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 and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Vacancy Form requesting a Sustainability Program Manager for the Board of Supervisors.


Receive and place on file the Veteran Affairs monthly report for January 2020.

Resolution vacating utility easement between Lots 2 & 3, Cottage Grove Woods 1st Addition, Linn County, Iowa.

Resolution 2020-2-26
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF A RECORDED UTILITY EASEMENT WHEREAS, Brian S. Otey, and Brian S. Grey, are the owners of record (Owners) of Lots 2 & 3 (Lots), Cottage Grove Woods 1st Addition to Linn County, Iowa (Subdivision); AND WHEREAS, the Owners of Lots 2 & 3 desire to submit a Minor Boundary Change application for purposes of adjusting the property line between Lots 2 & 3 to accommodate construction of an accessory structure which lies in the existing utility easement and across the existing property line. AND WHEREAS, there is a 30’ platted utility easement (Easement) between the Lots as part of the Subdivision; AND WHEREAS, as a result of the Minor Boundary Change process, the Easement will no longer be necessary and the Owners have requested the Easement be vacated; AND WHEREAS, Alliant Energy, MidAmerican Energy, IMON Communication, Mediacom, Centurylink & the City of Cedar Rapids have reviewed the request to vacate the Easement and have determined they have no objection; AND WHEREAS, such requests are allowed under Section 107-72, § (2) h. 6. iii. of the Linn County Unified Development Code by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors upon recommendation by the Technical Review Committee and Planning & Zoning Commission; AND WHEREAS, no objections to the proposed vacation have been expressed by the Technical Review Committee; AND WHEREAS, on February 17, 2020 the proposed vacation was recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission; AND WHEREAS, on February 24, 2020 the proposed vacation was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that said Easement is hereby vacated.

Resolution 2020-2-27
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the STBG-SWAP-C057(142)--FG-57 and STBG-SWAP-C057(138)--FG-57, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a concrete overlay on County Home Road from N Center Point Road to Indian Creek bridge and construction of a roundabout at C Ave Ext and N Alburnett Rd intersections; and WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Linn County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Horsfield Construction, Inc. in the amount of $7,934,357.90 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor’s bond and certificate of insurance, Bradley J. Ketels, the County Engineer for Linn County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Loan Agreement between Linn County and the History Center for the display of a painting at the Public Service Center

Approve and authorize Chair to sign an Agreement for Services with Terracon Consultants, Inc. in the amount of $2,200 for a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of property located at 902 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids
Approve and authorize Chair to sign an Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement #6-20-U/CHTEP-001, Urban-State Traffic Engineering Program Project and County-State Traffic Engineering Program Project for a multi-lane hybrid roundabout with two eastbound lanes at the intersection of US 151 and Dean Road SW.

Supervisor Oleson asked that the Board look into rotating the display of artwork for the Harris Building.

Jon Resler, Asst. County Engineer, presented the Five Year Construction Program.

Supervisor Oleson stated that they need to start planning for renewing the Local Option Sales Tax and collaborating with other jurisdictions. He also stated that he thought they left the citizen’s road meeting last spring with the impression that they would try multiple strategies to improve gravel roads, including sealcoating on some appropriate roads.

Resler stated that they plan on taking a stepped approach. They will identify gravel roads that will meet the criteria. In the meantime, they plan to add calcium chloride to the rock overlay this year in an effort to tie down the rock to the road.

Brad Ketels, Linn County Engineer, stated that the bridge and road system is in great shape. The plan was to have a paved road every 3 miles. They are now at the point where they have prioritized the 3-mile grid system, noting that there are roads with higher priority and it is a progression. They plan to start in FY 22.

Jerad Kelley, Operations Superintendent, presented the 2020 Maintenance Projects and Overview.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented a Contractor’s Application for Payment to Kinderknecht Associates, Inc. for the Dr. Percy and Lileah Harris Building project.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve a Contractor’s Application for Payment to Kinderknecht Associates, Inc. for the Dr. Percy and Lileah Harris Building project in the amount of $2.8 million.

Gage presented a Notice of Award of Contract for the Linn County LIFT’s Relocation project to the low bidder, Septagon Const. in the amount of $390,000 (base bid plus Alternates 1 & 2). Gage also presented the project budget identifying funding.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve Notice of Award of Contract for the Linn County LIFT’s Relocation project to the low bidder, Septagon Const. in the amount of $390,000 (base bid plus Alternates 1 & 2).

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve Claims #70613001-#70613085 in the amt. of $266,790.77 and ACH in the amt. of $330,970.76.

Gage gave a Legislative Update on bills that includes: alternate to delivery contracting methods; ban the box; County Supervisors salaries; and Ag. Zoning.

Adjournment at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors