

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 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 (via phone) and Supervisor Walker. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of June 17, 2020 as printed.

Kelly Geater, Deputy Treasurer (via phone), explained a proposed resolution suspending taxes for a Linn County resident as they are unable to contribute to the public revenue by reason of age, infirmity or both, pursuant to Code of Iowa, Section 427.9. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Gloria Witzberger, Child Development (via phone), explained a Vacancy Form requesting a Family Service Worker (increasing the hours from 35 to 40 hours per week) for the Family Transformational Services Department. A grant allows them to go to fulltime. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Dave Thielen, LCCS Dir., presented the LCCS Board recommendation to fund the RISE Program (\$40,000) and the 20-21 Winter Overflow Shelter (\$30,000) with LCCS year-end surplus funds.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve LCCS Board recommendation to fund the RISE Program (\$40,000) and the 20-21 Winter Overflow Shelter (\$30,000) with LCCS year-end surplus funds.

Discussion: Supervisor Walker thanked Thielen for using surplus funds this way. He also asked how the oversight of Veteran Affairs was going after the retirement of the Director. Thielen stated that he is supervising staff and three new Commissioners were appointed.

VOTE: All Aye

Stephanie Lientz, Planning & Development (via phone), presented Temporary Use Permit request from Roger Klouda (owner) to operate a portable concrete batch plant to be used for an IDOT Highway 13 paving project, located in the 1900 Block of County Home Rd, Marion. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Les Beck, Planning & Development, presented comments regarding the Iowa Utilities Board proposed rulemaking for location and construction of renewable electric power generating facilities and storage facilities.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve the submittal of comments regarding the Iowa Utilities Board proposed rulemaking for location and construction of renewable electric power generating facilities and storage facilities.

Discussion: Supervisor Walker thanked Beck for his efforts and he looks forward to continuing down the path of other sustainability efforts.

VOTE: All Aye.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented the annual renewal of the proposed Consulting and Advisory Services Agreement with L&L Murphy Associates and Grant Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$60,000. The Board will discuss and decide on Wednesday.

Supervisor Oleson discussed a letter of support for the Marion Public Library's Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant application. This will require local participation. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Britt Nielsen, Communications, stated that she worked with Supervisor Oleson on creating a Legacy and Community Attraction Fund Grant application process. There is \$150,000 available. This is a competitive process for all organizations to apply for. The Board will discuss and decide on Wednesday.

Supervisor Walker explained the existing contract with Amperage for COVID-19 crisis communication. They originally thought Linn County would be responsible for \$10,000 and it is currently at \$6,000. He hopes to terminate the contract and proposes a new working agreement (not COVID reimbursable) to communicate information about summer programming in order to address gun violence. The projected costs range from \$2,500 - \$4,000. He proposes a not to exceed amount of \$5,000 (planning and meeting budget). The Board will discuss and decide on Wednesday.

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

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Universal Clerk Kelliann Dermody Step increase/contract 06/26/20 56D \$23.51 – 56E \$24.78

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Intern Kanglin Yu New hire – Intern 06/29/20 \$15.00/hr New position

FACILITIES

Custodian Mason Gee Termination/resignation 06/29/20

SHERIFF

Deputy Sheriff Scott Jones Step increase/contract 07/03/20 D2 \$30.90 – D3 \$32.08

Deputy Sheriff Caleb Bullard Step increase/contract 07/23/20 D1 \$29.71 – D2 \$30.90

Deputy Sheriff Patrick O'Hare Step increase/contract 07/23/20 D1 \$29.71 – D2 \$30.90

Deputy Sheriff Renee Sheely Step increase/contract 07/23/20 D1 \$29.71 – D2 \$30.90

Senior Account Clerk Anita Parvin Bid award to Treasurer's Office 07/10/20

JUVENILE DETENTION

Tracker Bailey Murphy New hire – PT, Temporary 06/29/20 \$56A \$20.10 + \$ .25 New position

VETERAN AFFAIRS

VA Commissioner Zachary Grimm New hire 07/01/20 \$50.00/mo

VA Commissioner Claire LeMay New hire 07/01/20 \$50.00/mo

VA Commissioner Lee Smith New hire 07/01/20 \$50.00/mo

VA Commissioner Rebecca Egli Termination/appointment ended 06/30/20

VA Commissioner Ray Ropa Termination/appointment ended 06/30/20

VA Commissioner Jeffrey Tronvold, Termination/appointment ended

PUBLIC HEALTH

HIV/HCV/STI Alicia Steines Transfer to PH Nurse position 06/26/20

Public Health Nurse Alicia Steines Bid award/job transfer 06/27/20 39E \$34.93 Replaces S. Schuchmann

Sr Environmental Hlth Spec Vildana Tinjic Reclassification 06/15/20 39E \$34.93 – 40E \$37.65

ENGINEERING

Light Equipment Oper. Stewart Smith Step increase/contract 07/09/20 17C \$23.63 – 17D \$24.57

Light Equipment Oper Stewart Haag Step increase/contract 07/09/20 17C \$23.63 – 17D \$24.57

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to appoint Brock Grenis to the Planning & Zoning Commission, to fill an unexpired term ending 12/31/2023.

Adjournment at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors