

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 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 and led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment: Les Beck, Cedar Rapids, expressed his support for granting the easement to SILT for the Dows Farm. As the prior Planning & Development Director, Beck presented the history of the project and stated that he also sits on the SILT Board of Directors.

Susan Erem, West Branch, Exec. Dir. of SILT, spoke in support of the SILT easement. She gave the history of agri. communities and SILT's involvement in the Dows Farm.

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

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Vacancy Form requesting two (2) temporary Medical Assistants for the Public Health Department.

Resolution 2021-8-136

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the L-WAYSIDE CIRCLE(22), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as Hot Mix Asphalt(HMA)paving on Wayside Circle; and WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Linn County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from L.L. Pelling Co., Inc. in the amount of \$127,746.00 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Bradley J. Ketels, the County Engineer for Linn County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let on 8/10/2021.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Linn County Children's Mental Health Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2022 Provider Agreements between Linn County and the following organizations effective through June 30, 2022 at various rates:

- Lisa Ferretti LISW LLC
- Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Changing Leaf Counseling LLC
- Family Psychology Associates
- Brooke Arp Plc dba Envision Therapy Associates

Approve and authorize Chair to sign an "Adopt-A-Roadside" for Lucas and Athena Villhauer to adopt Indian Hill Rd SE from north property line of 2550 Indian Hill Rd to Cottage Grove Ave SE.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Shared Road Maintenance and Snow & Ice Control Agreement between Linn County and the City of Mt. Vernon.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Shared Road Maintenance and Snow & Ice Control Agreement between Linn County and the City of Center Point.

Approve proposed Naloxone Policy MHAC-001 for the Mental Health Access Center.

Approve proposed Service Dog Policy MHAC-002 for the Mental Health Access Center.

Approve Liquor License for TS, LLC (Troy Store) in Troy Mills, noting all conditions have been met.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of August 24, 2021 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Claims for AP checks #71003938 - #71004015 in the amt. of \$243,904.45 and AP ACH in the amt. of \$2,645,410.44.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve payment to ASAC in the amts. of \$8,498.83 and \$10,283.78.

Chairperson Walker read the following Proclamation: Discovery Living 40th Anniversary.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt the above-mentioned Proclamation.

The Board recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 11:14 a.m.

Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir., presented the following Covid 19 update by Public Health:

- The number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths have increased and asking folks to be more vigilant and follow CDC guidelines.
- Have seen some increase in the rate of vaccinations.
- Working with hospitals and held a press briefing yesterday.
- Focusing on how the surge is affecting area hospitals.
- Hospitals are seeing more than anticipated breakthrough cases.

Chairperson Walker stated that an area attorney has indicated that there is language in the mask legislation whereby schools can take action requiring masks if they find it necessary to do so. He will discuss that at tonight's Board of Health meeting.

Supervisor Rogers noted that Pfizer received full FDA approval and he is curious to know if Moderna is on track for receiving the same approval.

Chairperson Walker noted that he has requested the county's HR department to start thinking about proposals for the Board to consider in the event that they start seeing mass outbreaks in public schools and staff being responsible for staying home and caring for their children.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., presented a request to grant an easement to Sustainable Iowa Land Trust (SILT) related to the Dows Farm project. This easement will protect the land in perpetuity and terminates the farm management agreement.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that his goal is for this farm to survive on its own without a lot of government intervention. He is not in favor of SILT having the easement and also be the farm manager. He prefers that the farm be taken care of in-house. He would like to have further discussions and look at other options related to the farm and slow the process down.

Chairperson Walker stated that SILT has a very selfless mission and a proven concept.

Supervisor Rogers stated that he is supportive of the easement going to SILT which will not allow future Board's to sell it off.

A lengthy discussion continued regarding any time constraints on a decision by the Board. Chairperson Walker placed this item back on the Board's agenda for September 8 to discuss and decide noting that if Supervisor Zumbach does not have the answers that he is looking for and can make a compelling case, consideration will be given to delay a decision for a later date.

Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor, presented the 2021 Homestead Credit (including Disabled Veterans) & Military Exemption Allowances & Disallowances as proposed by the County and City Assessors.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve the 2021 Homestead Credit (including Disabled Veterans) & Military Exemption Allowances & Disallowances.

Brad Ketels, County Engineer, presented a Preconstruction Agreement between the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Linn County for Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) paving on Tower Terrace Road for the construction of the I-380 interchange at Tower Terrace Rd. He stated that conversations started in 2016 and at that the time there were letters of support from the five local jurisdictions (Linn County, Cedar Rapids, Robins, Hiawatha and Marion) and each were to pay \$200,000. The completion date will be late 2023 and funds will be required at the close out of the project (2024-2025).

Brent Oleson, Deputy Dir. of Policy & Community Relations, stated that a letter of support (on Hiawatha letterhead) was signed on August 17, 2016 by the Chairperson at the time, Ben Rogers, and the Board at that time intended to commit \$200,000 for the project. Budget and Finance has been carrying this as a long term liability to eventually be expended. There was no formal resolution or 28E agreement signed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Preconstruction Agreement 2022-C-010, between the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Linn County, for Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) paving on Tower Terrace Road from west of Miller Road northeast to east of Center Point Road.

Oleson also presented requests for the allocation of the remaining Economic & Community Development Grant funds.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to approve the following Economic & Community Development Grant funds:

Lisbon History Found. - \$19,000
Marion Chamber of Commerce - \$25,000
Affordable Housing Network - \$18,000
Feed Iowa First - \$20,000
Friends of Marion Carnegie Library - \$5,000
Horizons - \$12,500
Indian Creek Nature Center - \$5,000
Matthew 25 - \$4,500
Prospect Meadows - \$20,000
Riverview Center - \$11,000
Tanager Place - \$15,000
History Center - \$10,000

Public Comment: Jason Snell, Sunrise Movement, Cedar Rapids, stated that he was encouraged by the city's support of the PATCH program and asked the Board to consider matching the city's support.

Board Member Reports - Supervisor Rogers met with staff members and MHDD Region CEO to discuss the county's fund balance in the amount of \$860,000 to be spent by the end of this FY (applications will be sent out to providers); and he attended the American Rescue Plan forum that was held on Monday.

Supervisor Zumbach will attend the last American Rescue Plan forum on Thursday. He also noted that normally he does support spending surplus funds "just because" but if the MHDD surplus is not spent in Linn County, it will get spent somewhere else.

Chairperson Walker met with individuals at the Harris Building re: mural in the building; met with a community activist in Marion; was unable to attend a Board of Education meeting re: armed school resource officers; Board of Health meeting this evening; and tomorrow is the Food Systems Council mtg.

The Board received and placed on file proposed voluntary annexation to Cedar Rapids.

Adjournment at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors