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:

Resolution 2020-10-113
A RESOLUTION ABATING TAXES
WHEREAS, the Linn County Finance Director recommends that, based on a review of delinquent taxes by the County Treasurer, tax assessments that are unlikely to be collected should be removed from outstanding delinquent taxes in the County's property tax system; and,
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered pursuant to Iowa Code Section 445.16 to abate taxes on the recommendation of the Treasurer; and,
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received a written recommendation from the Treasurer that certain tax amounts currently outstanding are impractical to pursue for collection through available remedies due to the age of the assessment, the removal, destruction, or other loss of the assessed property, bankruptcy of the taxpayer, the acquisition of real property by governmental bodies, etc.; and,
WHEREAS, the Treasurer provided descriptions of assessments, which should be abated, and which are set out in Exhibit A to this resolution.
NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, this date met in lawful session that the taxes assessed against the real property listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made part of this resolution, in the total amount of $38,246.83 are hereby are abated.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors directs the County Treasurer to strike the amounts set out in the attached Exhibit A from the County property tax system.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a contract for $3,480 between Linn County and Ilten’s for “Storm 20” HVAC repairs at the Linn County Courthouse.
Approve and authorize Chair to sign a contract for $14,000 between Linn County and Modern Sheet Metal for “Storm 20” HVAC repairs at the Linn County Correctional Center.
Approve and authorize Chair to sign an Amendment No. 1 to the Farm Management Agreement between Linn County, Iowa and The Sustainable Iowa Land Trust (SILT)

Award bid and authorize Chair to sign a contract for an archaeological survey to be completed for bridge #1053 on Bertram Road to Bear Creek Archeology, Inc. in the amount of $6,640.00.

Approve and sign Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Preconstruction Agreement No. 2021-C-027 for Project No. NHESN-151-1(722)-2R-57. Linn County will participate in paving secondary road approaches at county road intersections along Hwy 151 between Hwy 13 and Hwy 1 in the estimated amount of $51,000.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a purchase order #5669 for $8,958.00 to ThinkSafe for the purchase of 6 Automated External Defibrillator machines (AED’s) for the Correctional Center.

Approve retroactive to October 26, 2020, a Cigarette Permit for TS, LLC (Troy Store) in Troy Mills, noting all conditions have been met.
Approve retroactive to October 26, 2020, a Liquor License for T.S., LLC (Troy Store) in Troy Mills, noting all conditions have been met.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of October 26, 2020 as printed.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve payment to Marcia Rogers in the amt. of $565.00. VOTE: Oleson and Walker – Aye Rogers – Abstain

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to set public hearing for Monday November 23, 2020 at 11:00am to rename the following roads. Squaw Creek Road to Wanatee Creek Road; Squaw Creek Circle to Wanatee Creek Circle; Squaw Lane to Wanatee Lane; Squaw Ridge Road between S 31st St and Lakeside Rd to S 22nd St; Squaw Ridge Road between Lakeside Road and Cottage Grove Parkway to Lakeside Road; Cottage Grove Parkway between Squaw Ridge Road and Hwy 13 to Lakeside Road.
Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve upon second consideration an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 10 Article VII Relating to Control of Lead-Based Paint.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to authorize negotiations with Ahmann Companies to act as Dows Farm Agri-Community master developer.

Discussion: Chad Pelley, Ahmann Co., thanked the Board for the opportunity.

VOTE: All Aye.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to adopt Resolution 114

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS AND TEMPORARY ELECTION PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, Iowa Code, Section 49.20 establishes the minimum rate of compensation for precinct election officials who serve on election boards, the Linn County Auditor requests that the rate of compensation be increased and set at the rates established below. At the Auditor's discretion, precinct election officials may be paid a lump sum as hazard pay for working on election day, and temporary election personnel may be paid hazard pay via an increase in their hourly wages.

For General Election, November 3, 2020 and elections thereafter:
Rate per full day for Chairpersons who supervise election officials $250.00
Rate per full day for Election Officials $225.00

WHEREAS, election officials who attend a school of instruction, setup polling places, and perform other duties as assigned by the Auditor may be paid at the rate of up to fifteen dollars ($15.00) per hour.

WHEREAS, election officials are also reimbursed actual mileage due to them at the federal rate, if the rate of travel is more than five (5) miles (IC Sec 49.125).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the rate of compensation for election officials and temporary election personnel who serve Linn County shall be paid the rates indicated above, effective October 19, 2020.

Motion by Oleson, seconded Rogers to approve Claims #70616103-$70616150 in the amt. of $70,588.93 and ACH in the amt. of $511,713.37.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to appoint Brent Oleson to the Linn County Conservation Board for a term ending December 31, 2025.

Adjournment at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors