

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 10:00 A.M.

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

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of May 8, 13 & 14, 2024 as printed.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve claims for payable checks dated 05/15/2024 #71014496 to #71014545 in the amount of \$108,716.96; and ACH in the amount of \$1,187,324.72; for a total of \$1,296,041.68 and to approve voided checks in the amount of \$3,149.00.

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

Resolution 2024-5-69
 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the LOST-CMP 2666(24) hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a twin CMP culvert replacement; 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 Boomerang Corp. in the amount of \$48,866.00 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 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.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, Garret A. Reddish, or Curtis A. Logan, the County Engineer or Assistant 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 5/7/2024..

Resolution 2024-5-70
 A RESOLUTION APPROVING PETITIONS FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE COLLECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025/ASSESSMENT YEAR 2023 PROPERTY TAXES
 WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors is this day presented with properly filed, duly sworn petitions for the suspension of the collection of property taxes and/or special assessments pursuant to Iowa Code Section 427.8; and
 WHEREAS, the properties for which the assessments against the Petitioners are made lie within Linn County, Iowa; and
 WHEREAS, the Petitioners are unable to contribute to the public revenue by reason of age, infirmity, or both.
 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors, this date met in lawful session, that the attached petitions are approved for the Petitioners, parcels, and tax years described as follows:

PETITIONER	PARCEL #	TAX YEARS	SPECIAL #
Allison, Marla	18344D	2025	
Blanchett, Edward	14283-51002-00000	2025	
Burnley, George	14294-56005-00000	2025	
Chesmore, Leanne	14321-35002-00000	2025	
Corum, Kazuko	14243-55004-00000	2025	
Davidson, Kenneth	7139D	2025	
Frazier, John	14204-04003-00000	2025	
Hadenfeldt, Larry	05092-88009-00000	2025	
Harnish, Cathleen	14231-52014-00000	2025	
Jacobson, Rodney	06314-01003-00000	2025	
Langham, Portia	14201-26015-00000	2025	
Lawrence, Irene	14082-26002-01001	2025	
Mahoney, Lisa	11354-79006-00000	2025	
Nassif, Shaker	14263-01002-00000	2025	
Smith, Bruce & Sharon	15063-26009-00000	2025	
Starks, Kenneth and Patricia	01283-76002-00000	2025	
Varvaris, Katherine	4143-83007-00000	2025	

Resolution 2024-5-71

RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND TRANSFER

WHEREAS, it is desired to transfer monies from the General Basic fund to the Secondary Roads fund and, WHEREAS, said operating transfer is in accordance with Section 331.432, Code of Iowa, NOW, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, as follows:
The sum of \$1,009,206 is ordered to be transferred from the General Basic fund to the Secondary Roads fund, as allowed under the Code of Iowa maximum transfer limits.

Resolution 2024-5-72

RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND TRANSFER

WHEREAS, it is desired to transfer monies from the General Basic fund to the Capital Projects fund and, WHEREAS, said operating transfer is in accordance with Section 331.432, Code of Iowa, NOW, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, as follows:
The sum of \$2,000,000 is ordered to be transferred from the General Basic fund to the Capital Projects fund, as allowed under the Code of Iowa maximum transfer limits.

Resolution 2024-5-73

RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND TRANSFER

WHEREAS, it is desired to transfer monies from the General Supplemental fund to the General Basic fund and, WHEREAS, said operating transfer is in accordance with Section 331.432, Code of Iowa, NOW, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, as follows:
Section 1. The sum of \$7,500,000 is ordered to be transferred from the General Supplemental fund to the General Basic fund, to replace FICA, IPERS and insurance costs paid from the General Basic fund.
Section 2. The Auditor has been directed to correct his books accordingly and to notify the Treasurer of this operating transfer, accompanying the notification with a copy of this resolution and the record of its adoption.

Resolution 2024-5-74

RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND TRANSFER

WHEREAS, it is desired to transfer monies from the Rural Basic fund to the Capital Projects fund and, WHEREAS, said operating transfer is in accordance with Section 331.432, Code of Iowa, NOW, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, as follows:
The sum of \$750,000 is ordered to be transferred from the Rural Basic fund to the Capital Projects fund, as allowed under the Code of Iowa maximum transfer limits.

Resolution 2024-5-75

RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND TRANSFER

WHEREAS, it is desired to transfer monies from the Rural Services fund to the Secondary Roads fund and, WHEREAS, said operating transfer is in accordance with Section 331.432, Code of Iowa, NOW, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, as follows:
The sum of \$2,660,622 is ordered to be transferred from the Rural Services fund to the Secondary Roads fund, as allowed under the Code of Iowa maximum transfer limits.

Resolution 2024-5-76

A Resolution approving a Residential Parcel Split for HARMS FARMS FIRST ADDITION...

The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2024-5-76 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective May 15, 2024.

HARMS FARMS FIRST ADDITION (Case # PPS23-0011) to Linn County, Iowa, containing two (2) lots, numbered lot 1 and lettered lot A, a subdivision of real estate located in the SE SE of Section 36, Township 83 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows:

Commencing as a point of reference at the SW Corner of said SE ¼ SE ¼;
thence N00°59'04"W along the west line of said SE ¼SE¼, 647.24 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing N00°59'04"W along said west line, 215.79 feet; thence N88°07'52"E, 785.27 feet; thence S06°38'26"E, 210.34 feet; thence S87°41'37"W, 806.12 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 3.89 acres which includes 0.20 acres of road right of way.

The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at www.linncountyiowa.gov

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subaward Agreement between Linn County and Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity, Incorporated for the Linn County SAFE HOME Program in the amount of \$257,235.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Linn County American Rescue Plan Act Grant Closeout Agreement between Linn County and Trees Forever.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an Ingress/Egress and Utility Easement Agreement between Linn County and Matthew and Melanie Chervek for the Linn County-owned property bordering Spruce Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign a Vacancy Form requesting a full-time Administrative Specialist for the Linn County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Rogers read Proclamation: Make It OK - May 2024.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt said Proclamation: Make It OK - May 2024.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to open public hearing on the fiscal year 2024 proposed budget amendment.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., presented proof of publication. There was no oral or written feedback. There are increases in appropriations for Secondary Road’s due to a mild weather and to the self-retaining fund. A few departments also gave some appropriations back. There was a decrease in revenue from the Sheriff’s Office due to the federal inmates. Everything else was relatively small and on par.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that he talked to Bearrows in depth about the budget, noting that they might be forgetting the county’s financial situation as a whole. There are some upcoming big purchases.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to close public hearing.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve the fiscal year 2024 proposed budget amendment.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt Resolution 2024-5-77
Expenditures cannot exceed the following fiscal year 2024 appropriations by organization:

1	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	\$	26,054,304
2	AUDITOR		3,368,077
3	RECORDER		1,812,354
4	TREASURER		4,027,343
5	COUNTY ATTORNEY		6,011,757
6	IT		4,350,095
9	RISK		398,981
10	CIVIL SERVICE		19,244
11	HUMAN RESOURCES		1,116,201
12	FACILITIES		3,164,282
13	FACILITIES - BOARD BUILDINGS		1,491,292
14	FINANCE & BUDGET		827,606
15	SUSTAINABILITY		168,367
16	PURCHASING		528,779
21	SHERIFF		30,598,160
24	MEDICAL EXAMINER		864,800
27	COURT EXPENSE		72,500
29	JUVENILE JUSTICE		213,479
30	DHS - STATE WELFARE		307,077
33-34	LCCS		12,419,050
35	YOUTH SERVICES		4,552,261
36	VETERAN AFFAIRS		596,646
37	PUBLIC HEALTH		7,966,565
40	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		1,879,428
42	LIFTS		2,194,014
45	SOIL CONSERVATION		216,351
46	CONSERVATION		19,295,122
61	ENGINEER		27,242,993
65	CIP		9,033,424
86	BONDS		6,212,254
			<u>\$ 177,002,806</u>

Supervisor Rogers discussed sending a letter to Hy-Vee, Inc. regarding the recent announcement to close Hy-Vee #4 located at 1556 First Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA noting that he had this item placed on the agenda. He is part of a working group that was called by the City of Cedar Rapids to discuss the closure of Hy-Vee #4. That is a socially and economically sensitive neighborhood and they are trying to figure out immediate needs where non-profits and others can help. Food insecurity happens all throughout Linn County and it is part of a much larger discussion. There is pressure in rural and urban areas relating to food insecurity as well. They are calling upon Hy-Vee to engage in a dialogue. Rogers spoke to the Governor and Cedar Rapids Mayor this morning. There is infrastructure in place, funding is the main issue. They are losing a grocery store, pharmacy and place of gathering. Rogers added that this letter is not political.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that normally he would not be in favor of writing a letter to a business, however he likes how the letter was written. This opens up the dialogue and allows them to get into the real problem. Several businesses are closing in that area, and it is a bigger issue than most people comprehend. He sympathizes with those that have utilized this Hy-Vee for a long time and is in support of the letter.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve sending a letter to Hy-Vee, Inc. regarding the recent announcement to close Hy-Vee #4 located at 1556 First Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

Discussion: Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that she appreciates and supports the letter. It impacts a critical neighborhood as well as the entire community and county. She is hopeful that it can transition to another grocery store and pharmacy.

Vote: All Aye.

Public Comment – Gwen Smith, Make It Ok Steering Committee, thanked the Board for signing the Make It OK - May 2024 Proclamation.

Adjournment at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors