideration for the services described above, the Parties agree that The Summerill Group, LLC may represent other Sheriffs (including Iowa Sheriffs) seeking to renegotiate IGA per diem rates with U.S. Marshals Service and / or Immigration & Customs Enforcement.

REFERENCES.

Please feel free to contact:

- Major Royce Denny; Greene County Sheriff’s Office, Missouri; 417-829-6251; rdenny@greenecountymo.gov

- Finance Officer Susan Evans, Alamance County, North Carolina; 336-570-4026; susan.evans@alamance-nc.com

- Steffani Ebert; Weber County Sheriff’s Office, Utah; 801-778-6704; sebert@co.weber.ut.us

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EXPIRATION OF OFFER.

This offer expires January 31, 2019.

CONCLUSION.

Thank you again for your consideration of hiring The Summerill Group LLC for this project. Upon your approval, we will move forward. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-413-8884 with any questions.

JOSEPH SUMMERILL
202-413-8884

Accepted and agreed to this ____ day of __________, 2019 for Linn County, Iowa.

By: ________________________________

Title: ________________________________
Amendment to Contract: Between Linn County, Iowa and Reynolds Urban Design for Dows Farm Phase Two Services
January 16, 2019

Note the following amendments to the Contract signed June 27, 2018:


- Page 9: Compensation: $234,000 plus reimbursables...shall not exceed $250,000 amended to $214,300 plus reimbursables...shall not exceed $225,000.

- Scope of Work to be amended and in accordance to the attached Scope of Agreement per Dows Farm Development Project, Phase 2 - Detailed Master Planning Services updated on January 10, 2019

- Project Schedule to be amended and in accordance to the attached Dows Farm Phase 2 – Schedule updated January 2, 2019

This amendment to the Agreement entered into as of the day and year first written above.

OWNER

ARCHITECT

________________________________________   __________________________________________
(Signature)                                      (Signature)
Chair, Board of Supervisors                      Dennis Reynolds, Owner, Reynolds Urban Design

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(Printed name and title)                          (Printed name and title)
(Date)                                           (Date)
Dows Farm Development Project
Phase 2 – Detailed Master Planning Services
January 10, 2019

Consulting team

- Reynolds Urban Design: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, URBAN DESIGN, SITE DESIGN, DESIGN GUIDELINES, IMPLEMENTATION
- LT Leon: SUSTAINABLE CIVIL ENGINEERING
- ISG: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
- Strategic Economics Group: MARKET STUDY
- Jason Grimm: AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS
- Modus: ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Introduction
Phase 2 Detailed Master Planning Services will provide a detailed master plan and supporting documents to further refine and implement the Phase 1 Dows Farm Concept Plan. Phase 2 services are outlined in Attachment A, Phase 2 Tasks, and discussed in further detail below, but shall generally include additional studies and data collection to guide, refine, and validate the master plan with stakeholder input to gather ideas, input, and feedback throughout Phase 2. Phase 2 services shall also identify best management practices for all land use components (agricultural, residential and commercial) for stormwater management; energy conservation through building orientation, design, and construction; and the use of alternative and renewable energy systems. The best management practices shall also address farm and conservation land ownership and management options and recommend a preferred option for each. Phase 2 services shall also include development guidance documents to be followed by developers and landowners. The documents shall provide a template for site development and building design and construction to achieve the vision articulated in the development concept and the intent of the master plan. Phase 2 services shall identify and recommend appropriate public investments/development incentives; create zoning or other entitlement regulations; and identify, as appropriate, a recommended mechanism (e.g. 28E Agreement, special area plan) for adoption by Linn County and other jurisdictions.
Specific Phase 2 Services

Additional Studies and Data Collection

- **Market Feasibility Analysis.** Perform a market and feasibility analysis to determine a final recommended allocation of residential, commercial, agricultural and conservation uses. Specifically, the analysis will examine local market demand and projections to determine a recommended mix of residential units and commercial space. The analysis shall provide data on the estimated economic value of development and estimated land values for the recommended land use components.

- **Traffic Studies.** Two traffic studies will be provided: the first will be based on the approved Phase 1 concept plan; the second will be based on the final approved Phase 2 master plan. Each traffic study shall provide an understanding of potential impacts of traffic volumes and distribution as a result of the plan (Phase 1 or Phase 2) under study. Evaluate potential traffic impacts on surrounding streets. Predict traffic splits and travel times to determine distributed ADT’s, am Peaks and pm peaks on surrounding roadway system. Provide conceptual design parameters for Mount Vernon Road curb cuts (potential signal warrant, deceleration lanes, spacing...). Determine need, if any, for Dows Road improvements based on travel speeds and anticipated traffic distribution.

- **Energy Conservation and Alternative/Renewable Energy Strategies.** Provide concepts and strategies for encouraging energy efficient buildings, and for the use of alternative and renewable energy systems.

Detailed Master Plan and Supporting Documents

- **Residential/Commercial Lots and Farm/Conservation Layout.** A plan or plans showing the preliminary parcel and internal street layouts for the development, including conservation, agriculture, commercial, and residential areas. Refine development program including product types and price points. Test limits of density and financial viability.

- **Development Guidelines (Site and Buildings).** Create a development guidance document to articulate general development standards for character and quality consistent with the site’s central Iowa agricultural heritage as well as contemporary sustainable construction
practices and home buyer expectations. Design goals include provisions for shared parking, stormwater management/green infrastructure practices and unified retail signage concepts. The guidelines may address implementation of erosion and sedimentation controls during construction; soil restoration and amendment practices during site design and construction; encouragement of green building practices such as LEED; encouragement of building design and orientation that incorporate active or passive solar heating and cooling; encouragement of the use of construction materials that have minimal environmental and health impacts over their life cycle, including recycled or recyclable materials and locally available, indigenous materials and/or products. Building design guidelines will include character, massing, material, window/doors, porches and details as well as pre-approved color schemes.

- **Street Design Standards.** In coordination with various Linn County and City of Cedar Rapids departments, create design standards for street widths and geometry with the goal of reducing pavement widths while providing natural drainage and infiltration.

- **Landscape Buffers and Development Features.** Provide design concepts for public landscape buffers, development identification gateway signage, and lighting for proposed internal streets. Concepts will focus on sustainable strategies and the management or creation of micro-climates. Concepts will illustrate potential active and passive public recreational spaces.

- **Grading.** A conceptual grading plan shall be provided to understand general cut and fill requirements, and sustainable stormwater management strategies.

- **Conceptual Planting Plan.** Provide concepts for landscaping that encourages the selection and installation of plantings that are appropriate to the site’s soils and micro-climates while reducing the need for little or no long-term use of fertilizers, pesticides, or watering. Landscape designs will account for solar heating and cooling considerations and winter windbreaks. Planting concepts will also be provided for streetscapes, “natural” open space and recreational/event open spaces.

- **Trail Layout.** A plan showing easement locations, grades, widths, trailhead, material, seating areas, and other trail features as well as specific trail layout.
• **Public Art.** Initial concepts will be recommended for implementation of a public art program integrated with the development concept and site conditions.

• **Best Practices Stormwater Management.** General goals and strategies will be outlined for managing stormwater runoff to minimize impervious surfaces, provide holding capacity for stormwater on-site, slow surface runoff, incorporate infiltration-based practices and other Low Impact Development (LID) techniques to prevent soil erosion, improve soil quality and decrease runoff volume and duration.

• **Farm/Conservation Land Management Strategies.** Examine farm and conservation land ownership and management options, and recommend a preferred option for each. Identify agricultural activities and land uses. Provide guidelines for agricultural operations compatible with adjacent residential, commercial and conservation land uses. Provide broad direction toward management of natural resources within the conservation area.

• **Waste Management.** Identify strategies to manage waste generated by farm operations, commercial establishments and residential neighborhoods. Identify corridors for sanitary sewer service.

**Development Entitlements and Implementation**

• **Zoning/Development Overlay.** Develop zoning and other regulatory language for adoption by Linn County to enable development to occur in accordance with the approved master plan. Such enabling legislation may take the form of a zoning district, overlay district, Planned Unit Development, or other regulatory tools.

• **Development Incentives/Phasing.** Identify strategic public investments or development incentives that may be considered by Linn County to encourage and facilitate development in accordance with the approved master plan. This may include incentives in the form of a sliding scale of reduced permit fees for greater adherence to the General Development Guidelines.
- **Developer Requests for Proposals.** Provide direction for the issuance of Requests for Proposals by Linn County to seek development proposals for the various development phases. RFP(s) shall provide Linn County with a strategy to identify manage possible timing, benchmarks, and components (residential, commercial) for phased development.

- **Development Agreement Template.** Provide a template for a development agreement between Linn County and developer(s) to ensure that development occurs in accordance with the approved master plan documents.

- **Two Stakeholder/Advisory Group Meetings.** Phase 2 services shall include at least two meetings with the Phase 1 Core Planning Team, and at least one public open house or other public stakeholder input session.

- **Issue Developer Request For Proposals.** Assist Linn County in issuing a Request for Proposal to multiple pre-qualified developers.

- **Developer Agreement Negotiated.** Assist Linn County in negotiating a developer agreement that will result in the implementation of the master plan.

**Timeframe for Completion.** Phase 2 services shall be completed in accordance with Attachment B, Phase 2 Project Schedule with substantial completion by July 15th, 2019.
Attachment A
Phase 2 Tasks

- Market study to confirm existing market supply and demand for residential and commercial products based on existing available local data.
- Traffic study
  - Evaluate potential traffic impacts on surrounding streets. Predict traffic splits and travel times to determine distributed ADT’s, AM and PM peaks on surrounding roadway system.
  - Provide conceptual design parameters for Mount Vernon Road curb cuts (potential signal warrant, deceleration lanes, spacing, etc.).
  - Determine need, if any, for Dows Road improvements based on travel speeds and anticipated traffic distribution.
  - Coordinate with City of Cedar Rapids and Linn County on street design standards.
- Land use
  - Refine land use mix and proportions
  - Test financial viability (lower) limits of density.
- Land management
  - Document strategies and concepts that direct land management decisions consistent with the Vision Plan.
  - Waste management strategies: Identify sanitary sewer corridors. Confirm adequate capacity in adjacent sanitary sewer system to serve proposed development.
  - Identify utilities corridors including power, water, gas, and consolidated private utilities.
  - Energy conservation: Provide concepts for encouraging energy efficiency.
  - Alternative/renewable energy: Provide concepts and strategies for encouraging alternative/renewable energy systems.
  - Ownership/management strategies for farm and conservation land
- Zoning/development overlay
  - Create a PUD document or other format to establish implementation criteria and quality standards consistent with the Vision Plan.
    - Parcel and lot layouts: Identify in CAD format conservation, agriculture, commercial, residential and other major land use parcels.
    - Land uses, densities, lot types and product types.
    - Agriculture: Identify agricultural activities and land uses. Provide guidelines for agricultural operations compatible with adjacent residential, commercial and conservation land uses.
    - Conservation: Provide broad direction toward management of natural resources within the conservation area.
- Trail layout: Identify conceptual grades, widths, materials, seating areas and other trailhead features.
- Design guidelines
  - Site
    - Conceptual landscape/planting plan: Identify typical planting strategies for streetscapes, “natural” open space and recreational/event open space. Pre-approved planting material list.
    - Streetscapes: Provide street widths and typical geometrics for turning radii; identify typical walkways, plantings, signage, and lighting; evaluate and work with City of Cedar Rapids and Linn County to determine use of private vs. public streets.
    - Parking: Provide minimum and maximum parking ratios, locations, dimensions and typical layouts.
    - Development features: Provide signage, public art and recreational concepts.
  - Buildings
    - Character, massing, material, windows/doors, porches and details.
    - Special features of mixed-uses, multi-family, ground floor retail, etc.
    - Pre-approved color schemes.
  - Signage
    - Type, character, material, size, location, etc.
- Public/private partnership negotiations
  - Public investments/development incentives: Phased land sale; pre-approved development entitlements; alternative funding sources (T.I.F., forgivable grants, etc.); public improvements.
  - Conservation maintenance agreements
  - Development agreement format/framework
## Attachment B
### Phase 2 Project Schedule

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January 22, 2019

Enhance Iowa Board
C/o Ms. Alaina Santizo, Program Manager
Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA)
200 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Ms. Santizo,

The purpose of this letter is to express Linn County’s strong support for Brucemore’s Enhance Iowa application. Funding approved by the grant will carry out critical preservation activities, notably the Mansion Envelope Restoration Project. More than one million visitors have toured the Brucemore Mansion since it opened, providing an iconic and invaluable historic, cultural, and educational resource for Eastern Iowa families, communities, and businesses to enjoy and learn from.

The restoration project planned by Brucemore, with approval from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will significantly improve the exterior condition of the mansion and help secure over 100 years of history, culture and art. Brucemore embraces an ambitious vision, providing a community resource that is enjoyed by Iowans from across the state and visitors from over 15 countries and 48 states. A living landmark, Brucemore is friend to more than 500 regional artists, performers, contractors, technicians and vendors, engaging the public and promoting an ongoing commitment and support for arts and history in Iowa.

Brucemore is an extraordinarily unique cultural resource for Linn County and for all of Iowa, and it engages everyone who visits in learning about Iowa’s history, interacting with the arts, and participating in community programming throughout the year. The Board of Supervisors has encouraged Brucemore to apply for competitive grant funding through the County’s Economic Development Fund (EDF) as it becomes available.

We appreciate the Enhance Iowa Board’s diligent attention to Brucemore’s grant application, and we urge your positive consideration.

Sincerely,

Stacey Walker, Chair
District 1

Ben Rogers, Vice Chair
District 2

Brent Oleson
District 3