

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 10:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Zumbach, Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Running-Marquardt. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

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

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of Nov. 6, 2023 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve claims for payable checks dated 11/8/23 #71012780-#71012813 in the amt. of \$99,026.23; ACH in the amt. of \$784,501.51; and Wire Transfer #400001091 in the amt. of \$9,709.62, for a total of \$893,237.36.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to remove the following from the Consent Agenda: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Vacancy Form requesting an Administrative Secretary for the Secondary Road Department.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve Consent Agenda as amended and as follows:

Resolution 2023-11-148

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services have all reported on the risks of childhood lead poisoning and the need for prevention; and WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, childhood lead toxicity has been recognized for over 100 years; higher blood lead levels are associated with lower IQ scores, intellectual deficits, language difficulties, attention problems, diminished academic abilities, and behavior disorders including attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder and conduct disorder; and exposure to lead causes neurological damage, behavioral and learning disabilities, and hinders the ability of students to reach their full potential as adults; and WHEREAS, exposure to lead can result in lifelong health effects, and because lead can mobilize during a pregnancy, exposure can result in multigenerational impacts, and there are no safe levels of lead in children's blood or safe levels of exposure to lead; and WHEREAS, there are numerous sources of lead that can be found in the environment including lead chips, grit and dust from lead paint, and contaminated soils; and lead exposure can also result from certain occupational and recreational activities of individuals and their families, including certain artistic pursuits and marksmanship/shooting firearms; and WHEREAS, the number one source of lead poisoning in Linn County is chipping and peeling lead-based paint and lead dust found in target housing, which is housing constructed before 1978, and in Linn County 53% of housing stock is pre-1978; and WHEREAS, target housing is located disproportionately in low-income neighborhoods, a significant portion of which is investor-owned, and which is expected to be maintained free of lead hazards. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the following fees, as set by the Linn County Board of Health, for failure to complete lead hazard reduction in accordance with Chapter 10, Article VII of the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa. Investor Owned Owner Occupied Within 30 days \$0.00 \$0.00 After 30 days \$0.00 \$0.00 After 60 days \$750.00 \$0.00 After 90 days \$1000.00 \$100.00. Every 30 days after \$1500.00 \$150.00 Clearance testing \$20/per dust sample \$0.00.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subaward Agreement between Linn County and Wellington Heights Neighborhood Association for Finding New and Neat Ways to Connect for the amount of \$5,600.00.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an amendment to the subaward agreement between Linn County and The Arc of East Central Iowa for Better Access, Inclusion, and Recreation for Our Community Project.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Final Contract Construction Voucher for project FM-C057 (160)—55-57, a bridge replacement on Coggon Road.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Final Contract Construction Voucher for project FM-C057 (161)—55-57, the bridge replacement on N Center Point Road, over East Otter Creek.

Approve and authorize Supervisor Kirsten Running-Marquardt to sign a letter of support for the Linn County Recorder's Office to seek funding through the National Archives; Archival Project Grant retroactive to November 2, 2023.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to set a public hearing for Monday, December 4, 2023, at 10:00 am to rename Old Dubuque Road as Nulle Family Farm Drive.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve upon second consideration an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code regarding agricultural tourism or agricultural experiences in Linn County.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Director, presented the following FY25 Budget Guidelines:

1. Initiatives: follow budgeting for outcomes process; align budget procedures and initiatives with County Strategic Plan; General Fund ending balance of 25% of General fund expenditures; no increase in operations other than unavoidable contractual or utility increases; and additional requests funded through Offer process.
2. Staffing: No increase in health or dental benefits; waiting for negotiations for AFSCME, EMA & Conservation; 3% placeholder for non-bargaining unit and Elected Officials/Deputies; 6% increase per contracts for PPME and SGTS; and 5.5% increase per contracts for Attorney.
3. Review self-retained funding.
4. Department budget approval is preliminary pending final valuation growth.

Chairperson Zumbach stated that he proposes that they add a fifth item which would be to return the \$1.7 million to the departments that was cut last year with the understanding that future cuts may be needed. Supervisors Rogers and Marquardt concurred noting that it was a team effort to come up with the extra \$1.7 million and that this is the most appropriate thing to do.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve the following budget initiatives and guidelines for Fiscal Year 2025 as follows:

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5. Add back \$1.7 million that was reduced in FY 24 with the understanding that future cuts may be needed.

Adjournment at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

LOUIS J. ZUMBACH, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors