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

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Vacancy Form requesting a Planner II for the Planning and Development Department

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Vacancy Form requesting a Senior Planner for the Planning and Development Department

Resolution 2020-1-4

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LINN COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Approve and authorize Chair to sign an Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Preconstruction Agreement for Primary Road Project NSHX-013-1(53)—3H-57, Portland Cement Concrete pavement, grade and replace on Iowa 13 southbound from 1 mile north of County Home Road to 2 miles south of Central City. The County’s cost will be $30,000 for a paved fillet at the intersection of Austin Rd.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a request to submit a grant proposal to the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP), in the amount of up to $50,000.

Authorize rental of a ballot scanner from Election Systems and Software (ES&S) for the 2020 general election, in the amount of $20,650.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the 2019 Weed Commissioner’s Report

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the 2020 County Weed Commissioner Certification Form

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between Linn County and Abbe Center for Community Mental Health for part of the “Fillmore Building” located at 520 11th Street NW, Cedar Rapids, extending the lease term for six months from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a 39 month lease agreement with Cedar Rapids Photo Copy at $615.62 a month for 2 copiers for the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a purchase order #5605 for $6,466.71 for software and software maintenance for IT to allow the City’s Assessor’s Office to access the Tyler Incode tax system.

The Board discussed second consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code (allowing lawn care and landscaping businesses in ag. zoning districts).
Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development, stated that he has received no new comments since Monday. He gave the following recap of the ordinance amendment: would allow lawn care and landscaping businesses in Ag Zoned districts. It also clarifies the definition of “street access” to a hard surfaced road (a surface that is dust free). Nichols also explained a Conditional Use Permit and variances.

Supervisor Oleson asked for more clarification regarding the requirement of a maximum of ten employees at any one time and a maximum of 5,000 sq. ft. for outdoor storage.

Supervisor Walker stated that the issue is complex and he has visited with Planning & Development staff for some clarity. He stated that he is uncomfortable supporting the second reading since there are a lot of unanswered questions remaining.

Aaron Finch, Aaron’s Lawn Care & Landscaping, 3590 Mollenauer Lane, asked for clarification regarding the outside storage and if there is a minimum acreage requirement.

Nichols explained that the 5,000 sq. ft. maximum is for anything stored outside and there is no minimum acreage.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to approve upon second consideration an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code.

VOTE: Rogers – Aye Oleson – Aye Walker – Nay

Garth Fagerbakke, Facilities Mgr., discussed a contract for professional services for an opinion of probable cost for service window security for all departments within the Public Service Center. Novak Design proposes a not to exceed $3,000 contract to give the Board two types of numbers (90% or non-bulletproof solution and a bulletproof type solution). This will be an opinion of cost on conceptual ideas.

The Board asked Fagerbakke to discuss funding with the Financial Director.

Chairperson Rogers stated that the Board will discuss and decide on Board of Supervisors committee and liaison assignments on Monday, January 13.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to approve ACH in the amt. of $462,059.47 and Claims #70612313-#70612379 in the amt. of $8,895.09.

Board Member Reports: Supervisor Oleson reported that he has discussed issues with Solid Waste Agency members and attended MPO organizational meeting. Chairperson Rogers is meeting with city of Cedar Rapids officials in an effort to schedule a public meeting regarding flood protection, legislative issues, etc.; met with representatives of the Access Center and Mercy Hospital’s management team regarding the Mental Health Access Center. The Board received and placed on file a letter from the city of Cedar Rapids regarding a proposed voluntary annexation.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to make the following appointments: Thomas Day to the Mechanical Board of Appeals, term ending 12/31/2022; Michael Wyrick to the Planning & Zoning Commission, term ending 12/31/2024; Evan Langston to the Food Systems Council, term ending 12/31/2023; and Steve Kleiman to the Plumbing Board of Appeals, term ending 12/31/2022.

The Board recessed at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. to review and discuss the Sheriff’s FY 21 budget.

Present: Chairperson Rogers, Vice Chairperson Oleson and Supervisor Walker; Sheriff Gardner, Col. Stuelke, Maj. Riniker, Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir. and Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir.

Proposed appropriations budget exceeds the Board’s guidelines by $78,544 primarily due to increased costs for capital purchases.

Maj. Riniker presented Key Performance Indicators and the following Offers:

#1 Correctional Center Captain - $140,303 (Civil Service position).
#2 VirTra Training Simulator - $46,460/yr. lease
Jindrich stated that she will come back to the Board with the adjusted Sheriff’s revenue for approval by the Board at a later date.

Adjournment at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors