

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 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. 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 December 18 & 20, 2024 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by to approve claims dated 12//20/24 for payroll deduction checks #71016494-#71016497 in the amt. of \$3,090.60; ACH in the amt. of \$57,345.47; an EFT wire in the amt. of \$756k,803.50 and a Ceridian ER Funds Trust Wire in the amt. of \$2,126,192.89 for a total of \$2,943,432.46 and accounts payable checks dated 12/23/24 #71016498 in the amount of \$52.90.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Rogers to remove Medical Examiner contract from the agenda.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Zumbach to approve Consent Agenda as amended:

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subaward Agreement between Linn County and National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Inc. for the Orloj Clocktower Project in the amount of \$15,000.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subaward Agreement between Linn County and the City of Palo for the Palo Investigative Study for Water Source and Water Storage Project to extend the period of performance from December 31, 2024, to the amended December 31, 2026, and increase the obligated amount by \$200,000 from funds previously committed to Palo for this project.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subaward Agreement between Linn County and the City of Prairieburg for the Sewer Cleaning and Televising and Manhole Grouting, Hydrant Replacement, Sewer Extension and Prairieburg Volunteer Fire Department Projects to increase the obligated amount by \$467,900 from funds previously committed to Prairieburg for this project.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subaward Agreement between Linn County and The Linn County Community Action Fund for the Youth Leadership Fund - Fellowship Program to extend the period of performance from December 31, 2024, to the amended December 31, 2026.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subaward Agreement between Linn County and The Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success, Inc. for the project, We're Not Playing: The Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success Fulfilling the Academic and Cultural Needs of Black, Brown, and Biracial Students of Linn County and Beyond, to extend the period of performance from December 31, 2024, to the amended December 31, 2026 .

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subaward Agreement between Linn County and Indian Creek Nature Center for the Education Expansion at Indian Creek Nature Center to extend the period of performance from December 31, 2024, to the amended December 31, 2026.

Approve a purchase order PO0699 in the amount of \$5,828.38 to Rapids Wholesale for a commercial dishwasher for Linn County Juvenile Detention & Diversion Services.

Deputy Auditor Warfield presented the Statement of Election Costs for the September special Election held on September 10, 2024 and explained changes that he plans to make with the process in the future.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve Statement of Election Costs for the September special Election held on September 10, 2024.

Sonia Evans, Budget & Finance, advised the Board that there is \$60,000 in allocated ARPA funds that have not been spent. She recommends the funds go to isolation cells at the Correctional Center and the Homeless Shelter.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Rogers to reallocate \$60,000 of previously allocated American Rescue Plan Act funds to isolation cells for Correctional Center and the Homeless Shetler.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented a Resolution approving the contract and performance and/or payment bonds for the Linn County Winter Weather Shelter Improvements Project.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Rogers to adopt Resolution 2024-12-199
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT AND PERFORMANCE AND/OR PAYMENT BONDS
FOR THE LINN COUNTY WINTER WEATHER SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors ("Board") on November 27, 2024, awarded a contract for the Linn County Secondary Road Headquarters Project ("Project") to King-Knutson Construction Co. Inc. ("Contractor"), and fixed the amount of the performance and/or payment bonds required for the Project; and, WHEREAS, the Contractor duly signed the contract for the Project, and the contract appears to be in proper form; and, WHEREAS, the Contractor filed satisfactory performance and/or payment bonds in the amount fixed by the Board. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Board hereby approves the aforementioned contract and performance and/or payment bonds, authorizes the Board chairperson to execute said contract, declares the contract and performance and/or payment bonds binding upon the parties thereto, and authorizes the Board chairperson to execute a Notice to Proceed.

Gage presented a proposal between Linn County and Unzeitig Construction Co. for improvements at the EMA building located at 2957 HWY 13, Marion.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve proposal between Linn County and Unzeitig Construction Co. for improvements at the EMA building located at 2957 HWY 13, Marion in the amount of \$99,268.

Public Comment:

Supervisor Rogers stated that this is the last meeting with Supervisor Zumbach. He has enjoyed immensely the time they've served together. They have a mutual friend, Gary Grant, who told him that he and Louie would have more in common than differences. He said that Louie is a person that he can work with, and he'll meet at the 50-yard line if you're willing to meet him halfway as well. Rogers stated that don't for one second believe the "Aw Shucks" farmer from Coggon routine. Zumbach is smart, sharp, and strategic. He has come to find him to be a kind soul and a man with a good heart. He is most proud of their better decisions, and those decisions are different because of compromise, collaboration, discussions and wanting to ensure that they represent the people that put them in those seats. They have made good decisions better because of those conversations. There have been a few conversations in his life that have been impactful and none more so than when he, Louie and Stacey Walker (from all different walks of life) sat around a table and brainstormed an idea where they all clicked, and they knew when they walked out of the room that something happened. Someone took that idea and made it very impactful. Rogers continued to say that Louie has helped make this a better organization. He has helped make them better decision makers and he is really good at what he does. Louie helped him look at issues differently. They had conversations of life, family, health and what they want for their children and their children's children. Louie has a fun loving nature and is a good friend. Louie and his family will always have a seat at his table, and he is so proud to serve with him and he wishes him all the best.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt stated how much she enjoyed working with Louie in the Iowa Legislature and as a County Supervisor. It has been a gift. She sincerely appreciates that they don't always agree on things but he's willing to listen to another perspective and he taught her to do a better job of listening to other perspectives as well. He's always accepted her for who she is and the people she represents as well. He doesn't pretend to be something different than who he is. He's never snarky, judgy and he doesn't talk behind people's back. He's a straight shooter who is good and kind to people. That's what really matters, how people are treated and that's what they will remember and he's been a really good example of that. There have been a couple things that he has done at the county that will leave a lasting mark. One is focusing on supporting infrastructure with ARPA dollars for some of the smaller towns around the county. That means everything and it also could mean the survival of some of those small towns, and they want to work on quality of life for all the people of Linn County. That alone was a huge accomplishment and will have generational impact. Louie also focused on and fought for having money put in the food bank that services most of the NE corner of Linn County. She also recalls the countless times that Louie met people at their homes. He tries his best to make government work for people. Running-Marquardt thanked Louie for being her friend and colleague, especially during tough times. She also thanked his family for the sacrifices they've made for him to be able to serve the people of Linn County. He leaves behind a legacy and something that he can hang his hat on long after all of them are gone.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Rogers to approve the following:

- Appoint Don Gray to the East Central Iowa Council of Governments Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2027.
- Appoint Brandy Meisheid as an alternate to the East Central Iowa Council of Governments Board of Directors for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2027.

- Appoint Darrin Gage as an alternate to the East Central Iowa Council of Governments Board of Directors for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2027.
- Reappoint Kristina Kremer to the East Central Iowa Council of Governments Revolving Loan Fund Committee for a one-year term, beginning January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2025.
- Reappoint Brad Ketels to the Region 10 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2027.
- Reappoint Randy Burke as an alternate to the Region 10 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2027.
- Reappoint Randy Burke to the Region 10 Trails Advisory Committee for a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2026.
- Reappoint David Thielen to the Region 10 Passenger Transportation Advisory Committee for a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2026.
- Appoint Brandy Meisheid to the Region 10 Transportation Policy Committee to fill an unexpired term, expiring December 31, 2025.
- Reappoint Kirsten Running-Marquardt to the Region 10 Transportation Policy Committee for a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2026.
- Reappoint the following trustees to Fire Districts 1-7 for a three-year term, effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027: Mark Clark to Fire District 2; James Keiper to Fire District 5; Dennis Bizek and Justin See to Fire District 6 and Al Moorman to Fire District 7.
- Reappoint Michael Martin to the Board of Adjustment for a five-year term, beginning January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2029.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that he wanted to thank his wife, Deb, his partner for 36 years. He thanked his two daughters, Taylor and Allison, who walked countless miles when he ran for election, especially for Supervisor. He thanked his daughter, Rachel, who not only walked countless miles but went to the Capitol with him as a page and later worked for the Governor. He also thanked his son-in-law, Michael, who handled his financial campaigns and thanked the men (Jarod, Luke & Tyler) that run the farm when he was gone. He also thanked Jim & Anita Haughenbury for attending today's meeting. He stated that he spent the last 32 years on some type of board, commission or elected office. He's always tried to do his best with the cards he was dealt. He's very grateful for the overwhelming support of the people from being at the fire house to the state house and at Linn County. He gave a heartfelt thank you to the people of Linn County. He told a story about going to the Farm Progress Show with Gary Edwards. He complimented Running-Marquardt and Rogers and also recalled the day he met with Rogers and Walker. He was excited when Running-Marquardt got elected and stated that it was a pleasure working with her. He also gave an example of how he changed his mind about having a wind farm on his land. His relationship with his fellow Supervisors has grown and he considers them friends. They don't always see eye to eye but seemed to work things out. Zumbach recognized and thanked Darrin Gage and Becky Shoop, both assets to Linn County. Finally, he recognized the newly elected Supervisor, his oldest daughter, Brandy Meisheid, who worked hard for the position. It was never handed to her, and she stayed positive when being slandered. Linn County has great employees, department heads and elected officials. Linn County really wants for nothing, and he knows other county supervisors look up to Linn County. In closing, he played "Happy Trails" on his phone.

Adjournment at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors