

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020 11:00 A.M.

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:

Approve and authorize Chair to sign retroactive to August 13, 2020 the Sponsor Request for Completion of the USDA-NRCS Eastern Polk County Watershed Plan letter and the grant application to the USDA-NRCS Watersheds & Flood Prevention Operations Program on behalf of the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign an Agreement Between Linn County Board of Health/Public Health and Linn County Community Services/Home Health for FY21 Local Public Health Services State Appropriation Funds Agreement Number: LPHS_LCCS_2021 for \$213,898.00 effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of August 14 & 18, 2020 as printed.

The Board discussed the following actions related to county damages from the storm of August 10, 2020:

Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir., presented a contract with Tetra Tech Inc., a debris monitoring company that will work in tandem with Ceres (a tree removal company). The loads of debris must be tracked as required by FEMA. The County Attorney staff did a legal review of the contract and recommends approval.

Supervisor Oleson stated that he and staff did their due diligence and selected this company. All parties have agreed to changes to the contract.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to authorize Chairperson to sign an Emergency Cooperative Purchasing Master Services Agreement for Professional Consulting Services with Tetra Tech, Inc.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to authorize Britt Hutchins to sign the Notice to Proceed and Exhibits with Tetra Tech, Inc. on behalf of the Board.

Tricia Kitzmann, Public Health, gave the following update on Linn County's response to COVID-19:

- 2,584 Linn County residents had COVID with 203 active cases. 19 residents are currently hospitalized and 6 are on ventilators. The total death count is 88.
- The numbers are continuing to trend downward, however, the Test Iowa site and clinics were down last week due to the storm. Those with mild symptoms are not seeking testing due to the storm.
- Reminding all to wear masks and social distance. There is a lower risk for transmission with folks being outside due to the storm.
- Training new contact tracers.
- Working with Johnson County Public Health for Linn County COVID cases with no housing due to the storm.
- Continue to work with local school districts for plans to return to school.

Oleson stated that right after this storm the Board approved no burn permits through September, however, there are farmers and others that are allowing multiple homeowners to dump debris in their fields for mass burning. That is not allowed under the listing of the permit waiver.

Kitzmann stated that the air quality in the county is being discussed by public health and they are working on a plan.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Director, presented the following COVID-19 Budget requests:

- Screen for the security officer table at the Juvenile Detention Center - \$1,134.
- Extension of security officer services through the end of 2020 in the amount of \$84,075.
- Temporary screeners for the Courthouse and Juvenile Justice Center through the end of 2020 in the amount of \$25,840.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve the above-mentioned COVID-19 Budget requests.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve upon third & final consideration Ordinance Amendment #10-8-2020, for rezoning case JR20-0002, request to rezone property located at 2031 Paris Rd. SW SE 20-86-06, from the REC-CNR (Recreation-

Critical Natural Resources) overlay district to CNR (Critical Natural Resources) zoning district, approximately 63.17 acres, Kurt & Mary Gillette, owners & Linn County Planning & Development, petitioner.

Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor, presented the 2020 Homestead Credit, Disabled Veterans & Military Exemption Allowances & Disallowances.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve 2020 Homestead Credit, Disabled Veterans & Military Exemption Allowances & Disallowances.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to approve Claims #70615285-70615393 in the amt. of \$325,529.84; ACH in the amt. of \$2,599,445.69; and payment with no receipt in the amt. of \$25.00 for Joel Miller.

Board Member Reports: Supervisor Walker will go to the EOC later today to figure out if they can streamline the intake process where they can understand community needs better and create a coordinated response system. He will also start collecting thoughts about the longevity of the food and water distribution at the Harris Bldg.

Chairperson Rogers stated that he tries to attend both EOC meetings each day and is hoping to speak at the press conference as well. Members of EMA will reach out to municipalities for resources available from other agencies.

Supervisor Oleson is working on logistic of storm debris. Les Beck and his team are moving forward on the Dows Property master developer contract. The MPO meeting was cancelled this morning but encouraged them to dedicate some staff to move forward with regular projects.

Adjournment at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors