

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021 11:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of June 28, 29 & 30, 2021 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to open a Public Hearing for the first consideration on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code, related to Home Occupations and Floodplain Overlay District. Proof of publication was presented.

Stephanie Lientz, Planning & Development, explained changes to the home occupation section regarding accessory structures. She also explained the main driver to changes to the Floodplain Overlay District which is the new FEMA flood maps. There were no oral or written objections.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to close public hearing.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve first consideration on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code, related to Home Occupations and Floodplain Overlay District.

Ashley Balius, General Assistance, presented a contract with Benevate Inc. for use of the Neighborly Software for implementation of the Emergency Rent Assistance II (ERA 2) program. This ensures that Linn County is spending the money appropriately.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to authorize Chair to sign a contract with Benevate Inc. for use of the Neighborly Software for implementation of the Emergency Rent Assistance II (ERA 2) program.

Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor, presented a Vacancy Form requesting a Deputy Auditor in Tax Services for the Auditor's office. Funding is available within the budget. This has been reviewed by Budget & Finance as well as Human Resources. The Board will discuss and decide on Wednesday.

Chairperson Walker stated that autonomous elected officials can name their deputies so long as it fits within the confines of their budget.

Steve Estenson, Risk Management, presented the following permits for the Board's approval:

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Application for Display Fireworks Permit for F. B. & Co., for a display at 4185 Whittier Rd, Central City, on July 10, 2021 (rain date is July 17, 2021).

Discussion: Chairperson Walker asked if the local fire department has had notification and Estenson explained that the fire chiefs sign off on the applications.

VOTE: All Aye

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Application for Display Fireworks Permit for Dave Hulshizer, for a display at 2549 Janette Nehl Ln, Central City, on August 14, 2021 (rain date is August 21, 2021).

Discussion: Chairperson Walker asked if the local fire district has been notified and Estenson explained that the fire chief has sign off.

VOTE: All Aye.

Public Comment: Traci Nelson, 3311 Pleasant Creek Rd., Palo, presented maps that shows the areas included within the industrial solar project proposed in the Palo area. She stated that she was disappointed last week when the moratorium was not approved but that there is no reason the Board cannot get with Planning & Development to make changes to the existing ordinance since there is no application submitted. The Board can also postpone or suspend accepting applications in order to make and pass amendments. She asked that the Board make known changes that have been identified. It is their job to protect the residents and the land and not the solar companies.

Chairperson Walker offered his Public Comment as follows: He stated that he appreciates and admires residents who have the courage to speak out on issues like this. Residents are speaking about potential concerns and nobody is making objective observations to the "cracks in the levy". Folks are not making any references to anything that has been built but what they believe is within an application that has not yet been received.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Payroll Authorizations as follows:

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Special Prosecutor Dillan Edwards Correction to termination/resignation date\_ 06/25/21

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Customer Support Analyst Lori Parks Position transfer from LCCS to IT 07/01/21

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Analyst Margaret Bagby New hire – FT 07/12/21 Grade 25 Level 3 \$32.06/hour Replaces K. Nelson

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Senior Account Clerk Tracy Von Sprecken Correction to effective date of step increase 07/05/21

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Direct Support Staff Julie Leverett Termination/retirement 06/30/21

PUBLIC HEALTH

Air Quality Eng. Jason Keener Step increase/contract 7/29/21 40C \$42.28 – 40D \$44.45

Environmental Hlth Spec Jackie Ingabire Step increase/contract 07/23/21 39D \$34.50 – 39E \$36.41

ENGINEERING

Temp Roadway Maint Wrkr Jeffrey Nance Termination/resignation 06/29/21

Light Equipment Oper. Stewart Smith Correction to step increase 07/09/21 17D \$25.06 – 17E \$26.92

The Board received and placed on file the following: Letter from FEMA re: floodplain maps; two Notices of Consultation from city of Cedar Rapids re: amendment to Urban Renewal Area Plan; and letter from city of Cedar Rapids re: proposed annexation to the city of Cedar Rapids.

Adjournment at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors