

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 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 and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Approve a Request for Temporary Addition of Valerie Smith for Video Surveillance System Access at the Elections Depot effective May 4, 2020 to June 2, 2020

Resolution 2020-5-59

ESTABLISH SPEED LIMIT

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of the Iowa Code Sections 321.255 and 321.285 of the Code of Iowa, to determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and
WHEREAS, such an investigation has been requested and has been completed by the Linn County Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County that the speed limit be established and appropriate signs be erected at the location described as follows:

35 mph on Todd Hills Road from west city limits to Otter View Road in sections 13 & 24-84-8.

The Board of Supervisors declares these signs to be legal, valid and enforceable and directs the County Engineer to erect said signs in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

Resolution 2020-5-60

ESTABLISH SPEED LIMIT

WHEREAS, portions of Todd Hills Road is located in the city of Hiawatha and unincorporated Linn County, and

WHEREAS, it is good engineering practice to provide uniform, consistent speed limits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, meeting in regular session, and upon recommendation of the Linn County Engineer that the public would be better served and safety enhanced by changing the speed limit as follows:

35 mph on Todd Hills Road from Edgewood Road to west city limits in sections 18 & 19-84-7.

The Board of Supervisors declares these signs to be legal, valid and enforceable and directs the County Engineer to erect said signs in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

Resolution 2020-5-61

ESTABLISH SPEED LIMIT

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of the Iowa Code Sections 321.255 and 321.285 of the Code of Iowa, to determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, such an investigation has been requested and has been completed by the Linn County Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County that the speed limit be established and appropriate signs be erected at the location described as follows:

45 mph on Otter View Road from Todd Hills Road to the north approximately 2600' in section 13-84-8.

35 mph on Otter View Road from 2600' north of Todd Hills Road to Toddville Road in section 12-84-8.

The Board of Supervisors declares these signs to be legal, valid and enforceable and directs the County Engineer to erect said signs in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign an Adopt-A-Roadside application for Debra Rudish-Sentelik to adopt Ivanhoe Road along the property address of 2231 Ivanhoe Road.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign an Adopt-A-Roadside application for Community Bible Church to adopt W Mt. Vernon Road from the city limits of Mt. Vernon to ¼ mile east of Ballard Road.

Authorize Chair to sign purchase order #5628 for \$30,188.00 for the IT department to renew maintenance for GovSense.

Authorize Chair to sign purchase order #5630 for \$120,401.82 to Oracle America Inc. for annual maintenance for Oracle/NetSuite for the IT Department.

Authorize Chair to sign purchase order #5631 for \$68,796.00 for Adaptive Insights for annual maintenance for Adaptive Insights for the IT Department.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a purchase order for seed to La Crosse Seed in the amount of \$7,936.50 for the Secondary Road Department.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of May 4, 2020 as printed.

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

- Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir. - Test Iowa starts tomorrow in Linn County (soft opening) and will be fully functioning May 11. Dwivedi explained the parameters. He is expecting an uptick in positive cases. Working on business reopening guidance. Mandated Public Health work must go on and they have been talking to state partners for their input and feedback. 784 cases in Linn County with 54 deaths. Today is National Nurses Day.

Chairperson Rogers stated that he participated in a Zoom meeting with the cities of Cedar Rapids, Marion and Hiawatha to begin discussions regarding a coordinated re-opening if possible. They will meet weekly.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., stated that the Board Support Team received 100+ comments regarding Linn County's re-opening and they are in the process of finalizing a document. He is working on receiving pricing for an add on to the current Q-Matic system in the Treasurer's Office to keep track of customers. This will be discussed on a future Board agenda.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., gave an update on the COVID-19 Budget. She received an additional budget ask in the amount of \$15,000 for cloth and disposable masks in anticipation of the county's re-opening. She has not added the Q-Matic System add on.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve \$15,000 for masks.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve upon second consideration an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Case # JA20-0001 Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions regarding the expansion of legal nonconforming structures in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve upon second consideration 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.

Les Beck, Planning & Development (via phone), stated that he received two additional calls regarding the proposed Marion Municipal Airport Land use and Height Overlay Zoning. One call was from Gerald Munier who spoke in favor of the regulations. The second call was from Carl Machula who asked if the regulations would impact his silos. After some research it was discovered that the regulatory height would have no impact on the silos.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve upon second consideration 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 approve upon second 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.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to remove from the table the previously tabled (on April 29, 2020) resolution to approve Final Plat for Rolling Acres Greens First Addition, Case JF20-0001.

Stephanie Lientz, Planning & Development (via phone), stated that she has talked to the surveyor and applicant and they are asking that the Final Plat be tabled again in order for them to go through the conditions.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to table resolution to approve Final Plat for Rolling Acres Greens First Addition, Case JF20-0001 until such time Planning & Development places the issue back on the Board's agenda.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., presented her recommendation to revise the county's Employee Travel Restrictions related to COVID-19. The restrictions currently include international and domestic travel. She is recommending that they remove domestic travel.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to concur with the recommendation by the HR Dir. to revise the county's Employee Travel Restrictions related to COVID-19 by removing domestic travel and revisit in 30 days.

Powell also presented a proposed Voluntary Pre-Retirement Paid Leave Opportunity for eligible employees. She stated that she had received inquiries from employees that had plans to retire and are not comfortable returning to work due to age or health conditions. The employee will be eligible for three months of pre-retirement county paid leave subject to certain conditions.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve Voluntary Pre-Retirement Paid Leave Opportunity for eligible employees.

Discussion: Supervisor Walker stated that he appreciates Lisa Powell's leadership and her office in these unprecedented times. He is proud to see this county department in action and meeting the needs of employees.

VOTE: All Aye

Supervisor Walker presented a proposal from Lemi Tilahun to assist refugee and immigrant communities in Linn County during COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that the original proposal was in the amount of \$9,500 but is \$12,000. Linn County Public Health has a grant (and will administer) that will pay for the majority of the \$12,000. They will ask FEMA to pick up what the grant will not (\$800).

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve proposal from Lemi Tilahun to assist refugee and immigrant communities in Linn County during COVID-19 pandemic in the amount of \$12,000.

Garth Fagerbakke, Facilities Manager, presented Change Orders from Septagon Construction Company for the LIFTS Relocation project. Change Order #1 is a deduct in the amount of \$1,600 and Change Order #2 is an increase in the amount of \$6,909. The Board will approve next week.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve payment to Area Ambulance in the amt. of \$5,802.50; Claims #70613869-#70614083 in the amt. of \$241,832.98 and ACH in the amt. of \$1,609,407.22.

Board Member Reports: Supervisor Oleson reported that items can be taken to the Landfill by appointment; the Subcommittee on expansion (capacity) of the Landfill has met and will be making a proposal to the city of Marion.

The Board received and placed on file the following correspondence: Notice from Atrium Hospitality re: Cedar Rapids Marriott to furlough 160 employees and a Notice from the city of Lisbon re: Urban Renewal Plan amendment.

Adjournment at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors