

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 11:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Vice Chairperson Oleson and Supervisor Walker. Absent: Vice Chairperson
Rogers (personal business). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Vice Chairperson Oleson called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Receive and place on file Treasurer's (Auto Dept.) Report to the County Auditor
Receipts and Disbursements for the Month of February 2020.

Resolution 2020-3-37

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the
M-BOY SCOUTS RD(20), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of
Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as 1" asphalt
scratch course on Boy Scouts Road and Duck Pond Road from Waubeek to Sawyer Road; 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 LL Pelling Co., Inc. in the
amount of \$407,907.30 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with this resolution are hereby repealed.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 the Business Associates Agreement between Linn
County Juvenile Detention and Reutzel Pharmacy

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Addendum to the Agreement between Omnilink
Systems Inc. and Linn County Juvenile Detention

Approve and authorize Chair to sign an Amendment to an existing Professional Services
Agreement between Linn County and New Venture Advisors for a Linn County Food System
Assessment.

Approve Liquor License for Casey's General Store, 888 Vernon Valley Dr., noting all
conditions have been met.

Approve Class B Beer Permit for Gardner Golf Course, 5101 Golf Course Rd., noting all
conditions have been met.

Update on Linn County's response to COVID-19:

Chairperson Oleson stated that he would like to talk about a potential furlough issue
with Options as a result of the governor's order that the OPTIONS Day Hab program (due
to COVID-19) be closed. He would like to place a phone call to Sen. Mathis regarding
this.

At this time Sen. Mathis joined the board meeting via phone.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., stated that the Options Day Hab program was shut down yesterday
pursuant to the Governor's order which put Linn County workers out of work until at
least March 31. There is furlough language in the AFSCME contract that they can
invoke. There has been some hope that they can put the employees to work in other
places across the county or in the community. This would cause a budgetary issue as
those wages could not be reimbursed by Medicaid as they are now. Linn County would
take on an additional expense from the General Fund. They are trying to determine if
they move ahead with the furlough or reassign workers to other duties either within
the county or the community.

Sen. Mathis stated that she talked to the Director of Iowa Medicaid Enterprise. The
Director said they will be paying a retainer fee to the provider so people can still
keep businesses going and hopefully the provider will pass that onto the workers.

They are also working on a provision to expand tele-health (mental health counseling and include small groups and classes for Day Hab). In addition, they are working on allowing workers to go into the homes with CDC protocol. This would allow those working at Options to go into the homes of the Options clients. They are fairly confident that they can get this through.

Jim Fox, Options Dir., stated that these are the types of things that they have been talking about. He has 35 very professional staff members that will be out of work. This would allow the caregiver to stay at work and keep staff employed at the same time.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., stated that if the State would continue Medicaid payments no matter where the employees work, that is the best solution and suggested that the Board wait on any further action until they hear more.

Lisa Powell asked that the Board hold off on any decision regarding a furlough until they hear more.

Supervisor Walker continued with the following COVID-19 update:

- May need clarification on hair salons and may be looking for guidance from the Governor.
- Linn County took action to close nearly all of their facility's to the public yesterday at 1:00 p.m. although all of their services are available online or via phone.
- The Linn County Sheriff's Office is open from 9 a.m. -11 a.m. and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- The Child Development Center remains open per Iowa Dept. of Human Services.
- Courthouse and Juvenile Justice Center have normal hours of operation.
- Homeless shelters are exempt from the 10 people or more gatherings.
- LIFTS will continue with some restrictions as to the number allowed on the buses.
- Iowa Supreme Court issued an order regarding evictions(continue hearings through May 4 and over the phone).

Steve Estenson, Continuity of Operations Officer, gave the following update:

- Offices were closed to the public with very short notice yesterday.
- He spoke with LIFTS drivers this morning before they were dispatched.
- Human Resources is asking that any questions about employees returning to work, both from an international trip or a domestic trip, follow through with their office.
- They are working on a Unified Command Structure so that all public entities have one unified message and goal to help plan ahead. Estenson and Walker will represent Linn County.

Treasurer Sharon Gonzalez stated that she was told yesterday that their request for an extension of the deadline to pay property taxes has been received. She noted that this needs to include delinquent notices and tax sale. She voiced a concern that she and others are not seeing anything in the media that the county office buildings are closed to the public.

Supervisor Walker asked Gonzalez if there are any services that she offers that is not available on line or hard to access.

Gonzalez stated that title transfers between private parties can not be accomplished on line. They are also not exchanging special plates at this time.

Maj. Riniker stated that the Sheriff's Office has modified their office hours as mentioned earlier. They are sanitizing areas to reduce exposure and are also making adjustments at the Jail.

Supervisor Oleson asked if deputies are in contact with the small towns and possible upticks with certain activities.

Discussion continued with Tricia Kitzmann, Linn County Public Health, regarding Responders to medical calls and transport when someone has COVID-19. The Sheriff will be notified within hours of her department knowing.

Discussion continued regarding the request for the Board to approve a Declaration of Disaster Emergency.

Lisa Epp, Asst. County Attorney, stated that she had not reviewed the document and asked that the Board wait until tomorrow.

The Board will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19 to discuss and decide on the Declaration.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., stated that on behalf of Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Dir., he is asking that the Board suspend fare collection for LIFTS rides until further notice. Cedar Rapids has approved same.

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Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve suspending fare collection for LIFTS rides until further notice.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve Claims #70613296-#70613346 in the amt. of \$178,770.30; ACH in the amt. of \$549,964.41 and payment to ASAC in the amt. of \$30.00.

Adjournment at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRENT OLESON, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors