The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Chairperson Rogers, Vice Chairperson Oleson and Supervisor Walker (via phone). Board members voting “AYE” unless otherwise noted.

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

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

Receive and place on file Auditor’s Quarterly Report for the quarter ending 6/30/20 in the amount of $42,882.17. Total Auditor transfer fees deposited by Recorder with the County Treasurer in the amount of $11,405.00.

Resolution 2020-7-88
A Resolution approving a Residential Parcel Split to be named Palmer Acres First Addition. The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2020-7-88 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective July 22, 2020. Palmer Acres First Addition (Case # JPS19-0011) to Linn County, Iowa, containing two (2) lots, numbered Lot 1, and lettered Lot A, a subdivision of real estate located in the SWNW of Section 34, Township 83 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows: Commencing as a point of reference at the NW corner of said Section 34thence S01°00'06"E along the west line of said NW 1/4 NW 1/4, 1251.88 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N88°20'21"E, 478.01 feet; thence S01°00'06"E, 462.00 feet; thence S88°20'21"W, 478.01 feet to the west line of said SW 1/4 NW 1/4; thence N01°00'06"W along the west line of said SW 1/4 NW 1/4, 462.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 5.07 acres which includes 0.58 acres of road right of way. The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at www.linncounty.org

Resolution 2020-7-89
APPROVING A PROPERTY USE REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO UTILIZE LINN COUNTY ROADS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE 2020 PIGMAN TRIATHLON
WHEREAS, Alex Syhlman, Race Director for True Time Racing Services, has requested permission to use McClintock Road, Lewis Bottom Road, Palo Marsh Road, and crossing over Blair's Ferry Road into Palo for the purpose of conducting the Iowa's Pigman Sprint Triathlon on Sunday, July 26, 2020, WHEREAS, the Linn County Engineer’s Department, Linn County Sheriff’s Office, and the Risk Management Department have recommended approval of this request, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that the above request is hereewith approved subject to the following conditions:
1. The personnel sponsoring the Triathlon will provide three Law Enforcement Officers, with patrol vehicles, for traffic control at the intersection of Palo Marsh Road and Lewis Bottoms Road (McClintock Road) as required by the Sheriff’s Office. The applicant will contact the Linn County Sheriff's Office Extra-Duty Scheduling personnel at 892-6176 to schedule these officers.
2. The personnel sponsoring the Triathlon will advise the participants to obey all traffic regulations as required by the Linn County Sheriff’s Office and the Linn County Engineer.
3. The personnel sponsoring the Triathlon will oversee the proper conduct of the event.
4. That the applicant will have each participant sign a participant’s release which has Linn County named on the release.
5. That the applicant agrees to save Linn County and it’s employees harmless from all liability and has a liability insurance policy in limits satisfactory to the Board of Supervisors.

Resolution 2020-7-90
APPROVE REQUEST FOR USE OF SECONDARY ROADS IN LINN COUNTY
WHEREAS, Matt Kenney, Event Manager for iHeart Media, sponsored by iHeartRadio, WMZ and WHO, has requested permission to hold a Tractorcade on Monday, August 3, 2020, on portions of Prairieburg Road and Prairie Hills Road, WHEREAS, the Linn County Engineer’s Department, Linn County Sheriff’s Office and the Linn County Risk Management Department have recommended approval of this request, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that the above request is hereewith approved subject to the following conditions;
1. The personnel sponsoring the Tractorcade will advise the participants to obey all traffic regulations as required by the Linn County Sheriff’s Office and the Linn County Engineer.
2. That the applicant will have each participant sign a participant’s release which has Linn County named on the release.
3. That the applicant agrees to save Linn County and its employees harmless from all liability and have a liability insurance policy in limits satisfactory to the Board of Supervisors.
4. The personnel sponsoring the Tractorcade will oversee the proper conduct of the event.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a renewal contract between Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) and Linn County Child Development Center for Early Care and Education Supportive Services with the intent to increase access to extended day and year high-quality Wraparound care for 3-5 year olds from eligible Linn County families through financial support of provider expenses.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign COVID-19 Disaster Response Fund Grant Agreement for $5000 between Linn County Community Service and Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation effective July 31, 2020 to January 20, 2021.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of July 21, 2020 as printed.

Chairperson Rogers read the following Proclamation: 30th Anniversary Celebration of the ADA.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to adopt said Proclamation.

Update on Linn County’s response to COVID-19:
- Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir. - Staff working weekends in order to handle cases; reopening guidance released to the public last week; Linn County has 1,656 cases and 87 deaths. Strongly urge face coverings and maintain social distancing.

Supervisor Oleson suggested a joint letter from the Board and the cities of Marion and Cedar Rapids to the Hy-Vee corporate office asking that masks be required. He noted that they are the only major grocer that is not requiring masks.

Chairperson Rogers stated that he would gladly sign a letter but would like to take it one step further and adopt a proclamation like the city of Iowa City and require masks in Linn County.

Public Comment:
Supervisor Oleson stated that he wishes the Tractorcade and Pigman Triathlon well (per Resolutions approved on Consent Agenda).

Supervisors Walker and Rogers asked if the Health Dept. were involved with the above-mentioned event. They voiced some hesitation with the large gatherings.

Dustin Hinrichs, Public Health, (via phone) stated that he has not talked to them but did interact with the Tractorcade for a temporary food license in Jones County.

Chairperson Rogers instructed the Risk Manager to place all property use resolutions on the Board’s agenda for discussion prior to placing on the Consent Agenda for approval.

James Morressey, 4581 Meadowcreek Drive, Palo, asked the Board to sit down with the state and reverse course on what the Linn County Auditor is doing with prefilled absentee ballot requests being mailed out to registered voters which is against the Secretary of State’s directive.

Supervisor Oleson stated that he 100% supports Auditor Miller’s decision to do this and knows based on attorney’s across the state (specializing in election law) that his actions are appropriate. He applauds Auditor Miller sending out absentee request forms whether blank or prepopulated.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to approve Claims #70614985-#7016059 in the amt. of $183,753.36; ACH in the amt. of $749,445.00; and Area Ambulance - $5,458.00.

Board Member Reports: Supervisor Oleson attended Solid Waste Agency board meeting and very pleased with the meeting held with the city of Marion to expand the capacity within the existing footprint.

Chairperson Rogers also attended the Solid Waste Agency meeting as well and the weekly meeting with municipal governments regarding reopening.
Correspondence – Supervisor Walker read and placed on file an email from Steve Balong, a white father of a young black man, and his son’s look of horror and pain in his eyes when he asked about the names of people listed on the sidewalk at Green Square Park. Supervisor Walker stated that they march for the people who are no longer with us and taken from us too quickly. Public demonstrations are meant to make people uncomfortable.

Adjournment at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors