

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 10:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Zumbach. Absent: Chairperson Running-Marquardt (personal business). 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 November 4, 2024 as printed.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve accounts payable checks dated 11/6/24 #71015965 to 71016063 in the amount of \$247,717.30; and ACH in the amount of \$1,815,374.61; for a total of \$2,063,091.91.

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

Resolution 2024-11-170

A Resolution approving a Preliminary Plat for FRENCH FARM FOURTH ADDITION.

The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2024-11-170 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective November 6, 2024.

FRENCH FARM FOURTH ADDITION (Case # PP24-0002) to Linn County, Iowa, containing seven (7) lots, numbered lot 1, lot 2, lot 3, lot 4 and Outlot A, Outlot B and Outlot C, has been filed for approval, a subdivision of real estate located in the NW NE 05-86-07 of Section 05, Township 86 North, Range 07 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows:

Lot 2 and Lot 3, French Farm Second Addition to Linn County, Iowa and Lot 2, French Farm Third Addition to Linn County, Iowa and Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 2518

and All the south 8 rods except the east 46 rods of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 86 North, Range 7 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Linn County, Iowa, described as follows: Said parcel contains 21.70 acres, subject to easements and restrictions of record.

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 Linn County Food Systems Council Fiscal Year 2025

Food Access, Resiliency and Equity Grant Program (FARE) Grant Agreements

The agreements are as follows: Local Harvest CSA - \$6,500 United We March Forward - \$4,500 Marion Cares - \$4,000 Total \$15,000 .

Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for F. B. & Co., 4185 Whittier Rd., noting all conditions have been met.

Approve the final Urban County Coalition 2025 state legislative priorities.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented Resolutions and Joint City/County Agreements Pertaining to the Big Cedar East Urban Renewal Area and Big Cedar West Urban Renewal Area. He stated that this was discussed on Monday and placed on today's Regular Agenda due to questions regarding Fairfax.

Chris Phillip, Fairfax Zoning Adm., stated that they abut the west side and are asking that 76th improvements extend to the Fairfax city limits. They are also in the process of planning improvements for 76th with three lanes/turn lane. He assured the Board that they are working with the city of Cedar Rapids on an annexation agreement, and everything is going well.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that he asked the Fairfax representative to attend today's meeting and noted that Chairperson Running-Marquardt has also talked to them.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt Resolution 2024-11-171

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOINT CITY/COUNTY AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE BIG CEDAR EAST URBAN RENEWAL AREA AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAID AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 403 allows cities to create an urban renewal area by establishing a geographic district that is defined by a boundary description and designated as an area for urban renewal projects; and WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Rapids proposes to establish the Big Cedar East Urban Renewal Area and to designate it as an "economic development area" to encourage economic growth; and WHEREAS, the proposed Big Cedar East Urban Renewal Area includes property that is in unincorporated Linn County outside the corporate limits of Cedar Rapids but within two miles of such limits; and WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 403.17(4) requires the consent of a county for a city to include property outside its corporate limits but within two miles of such limits in an urban renewal area; and WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa proposes a Joint City/County Agreement for the purpose of satisfying the consent requirements in Iowa Code Section 403.17(4); and WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors finds that its approval of the proposed Joint City/County Agreement is in the best interest of Linn County.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors approves the Joint City/County Agreement pertaining to the Big Cedar East Urban Renewal Area and authorizes the chairperson to execute said Agreement on behalf of Linn County.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt Resolution 2024-11-172

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOINT CITY/COUNTY AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE BIG CEDAR WEST URBAN RENEWAL AREA AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAID AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 403 allows cities to create an urban renewal area by establishing a geographic district that is defined by a boundary description and designated as an area for urban renewal projects; and WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Rapids proposes to establish the Big Cedar West Urban Renewal Area and to designate it as an “economic development area” to encourage economic growth; and WHEREAS, the proposed Big Cedar West Urban Renewal Area includes property that is in unincorporated Linn County outside the corporate limits of Cedar Rapids but within two miles of such limits; and WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 403.17(4) requires the consent of a county for a city to include property outside its corporate limits but within two miles of such limits in an urban renewal area; and WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa proposes a Joint City/County Agreement for the purpose of satisfying the consent requirements in Iowa Code Section 403.17(4); and WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors finds that its approval of the proposed Joint City/County Agreement is in the best interest of Linn County. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors approves the Joint City/County Agreement pertaining to the Big Cedar West Urban Renewal Area and authorizes the chairperson to execute said Agreement on behalf of Linn County.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to open public hearing on the fiscal year 2025 proposed budget amendment. Proof of publication was presented.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., explained the amendments. There were no oral or written objections.

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt Resolution 2024-11-173 FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS Expenditures cannot exceed the following fiscal year 2025 appropriations by organization:

1	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	\$	25,379,037
2	AUDITOR		3,674,969
3	RECORDER		1,774,968
4	TREASURER		4,370,286
5	COUNTY ATTORNEY		6,118,774
6	IT		4,525,737
9	RISK		413,336
10	CIVIL SERVICE		19,636
11	HUMAN RESOURCES		1,109,648
12	FACILITIES		3,167,248
13	FACILITIES - BOARD BUILDINGS		1,595,262
14	FINANCE & BUDGET		863,558
15	SUSTAINABILITY		166,289
16	PURCHASING		523,161
21	SHERIFF		31,277,148
24	MEDICAL EXAMINER		872,650
27	COURT EXPENSE		38,500
29	JUVENILE JUSTICE		213,479
30	DHS - STATE WELFARE		297,257
33-35	LCCS/YOUTH SERVICES		17,954,481
36	VETERAN AFFAIRS		659,866
37	PUBLIC HEALTH		7,992,670
40	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		1,887,255
42	LIFTS		2,241,163
45	SOIL CONSERVATION		243,733
46	CONSERVATION		19,862,784
61	ENGINEER		26,157,850
65	CIP		8,178,709
86	BONDS		6,269,695
		\$	<u>177,849,149</u>

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to open public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost for the Linn County Secondary Road Headquarters Project. Proof of publication presented.

Darrin Gage presented the resolution granting final approval and confirming the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost for the Linn County Secondary Road Headquarters Project. There were no oral or written objections.

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to adopt Resolution 2024-11-174

A RESOLUTION GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL AND CONFIRMING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATED TOTAL COST FOR THE LINN COUNTY SECONDARY ROAD HEADQUARTERS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Linn County, Iowa Board of Supervisors ("Board") on October 23, 2024, approved, in preliminary form, the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total project cost ("Contract Documents") prepared by Emergent Architecture ("Architect") for the Linn County Secondary Road Headquarters Project ("Project"); and WHEREAS, Linn County, at the direction of the Board, published a Notice of Public Hearing on the Contract Documents in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.305 and Iowa Code Chapter 26; and WHEREAS, the Board conducted a public hearing on the Contract Documents on November 6, 2024, in accordance with the published Notice of Public Hearing. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVE that the Board hereby grants final approval to the Contract Documents referenced in this Resolution and confirms the prior Board action granting preliminary approval to the Contract Documents and finding the Project necessary and desirable.

Bids for the Linn County Secondary Road Headquarters Project were opened and read by Darrin Gage (8 bids were received). The Board referred bid proposals to Linn County staff and the project architect for review and tabulation.

Public Comment: Supervisor Zumbach welcomed Supervisor Elect Brandy Zumbach-Meisheid to the meeting noting how proud he was of her and extended his congratulations. He also wanted to clarify comments made at Monday's meeting regarding the winter homeless shelter. He stated that his comments about building codes were not to make it unsafe. It's just that some of the code issues deal with how many sinks, etc. they have. Those things can be done later, noting that it's more important to get people inside than to worry about how many sinks they have.

Supervisor Rogers also congratulated Zumbach-Meisheid on her candidacy and election. She is going to succeed her father, a person he has grown immensely fond of and enjoyed working with. He is looking forward to working with Zumbach-Meisheid as well. He also expressed his gratitude to Deputy Auditor Matt Warfield, staff, Precinct Election Officials and volunteers who made voting in one of the most hotly contested elections in terms of number of days, stress and strain put on Election staff to run a flawless election. He received many compliments from people in the building that witnessed Auditor staff and Precinct Election Officials who made it a very smooth process.

Supervisor Zumbach concurred with Election comments.

Deputy Matt Warfield thanked the Board for their comments on a job well done and he stated (as he does after every election) that it's not just him but it's the staff. He stated that they have a permanent staff of 6 people, including himself, and while he doesn't have a definite count for this election, all of those people in the community that stepped up to be a part of elections this year was over 750. Two new things were implemented. They added a call center to address the increase in call volume and added a dedicated hotline for Chairpersons for immediate assistance. One of his overarching goals was for this process to be as transparent as possible throughout everything. The ASVP team had a deadline to complete their task by 10 p.m. on election night and they worked until 12:15 wrapping things up. They received zero calls and zero complaints about that delay and much of that was attributed to Joel Miller when he issued a press release and announced the approximate time of when that would be completed. Warfield also explained changes made regarding the ASVP process which allowed poll watchers to see everything at one time in one location. He added that there were some things that did not go well including two people that almost died. He explained the circumstances in detail. He also explained a situation at the Lindale Satellite location that resulted in a Precinct Election Official resigning due to stress and physical demands placed on him. Warfield implored the Board to look at a unified facility for Elections so that they do not have to shift from building to building, deal with wiring and leaking roofs. He would like to see conversations to plan for the future while also realizing there are budget constraints.

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Adjournment at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors