

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 10:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Resolution 2019-9-127

PETITION for SUSPENSION of 2020 PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors is this day presented with the attached petitions for suspension of taxes and/or special assessments pursuant to Section 427.8 of the Code of Iowa and;

WHEREAS, the properties for which assessments against these Petitioners are made lie within Linn County and;

WHEREAS, these Petitioners are unable to contribute to the public revenue by reason of age, infirmity, or both.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, this date met in lawful session that the attached petitions be approved for the following Petitioners, parcels, and tax years:

PETITIONER	PARCEL #	TAX YEARS	Special #
Gustafson, Kay	14241-79021-00000	2020	
McMenomy, Della	14203-80001-00000	2020	
Thompson, Dora	11274-32007-01001	2020	

The Linn County Treasurer is ordered to suspend the collection of taxes assessed against these Petitioners, their polls or estates, for the above parcels for the above tax years as indicated.

Resolution 2019-9-128

APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR LIVING ROADWAY TRUST FUND GRANT

WHEREAS, Linn County has been awarded Living Roadway Trust Fund grants, and WHEREAS, the Iowa DOT and Linn County will enter into an agreement for each grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, meeting in regular session to:

Approve the agreement with the Iowa DOT for a Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant for the following grant.

Linn County Iowa Roadside Vegetation Management Signage

Schulte FX-107 Rotary Mower

Kubota RTV-X1120D UTV

Authorize the County Engineer to execute on behalf of the County.

Approve and authorize, Stacey Walker, Linn County Board of Supervisors Chair, to sign Memorandum of Understanding Referencing MOU NO: 06-JD18-19F for the Provision of Fiscal Agent Services between Juvenile Court Services and Linn County Community Services for year October 1, 2019 - September 31, 2020.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a revised Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 related to Linn County's Soil Health Partnership proposal to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation District for their Iowa Partners for Conservation grant.

Approve Premises Update for Indian Creek Nature Center permitting Popolli Restaurant to cater on September 1, 2019 (retroactive to August 27, 2019).

Approve Liquor License for BK's Bar, 803 Vernon Valley Dr., Cedar Rapids, noting all conditions have been met.

Approve Premises Update for Indian Creek Nature Center permitting Casey Everts to provide liability insurance for an event on September 7, 2019.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of September 3, 2019 as printed.

Sharon Gonzalez, Treasurer, shared the background of her new Deputy Treasurer Roxanne Rolland.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to adopt Resolution 2019-9-129.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 331.903(1), Code of Iowa, Sharon Gonzalez, Linn County Treasurer, has submitted to the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, for approval of Roxanne Rolland, for appointment as Deputy, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, finds Roxanne Rolland to be qualified to serve as Deputy and that the appointment of Roxanne Rolland will not exceed the number of deputies authorized for the Linn County Treasurer's Office by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, that the appointment of Roxanne Rolland as Deputy by Sharon Gonzalez, Linn County Treasurer, is hereby approved.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., stated that the new General Assistance ordinance that was passed last week calls for a resolution to implement some of the provisions in the ordinance.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to adopt Resolution 2019-9-130.

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE III, CODE OF ORDINANCES, LINN COUNTY, IOWA (SUPERCEDES RESOLUTION 2013-5-89)

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 252.25 requires the Board of Supervisors to provide for the assistance of persons in the county who are ineligible for state or federal assistance programs, or who are in immediate need and are awaiting approval from state or federal assistance programs, or whose actual needs cannot be fully met by the assistance furnished under said programs; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 252.25 also requires the Board of Supervisors to establish general rules as the Board deems necessary to properly discharge its responsibility under said code section; and,

WHEREAS, Section 20-64, Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa establishes that applicants determined eligible for general assistance shall be granted assistance in an amount and for a duration as determined by resolution of the Linn County Board of Supervisors.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by Linn County Board of Supervisors that effective upon the passage of this resolution, Resolution 2013-5-89, and any other resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Linn County Board of Supervisors that in place of Resolution 2013-5-89, and any other resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, the following limits are established to implement the provisions of Chapter 20, Article III of the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa. Pursuant to Section 20-61(e), Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, the following shall be considered exempt property:

Wedding rings from current marriage.

Household furniture and appliances.

One burial lot or funeral trust fund per individual.

Equity in one homestead within Linn County, per applying household, not to exceed \$50,000.

Equity in one motor vehicle registered in Linn County, per applying household, not to exceed \$5000 based on Kelly Blue Book trade in value.

Equity in tools and equipment used in the course of employment by members of the applying household not to exceed \$1500.

Equity in personal effects (clothing, jewelry, cell phones, etc.) not to exceed \$250 per individual.

Pursuant to Section 20-60(a)(3), Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, monthly countable income for eligible applying households shall be at or below 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for either a one or two-person household, depending on the composition of the applying household. An applying household with one or more dependents will be considered a two-person household when determining income eligibility.

Pursuant to Section 20-60(a)(4), Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, eligible applying households shall have a non-exempt property limit of \$500.

Pursuant to Section 20-60(b)(4), Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, unearned income for eligible applying households shall not exceed \$150.

Pursuant to Section 20-60(b)(5), Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, eligible applying households shall have a non-exempt property limit of \$500.

Pursuant to Section 20-61(d), Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, a transfer of property with a value exceeding \$1000 shall make the applying household subject to the provisions of said section.

Food and Non-Food Assistance provided pursuant to Section 20-64(b) and Section 20-67 Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, shall be determined by household size, including children, as set out below and shall be available only to eligible applying households meeting the criteria established in Section 20-60 Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa.

Food and Non-Food Assistance shall not include alcohol, tobacco, gambling products or other products as deemed ineligible by the Linn County General Assistance Advisory Board.

- a. One Individual \$30 voucher
- b. Two Individuals \$50 voucher
- c. Three or more Individuals \$70 voucher

In addition to the food and non-food assistance limits established in numbered Paragraph 8 of this Resolution, a household receiving temporary economic assistance may not receive combined assistance for rental unit rent, room rent, transitional housing, mobile home lot rent, home mortgage interest, transportation assistance, and/or utility assistance in excess of \$450 per month.

An eligible applying household meeting the criteria for temporary economic assistance established in Section 20-60(a), Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, may receive assistance up to two (2) times in a rolling twelve (12) month period. This means there must be at least twelve months between the first month of assistance and the third month of assistance and so on until said household receives ten months of assistance. Once an eligible applying household receives ten months of assistance, it may receive assistance one (1) time in a rolling twelve-month period so that there must be twelve months between the ninth month of assistance and the eleventh month of assistance, and then twelve months between each month of assistance thereafter.

An eligible applying household meeting the criteria established in Section 20-60(b), which is not subject to Section 20-62(c), may receive assistance for the duration of the applicant's disability or up to six (6) consecutive months, whichever is less. Assistance under this provision is available three (3) times total in an

applicant's lifetime. Applicants subject to Section 20-62(c) who apply for and diligently pursue supplemental security income (SSI) or social security disability insurance (SSDI) benefits may continue to receive assistance until their application is successful, or until a determination is made at the administrative law judge level that the applicant does not have a qualifying disability.

Pursuant to Section 20-64(b) and Section 20-69, funeral expense shall be an amount not to exceed \$1000 and shall be conditioned on the provider offering a choice of cremation or traditional burial and the provider accepting the funeral expense amount in full payment of services rendered. Any available cash or cash equivalent held in the name of the deceased person shall be paid to the provider, where possible, and assistance shall be reduced by that amount. If cremation is selected, a funeral director may accept additional money from any family member or friend that desires to purchase an upgraded urn for return of the cremains.

In the event of a projected budget shortfall or budget overage, the Director may, under the direction of the General Assistance Advisory Board, temporarily reduce or increase the amount of assistance provided for under this resolution, including adjusting the percentage of the Federal Poverty Guidelines that eligible applying household's income must meet as is necessary to keep the General Assistance program in compliance with its budget for the current fiscal year.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Claims #70610291-#70610447 in the amt. of \$258,293.64; ACH in the amt. of \$1,560,455.30; Area Ambulance in the amt. of \$7,509 and Tress Forever in the amt. of \$2,500.

Board Member Reports: Supervisor Rogers attended Duane Arnold Energy drill; Mental Health and Disability Services Regional Governance Board meeting; budget discussion regarding Access Center; interviews to replace Mechelle Dhondt as East Central Region CEO.

Chairperson Walker attended Board of Health meeting; resumed meetings with Jeff Pomeranz; spoke to the Kennedy High School football team; visited with Executive Director for the African American Museum of Iowa; Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition International Overdose Awareness Day; attended Hawkeye Labor Council picnic at Hawkeye Downs with Supervisor Rogers; gave Mayor Pete Buttigieg a tour of flood prone areas of the City of Cedar Rapids; law enforcement roundtable meeting has been canceled for the month; will be serving as the masters of ceremony for an annual survivor's benefit gala (fundraiser put on by Horizon's); will attend story and poster time at Next Page Books.

Adjournment at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor  
By: Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors