

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024 10:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Running-Marquardt, Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Zumbach (via phone until 10:08 a.m.). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of Aug. 27, 2024 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve claims for accounts payable checks dated 8/28/2024 #71015369 to 71015413 in the amount of \$569,456.03; and ACH in the amount of \$739,020.81; for a total of \$1,308,476.84.

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

Resolution 2024-8-134

Resolution approving a Residential Parcel Split for HOGAN'S FOURTH ADDITION.

The following description is a summary of Resolution 2024-8-134 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective August 28, 2024.

HOGAN'S FOURTH ADDITION (Case # PPS24-0003) to Linn County, Iowa, containing two (2) lots, numbered lot 1 and lettered lot A, a subdivision of real estate located in the NENE of Section 4, Township 84 North, Range 6 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Section 4, Township 84 North, Range 6 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian; thence S89°47'21"W along the north line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 4, a distance of 1082.80 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing S89°47'21"W along said north line, 245.18 feet; thence S1°24'48"E, 221.27 feet; thence N89°04'17"E, 238.59 feet; thence N0°18'17"E, 218.24 feet to the point of beginning.

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, 8:00 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 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreement Between Linn County and the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa Creating a Delinquent Tax Property Reinvestment Program, Known as the Saving Properties and Revitalizing Communities (SPARC) Program.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Linn County Children's Mental Health Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2025 Provider Agreement between Linn County and Unity Point St Lukes Hospital effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Linn County Children's Mental Health Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2025 Provider Agreement between Linn County and The ARC of East Central Iowa effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Linn County Children's Mental Health Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2025 Provider Agreement between Linn County and Life Connections effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subaward Agreement between Linn County and Horizons, A Family Alliance. Funds will be used for architectural fees, program development, and construction costs for the Horizons Senior Center project in the amount of \$200,000 effective Aug. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2026.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subaward Agreement between Linn County and Community Theatre of Cedar Rapids Inc. "Dream Here. Do Here" Project. Funds will be used for renovation costs to the Iowa Theatre Building located at 102 3rd Street SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa in the amount of \$15,000 effective Aug. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2026.

Approve and authorize the chair to sign Amendment Number 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Aspect, Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the Linn County Correctional Center Isolation Cell Buildout Project.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter giving notice of termination of the 2024-2025 AmeriCorps Host Site Agreement between the University of Northern Iowa/Green Iowa AmeriCorps and Linn County executed by Linn County on July 10, 2024.

Approve the removal of Secondary Roads' requirement of seal coat, dust control, and rock on Conditional Use Home Occupation Permit, case PC24-0006, for Devin LeBeau, located at 3182 Jordans Grove Road, Springville, Iowa.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an Iowa Department of Transportation IDOT Final Contract Construction Voucher for project FM-C057(171)--55-57, culvert replacement on Maple Grove Road.

Approve six additional AY2023 Homestead/Military allowances as recommended by the Assessor.

Approve Revisions to Employee Well-Being Policy (PM-022).

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve first consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by Adding Thereto a New Article V Pertaining to the Purchase of Delinquent Taxes, the Assignment of Tax Sale Certificates of Abandoned Properties or Vacant Lots, and the Assignment of Tax Sale Certificates Acquired at Public Nuisance Tax Sales.

Jessie Black, Admin. Spec., presented a recap of Monday's meeting and presented the Economic and Community Development Fund grant recommendations.

Supervisor Rogers stated that he serves on the Board of Directors for Tanager Place and will abstain from voting for that grant.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Zumbach to approve Economic and Community Development Fund grant in the amount of \$12,000 for Tanager Place.

VOTE: Running-Marquardt & Zumbach – Aye Rogers – Abstain

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve the following Economic and Community Development Fund grants: Linn County 3rd Fire Dist. - \$5,000.00; Matthew 25 - \$12,000.00; Center Point Urbana FFA Alumni & Supporters - \$17,000.00; Eastern Iowa Health Center - \$12,000.00; Families Helping Families - \$3,800.00; Hawkeye Downs - \$6,700.00; Indian Creek Nature Center - \$6,700.00; Kids First Law Center - \$5,000.00; Riverview Center - \$6,700.00; Together We Achieve - \$12,000.00; and Mount Vernon Area Arts Council – \$1,100.00.

Public Comment: Nelson Baethke, 1276 Ivanhoe Rd., stated that his assessed value went up 47.8% in one year and his total net tax went up 21.3% in one year. He doesn't know anyone that got a 21% raise. He is retired and on a fixed income. This is outrageous and he knows that this is primarily handled by bureaucrats and not Elected Officials. He stated there is a good chance that people will hold the Board of Supervisors responsible for that and will be remembered at election time. His insurance also went up 40.9% and groceries 11-12%.

At this time Supervisor Zumbach arrived at meeting.

Baethke continued to ask just how much can taxpayers afford and what is the Board of Supervisors doing to hold down costs to avoid these types of outrageous increases. He stated that you can't fire the bureaucrats, but you can fire Elected Officials. The three board members need to be aware of it and monitor it, noting that the increases are beyond outrageous. In closing he stated that the new proposed legislation to cap increases at 2% is going to affect everyone and not in a good way.

Adjournment at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors