The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Walker, Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Oleson. Board members voting “AYE” unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Receive and place on file Treasurer's (Auto Dept.) Report to the County Auditor

Resolution 2019-3-39

WHEREAS, it is desired to transfer monies from the Capital Projects fund to the Conservation Reserve and Secondary Roads funds and, WHEREAS, said operating transfer is in accordance with Section 331.432, Code of Iowa, NOW, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, as follows: Section 1. The sum of $11,282 is ordered to be transferred from the Capital Projects fund to the Conservation Reserve fund and $3,693 is ordered to be transferred from the Capital Projects fund to the Secondary Roads fund from Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements received. Section 2. The Auditor has been directed to correct his books accordingly and to notify the Treasurer of this operating transfer, accompanying the notification with a copy of this resolution and the record of its adoption.

The above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, on March 13, 2019, the vote thereon being as follows: All Aye

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Outdoor Advertising Application for Iowa Department of Transportation as land owner of Prospect Meadows.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign Release of Mortgage of March 7, 2014, made and executed by the East Central Iowa Council of Governments, in association with Linn County's Single Family New Construction Grant, regarding property commonly known as 5851 Hertz Dr., Marion, Iowa.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Linn County Kids Wraparound Program FY19 Provider Agreement with RPK Williams, Inc. dba To the Rescue.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign purchase orders to Altorfer for a compact track loader in the amount of $78,345.00 and to Martin Equipment for a wheel loader in the amount of $129,990.00 for the Secondary Road Department.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of March 11 & 12, 2019 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to open a public hearing on proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. Proof of publication was presented.

Dawn Jindrich, Budget Dir., presented the proposed budget as follows:

- Countywide levy rate of $5.84 will remain the same as FY 19. The rural rate remains unchanged at $2.71 and includes a reduction of $1.00 for rural residents from the Local Option Sales Tax allocation.
- The impact to the homeowner will be an increase of 2.3% due to a change in the state residential rollback.
- Commercial and industrial property taxes will be unchanged.
- Farm taxes will increase 3.1% due to a change in state ag. rollback.
- Property taxes levied: $68.9 million, an increase of 3.9% from FY 19.
- Wage increase for non-bargaining unit budgeted at 3%. Bargaining unit increases will be 2.3% for both AFSCME and Conservation. PPME will increase 2.75% and attorneys (IBEW) will receive 4.0% - 5.46%.
- Health and dental insurance rates will increase 18%.
- Budget of $157.3 million, an increase of 33.3% due to the completion of the new Public Health and child Development Center (Harris Building).
- Local Option Sales Tax revenue of $2.7 million is budgeted for road construction, $1.5 million for Conservation projects, and $1.5 million in property tax relief for rural residents.
- Approved offers of $626,000 are included in the FY 20 budget.

There were no oral or written objections.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to close public hearing.
Ray Stefani, Chairperson of the Compensation Board, presented their recommendation for Fiscal Year 2020 elected official’s salaries as follows:

- Salary increase of $3,210.16 plus an additional salary increase of 5.00% across the board for the Auditor; and a salary increase of $6,326.82 plus an additional salary increase of 5.00% across the board for the Board of Supervisors.
- Salary increase of 5.00% across the board for the Sheriff, Treasurer, Recorder, and County Attorney.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to adopt Resolution 2019-3-40

A Resolution Relating to Fiscal Year 2020 Elected Officials Salaries

WHEREAS, the Linn County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for the salaries of all Linn County Elected Officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the current salary of Linn County elected officials is as follows: Auditor $107,005.25, Treasurer and Recorder $110,215.41; Board of Supervisors $103,888.59; Sheriff $152,144.20; and County Attorney $176,137.10; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Compensation Board met on February 7, 2019, and reviewed the compensation paid for comparable offices in other Iowa counties and private enterprises and determined that it should recommend that the members of the Board of Supervisors and the Auditor be provided a salary comparable to the Treasurer and Recorder; and

WHEREAS, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the Linn County Compensation Board recommends a salary increase of 5.00% across the board for the Sheriff, Treasurer, Recorder, and County Attorney; a salary increase of $3,210.16 plus an additional salary increase of 5.00% across the board for the Auditor; and a salary increase of $6,326.82 plus an additional salary increase of 5.00% across the board for the Board of Supervisors.

THEREFORE, the Linn County Board of Supervisors adopts the salary recommendation of the Linn County Compensation Board and approves, as follows:

Auditor $8,720.93 increase or $115,726.18 total salary
Treasurer $5,510.77 increase or $115,726.18 total salary
Recorder $5,510.77 increase or $115,726.18 total salary
Attorney $8,906.86 increase or $184,943.96 total salary
Supervisors $11,837.59 increase or $115,726.18 total salary
Sheriff $7,607.21 increase or $159,751.41 total salary

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Linn County Board of Supervisors, this date met in lawful session, that the salary for all elected officials of Linn County, Iowa, be increased according to the amount previously stated for fiscal year 2019-2020, and effective July 1, 2019.

Discussion: Chairperson Walker noted that the signed salary recommendation from the Compensation Board should reflect an effective date of July 1, 2019.

VOTE: All Aye

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve Claims #70607622-#70607689 in the amt. of $108,042.12 and ACH in the amt. of $585,718.01.

Board Member Reports: Supervisor Rogers reported that he met with the principal of Roosevelt School (will be neighbor to the Access Center) and attended various Access Center related meetings. Attended LCCS Board meeting and met with a constituent regarding his property. Met with the President/CEO of Mercy Hospital and his executive medical team on an update on the Access Center and answer any concerns they had.

Chairperson Walker reported that he met with Coe College students and elected officials regarding caucuses; attended new employee orientation; ideas session for the SET task force; had lunch with Tom Banta (ICR) & Kate Pine (Iowa Works) regarding fair chance hiring; met with Les Beck & Monica Slaughter and communications staff to discuss the upcoming Future Leaders of Linn County; recorded an Ethical Perspectives show; meeting today with the Greater CR Comm. Foundation to discuss setting up an endowment for Scholastic & Personal Success; tomorrow is Wood Leadership Academy Leader Day; large investor council meeting for Economic Alliance; SET task force goals meeting on Friday and meeting with the principal and vice principal of Washington High School.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(c).

VOTE: Rogers – Aye  Walker – Aye  Oleson – Aye
Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to go out of closed session.

VOTE: Rogers – Aye    Walker – Aye    Oleson – Aye

Adjournment at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors