

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020 12:00 P.M.

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.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of April 29, 2020 as printed.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to adopt the following:

- Proclamation: National Nurses Week May 6-12, 2020.
- Proclamation: National Police Week May 10-16, 2020.

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

- Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir. - 744 cases in Linn County with 48 deaths. Working with 225 current active cases. Community spread has gone up. Continuing discussions with Test Iowa. LCPH will continue to do all contact tracing. Have looked at staffing capacity and working with various agencies for additional staffing.

Discussion continued regarding inquiries being made by a private school asking for advice regarding a graduation ceremony as well as communities that hold annual events later in the summer.

Dwivedi stated that he is following state or CDC guidelines. Based on what he knows and the guidance that he is getting, that is shared with the community. Decisions are then made by those individual groups or organizations.

Supervisor Walker also voiced concern that holding an event that brings thousands of people together would further community spread. They need to begin conversations about what a second wave of the virus might look like.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., gave an update on the COVID-19 Budget. She has included translation services in the amount of \$9,500 which may be covered by a grant.

Supervisor Walker stated that he has been trying to get community services to refugees. It has been bothering him to know that this is moving so slowly. They have folks of the refugee community offering to help.

Chairperson Rogers asked that this issue be placed on the Board's agenda.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to open a public hearing on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions regarding the expansion of legal nonconforming structures in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code. Proof of publication was presented.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development (via phone,) explained the proposed ordinance amendment noting that this will allow for administrative decisions to be made rather than a special exception made by the Board of Adjustment.

There were no oral or written objections.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to close public hearing.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve upon first consideration an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions regarding the expansion of legal nonconforming structures in Chapter 10.,

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to open a public hearing for rezoning case JR20-0001, request to rezone property located in the 5000 block of Honey Grove Road, SE SW 682-6, from AG (Agricultural) district to RR2 (Rural Residential 2 Acre) district, approximately 28.82 acres, Joseph & Leslie Sadecky, property owners. Proof of publication was presented.

Stephanie Lientz, Planning & Development (via phone), explained that this case is to change the district for a Final Plat of one lot for one house. There were no oral or written objections.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to close public hearing.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve upon first consideration for rezoning case JR20-0001, request to rezone property located in the 5000 block of Honey Grove Road, SE SW 682-6, from AG (Agricultural) district to RR2 (Rural Residential 2 Acre) district, approximately 28.82 acres, Joseph & Leslie Sadecky, property owners.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to open a public hearing on an ordinance establishing a new Chapter 104 of the Linn County Code of Ordinances, the Marion Municipal Airport Land Use and Height Overlay Zoning. Proof of publication was presented.

Les Beck, Planning & Development, stated that this process began in October 2019 when the City of Marion acquired the Marion Airport. The City adopted overlay regulations and because there was a significant area that falls within unincorporated Linn County, they were approached to adopt similar regulations. He has received two phone calls (one in support and one with questions).

Supervisor Walker recalled that there was a dairy farmer interested at the time as well as other individuals that had strong opinions. He asked if they were given notification of the meeting and Beck stated that they sent another mass mailing to 591 properties that were affected by this.

Tom Treharne, Marion Community Development Dir. (via phone,) stated that he has received no objections.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to close public hearing.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve first consideration on an ordinance establishing a new Chapter 104 of the Linn County Code of Ordinances, the Marion Municipal Airport Land Use and Height Overlay Zoning.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to open public hearing to consider Case JR19-0004, request of the Linn County Planning & Development Department, petitioner, to adopt the Marion Municipal Airport Land Use & Height Overlay Zoning Map.

Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to close public hearing.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve upon first consideration Case JR19-0004, request of the Linn County Planning & Development Department, petitioner, to adopt the Marion Municipal Airport Land Use & Height Overlay Zoning Map.

Beck presented a proposed 28E Agreement between Linn County and the City of Marion for Marion Municipal Airport Land Use and Height Overlay Zoning. This agreement lays out the administrative procedures.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to adopt Resolution 2020-5-58

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A USDOT BUILD GRANT APPLICATION FOR  
THE TOWER TERRACE ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Tower Terrace Road Corridor Improvements project (project) is a critical \$90 million multi-jurisdictional transportation project representing a strong regional partnership between Linn County, the Cities of Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, Marion, and Robins, the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG); and

WHEREAS, Linn County and partner cities are demonstrating support for this regional priority by leading development of various segments of the project and/or providing funding; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) is actively involved in the project and is constructing a new interchange between I-380 and Tower Terrace Road and committed match funding for the project through its 2020-2024 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the BUILD Grant application meets the objective of the BUILD program to construct and repair critical pieces of the freight and transportation networks; and WHEREAS, the project will improve regional connectivity, economic competitiveness, and quality of life, will improve the freight and transportation network, and will:

- Provide a main east-west arterial between I-380 and Iowa Highway 13
- Ease safety concerns at the I-380/Boyson Road interchange
- Increase resiliency by developing regional transportation network alternatives
- Improve public safety response time through transportation network upgrades
- Mitigate traffic delays at existing at-grade railway crossings
- Enhance connectivity to neighborhoods, points-of-interest, and recreational amenities
- Reduce harmful emissions and vehicle idle time

WHEREAS, the grant application requests \$25 million to help complete funding for the remaining \$60 million of project improvements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors fully and enthusiastically supports the USDOT BUILD grant application and requests its approval to ensure completion of the critical Tower Terrace Road Corridor Improvements project.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to approve the following Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations):

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Universal Clerk                      Phyllis Stalkfleet                      Termination/retirement\_ 04/30/20

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Intern                                      Rachael Schaefer                      Change to effective date from 04/13/20 05/18/20

FACILITIES

Custodian                                  Anthony Kron                      New hire – PT, Temporary 05/04/20 10A \$16.89 + \$ .25 20 hours/week New position

Custodian                                  Leya Neema                      End of probation 04/27/20 10A \$16.89 + \$ .25 – 10B \$17.44 + \$ .25

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputy Sheriff                              Scott Becker                      Termination/failure to return from leave or provide request for additional leave 05/04/20

JUVENILE DETENTION

Youth Counselor                              Dylan Ciavarelli                      Selected to fill position 04/28/20 55A \$18.69 + \$ .25 – 36A \$22.96 + \$ .25

Cook    Nathan Derrick                      End of probation 04/16/20 54A \$17.33 – 54B \$18.20

Tracker    Katherine Pratchett                      End of probation 04/16/20 56A \$20.10 + \$ .25 – 55B \$21.12 + \$ .25

Tracker    Angela Vargas                      End of probation 04/16/20 56A \$ 20.10 + \$ .25 – 56B \$21.12 + \$ .25

PUBLIC HEALTH

Air Quality Eng.                              Jason Keener                      Temporary increase in hours – 24 to 32 04/25/20 40B \$38.46

Environ. Hlth. Spec.                              Brianna Gabel                      Termination/resignation 05/18/20

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to approve Claims #70613844-#70613867 in the amt. of \$335,650.45; Wires in the amt. of \$1,844,920.55; and ACH in the amt. of \$48,446.77; Claim #70613868 in the amt. of \$50.00.

Adjournment 12:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors