

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order and stated that due to yesterday's storm, the phones are not working. The Board Support Team was meeting and the Board will recess and reconvene in an emergency session.

The meeting was recessed until 10:07 a.m. and an emergency meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rogers in accordance with Chapter 21 to discuss the August 10 windstorm in Linn County.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., reported that the Board Support Team met last evening and this morning. The most pressing issue is keeping diesel running in the generators, particularly at the Community Services Building due to IT needs and services. The other county buildings with generators have fuel. Gage stated that continuity of operations is the next concern. The HR Director's recommendation is to continue with whomever can come in to maintain service. Employees can use paid time off or be docked pay for those that cannot come to work.

Steve Estenson, Risk Manager, stated that Linn County will need to have a proclamation of disaster for tomorrow's agenda. The declaration will need to go through the Emergency Management Officer to go to the Governor.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to initiate the Emergency Purchasing Order.

Gage stated that the Declaration of Emergency Purchasing Order means that they have used all of Linn County's resources so they can access resources from the state, etc.

Discussion continued regarding the degree of damage to Linn County buildings. Trees are down at the Sheriff's Office; the elevator shaft is blown out; garage doors/overhead doors are blown in. Cell service is sketchy, so Sheriff is sending a deputy to get diesel. Engineering is off-line. Internally, the Linn County lines are working, but there is no external communication available.

Estenson has word in to the insurance company as Linn County has a property policy for insurance. Clean up is a category B emergency service (such as moving trees, road closures, etc.) Those will need to be tracked so a Presidential Declaration can give access to funding. He stated that they will need to determine if Property Damage will be covered by insurance or not.

Discussion continued regarding communications with utility companies and the availability of gas and diesel. Gage stated that 2,000 utility workers are requested to come in from around the country. Hurricane relief from out east may delay help.

Supervisor Oleson suggested the deferral of permits for 30 days for response to agencies in regard to unincorporated residents. He was also concerned about burning/private hauling issues. He will talk to the County Engineer and the Solid Waste Agency Dir.

The Board will meet every day as well as the Board Support Team.

Chairperson Rogers stated that there are sparse operations at the Public Service Center and reiterated discretion to public officials/department heads as to how to stay open or not. If an employee does not have gas to get to work, then departments should use their best discretion. Safety is the Board's primary concern.

Rogers adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors