

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025 10:00 A.M.

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

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve minutes of January 17 & 21, 2025 as printed.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Rogers to approve accounts payable checks dated 1/22/25 #71016702 to 71016777 in the amount of \$199,863.01; and ACH in the amount of \$1,532,980.51; for a total of \$1,732,843.52.

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

Receive and place on file the County Auditor's Quarterly Report for the quarter of October 1, through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$887.25. Total Auditor transfer fees deposited by Recorder with the County Treasurer in the amount of \$10,555.

Resolution 2025-1-14 VACATE EXCESS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors desire to vacate a portion of excess road right-of-way, more particularly described as follows. A portion of the SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 19, T. 85N., R. 07W. of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa described as follows: All of Cummings Ford Road located in said Section 19. Said vacated area = 84,795 sf or 1.95 acres. WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 306.12 and 306.13 of the Code of Iowa, notice was published in the Cedar Rapids Gazette, a copy of said notice being attached hereto, and WHEREAS, all adjoining land owners, all utility companies and the Iowa Department of Transportation have been notified by certified mail pursuant to Chapter 306.12 of said vacation and the hearing thereon, and WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors pursuant to the aforesaid notice held a hearing on the proposed vacation of the aforementioned right-of-way, and WHEREAS, it being deemed in the best interest of Linn County to vacate said right-of-way, and WHEREAS, the vacation is subject to easements of record at time of the public hearing including a utility easement, and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors that the subject section of road be ordered vacated and closed, and the vacated property listed above, subject to the right of utilities to continue in possession of any easement existing at the time of vacation. See Exhibit "A" attached. in Linn County, Iowa, be and the same is hereby vacated, and shall no longer be deemed public road right-of-way.

Resolution 2025-1-15

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the M-BRIDGE 1032 REHAB(25), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as bridge rehab to repair a damaged pile; 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 Jim Schroeder Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$30,407.00 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 Engineer or Assistant 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 through the DOT for this county.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign form CC-213 recertifying Linn County's participation in the Community Rating System Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a partial acquisition contract by and between the Department of Natural Resources (Formerly Iowa State Conservation Commission) of Linn County, Iowa, and Linn County, in the amount of \$500 for right-of-way acquired in connection with Linn County's project No. FM-C057(173)—55-57 on Matsell Park Road.

Joel McAnulty, Dist. Dir., gave an update on the Sixth District Iowa Department of Corrections. Also present: Drew Konicek, Div. Manager.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., discussed SF22 re: electronic devices and hands-free driving (Sheriff Gardner's priority) and SF26 re: budgets of local emergency management agencies. Gage also stated that there are two Senate Study bills (veteran service officer training and veteran funding).

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Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to register against SF26.

The Board recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. to review and discuss the following FY 26 budgets. Also present: Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., Auditor Todd Taylor, Deputy Auditor's Rebecca Shoop, Rhonda Betsworth, Amanda Hoy and Matt Warfield, Gail Tenney, Auditor's staff, David Thielen, LCCS Dir., Erin Foster, Mental Health Access Center and Vickie Kindl, LCCS Finance Mgr.

Auditor - Appropriations of \$3,434,605 and Revenues of \$416,500.

Bearrows stated that the Auditor administration budget is over guidelines by \$58,000 due to the inclusion of the HF718 budget mailer that has previously been covered by carry-over funds. The FY 26 elections budget is compared to the FY 22 elections budget and is over guidelines by \$109,794 due to an increase in the number of precincts, the rate of pay for elections workers and the IRS mileage rate. The increase in revenues is a result of an increase in local elections.

Auditor Taylor gave a brief overview and Deputy Betsworth presented and explained the budget.

Deputy Warfield explained cost saving measures that they have implemented. Warfield also presented the Key Performance Indicator which is polling locations.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to preliminarily approve Auditor FY26 appropriations in the amt. of \$3,434,605 and Revenues in the amt. of \$416,500.

Linn County Community Services (LCCS) – Appropriations of \$8,537,016 and Revenues of \$2,838,690.

Bearrows stated that the LCCS budget is over guidelines by \$20,755 which is made up of the following:

- \$13,000 for food and contractual increases for HACAP in the Child and Youth Development Center.
- \$6,320 in contractual increases for Children's Mental Health.
- \$1,300 in provider contract increases for Reaching Families.
- \$135 in contractual increases in General Assistance.

All other increases, totaling \$284,568, are offset by an increase in revenue and do not increase the General Fund tax asking. The Ryan White program accounts for \$133,441 of this amount and a new grant, DECAT Flex Funds, accounts for \$135,000. Additional increases in revenues of \$34,159 cover grant funded salary and benefit increases.

FY26 total appropriations of \$5,213,645 and Revenues of \$4,579,603 for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services.

This department includes the ECR functions, Options and the Mental Health Access Center, none of which are funded by the General Basic Fund. The FY26 budget for these functions includes revenues equal to expenditures. Substance Use Disorder functions are funded by the General Supplement Fund. This includes the allocation to the Mental Health Access Center. The total SUD allocation request for FY26 is \$632,042 which meets guidelines.

FY26 total appropriations of \$5,242,693 and Revenues of \$2,097,317 for Youth Services

The Youth Services net General Fund budget is over the Board of Supervisors guidelines by \$74,450 due to the following:

- \$10,000 increase in food
- \$1,500 increase in Diversion services supplies
- \$10,200 increase in Detention behavior management supplies and primary care contractual increases
- \$14,991 contractual increase in medical services
- \$37,759 decrease in grant revenue

Vehicle Requests - 3 Chevy Traverse SUVs - \$45,000 each (\$135,000 total)
JDDS currently has 10 vehicles, 6 of which have been "handed down".

Thielen presented the budget and explained in detail including KPI's and challenges in FY26.

The Board commended Thielen and his team for all they do.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to preliminarily approve the following:

- Linn County Community Services (LCCS) – Appropriations of \$8,537,016 and Revenues of \$2,838,690.
- Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services - Appropriations of \$5,213,645 and Revenues of \$4,579,603.
- Youth Services - Appropriations of \$5,242,693 and Revenues of \$2,097,317.

Discussion continued regarding the schedule of Board meetings to discuss and decide on Elected Official salaries.

Adjournment at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E. TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors