

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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 February 17 & 18, 2025 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve accounts payable checks dated 2/19/25 #71017016 to 71017069 in the amount of \$86,278.80; and ACH in the amount of \$1,460,596.38; for a total of \$1,546,875.18 and voided checks totaling \$20,966.01.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve payment to Brandy Meisheid in the amount of \$120.00.

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

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

Resolution 2025-2-26 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the M-PAVEMENT MARKINGS(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 pavement markings in various locations; 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 Advanced Traffic Control in the amount of \$226,144.25 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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.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 2/11/2025.

Approve purchase order PO717 in the amount of \$51,447.81 to Karl Chevrolet of Ankeny, Iowa for a 2025 Chevrolet Express 15 passenger van for Conservation.

Approve a purchase order PO718 in the amount of \$112,852.41 to Karl Chevrolet of Ankeny, Iowa for three 2025 Chevrolet Traverses for Detention Youth Services Department.

Approve purchase order PO719 in the amount of \$183,111.90 to Stivers Ford Lincoln of Waukee, Iowa for three 2025 Ford F-150 4x4 trucks for Conservation.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an amended agreement between Abbe Center for Community Mental Health and Linn County Mental Health Access Center for services at the Access Center for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Iowa Department of Transportation IDOT Federal-aid Agreement for a County Highway Bridge Program Project, bridge replacement on Rosedale Road over Indian Creek, not to exceed an amount of \$1,500,000 Project no. BROS-C057(168)--8J-57.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Iowa Department of Transportation IDOT Federal-aid Agreement for a County Highway Bridge Program Project, bridge replacement on Burlingham Road over Buffalo Creek, not to exceed an amount of \$1,300,000 Project no. BROS-C057(177)--8J-57.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Standard Professional Services Agreement with Snyder & Associates, Inc, for Tower Terrace Road Phase 7-2025 RAISE Grant Application in the amount of \$15,000.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a contract between the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services and Linn County Community Services for Ryan White Services, not to exceed an amount of \$1,058,728 effective April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. Contract no. PUHEHSH25102.

Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Gardner Golf Course, 5101 Golf Course Rd., Marion, noting all conditions have been met.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Vacancy Form for a full-time GIS Specialist for the IT-GIS Department.

Garret Reddish, Asst. Co. Engineer, presented a Vacancy Form for a full-time Design Engineer for the Secondary Roads Department. He stated that this is an upgrade from a Design Tech., noting that the position has been vacant for quite some time.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve Vacancy Form for a full-time Design Engineer for the Secondary Roads Department.

Mae Hingt, CEO for MH/DS East Central Region, gave a presentation of the Mental Health Disability Services of the East Central Region (ECR) transition plan. Also present: Jodi Bridgewater. Hingt stated that the eleven regions will be decreased to the seven Behavioral Health System effective July 1, 2025. ECR will support the transition to the statewide Behavioral Health System and will maintain the highest level of commitment and integrity. There are 34 regional staff that will be out of jobs when operations terminate June 30, 2025. She noted that there are systems put in place to continue providing services to residents but there is nothing for staff. She has made arrangements for five well-being coaching sessions with Abbe Center for Comm. Mental Health and she has made arrangements with an HR Specialist to assist staff with resumes and job seeking. Meetings have also been set up with IPERS and Iowa Workforce. The Governing Board has agreed to institute a monthly retention bonus to incentivize staff to stay to the end of June.

Discussion continued regarding language within the original agreement that refers to Linn County being the employer of record.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that the Board will be asking legal staff to look at current and future contracts focusing on "employer of record" language.

Chairperson Rogers commended Hingt for her impressive professional growth and gratitude for her focusing on the transition with integrity and class. He also recognized her reducing barriers and creating opportunities for staff.

Jessie Black, Board staff, presented the same list of Witwer Trust Fund grant applications for FY 2025 as she presented on Monday with no changes and asked for the Board's formal approval.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve the following Witwer Trust Fund grant allocations for fiscal year 2025: Catherine McAuley Center - \$50,000; City of Prairieburg Good Ole Boys - \$5,000; Ely Public Library - \$555; Linn County 3rd Fire Dist. Found.- \$10,000; Tanager Place - \$2,790; CPU FFA Alumni & Supporters - \$2,100; Hawkeye Downs Speedway & Expo Center - \$667; Hiawatha Public Library - \$354; Safe Place Found. - \$2,867; Community Health Free Clinic - \$1,667; CRV Food Pantry - \$167; Matthew 25 - \$167; Together We Achieve - \$167; Waypoint - \$1,667; WRAP-The Wheelchair Ramp Access. Program - \$332; and YPN - \$1,500.

Chairperson Rogers explained he will be phasing out at the end of March, and it was suggested to appoint a new Chair and Vice Chair. at this time.

Motion by Rogers, seconded Running-Marquardt to appoint Supervisor Meisheid as the Linn County Board of Supervisors Chair and Supervisor Running-Marquardt as Vice Chair.

Legislative Updates: Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., asked the Board to register against a bill, SSB 1114, which will cap building permit fees at \$500 per project, no matter what the project is. Nichols stated that he has given the Board's lobbyists, Gary Grant and Larry Murphy, some talking points.

It was the consensus of the Board to register against this bill.

Adjournment at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E. TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor
By: Amanda Brown, Deputy Auditor

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisor