

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 11:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order.

Public Comment: Marc Franke, 4205 Vista Rd, Ely, read a prepared statement highlighting that he helps the county to understand renewable energy issues and to get the best community value from proposed solar projects.

Laura Robinson, 2094 Linn Delaware Rd, Coggon, asked if the Board has fully considered and addressed the consequences of the solar project noting that 60+ neighbors have publicly opposed the project. There are concerns about tile drainage.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of December 1, 2 & 3, 2021 as printed.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Zumbach to remove from the agenda: Discuss and decide on the acceptance of a competitive quotation of \$13,746.68 from Robison Construction, Inc. for the Secondary Road District #1 Shop Salt Shed Derecho Repair project and authorize Chair to sign a Notice to Proceed notifying Robison Construction, Inc. to commence work on the project.

Jennifer Fencel, East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG), gave a presentation on Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Fiscal Year 2023 funding request in the amount of \$14,000. Also present: Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation and Mike Tertinger, Planning & Development.

Monica Slaughter and Nick Maybanks, County Attorney's Office, discussed reclassification of Prosecutor III position to a criminal division head position that will be dedicated to training and mentorship for newer staff.

Discussion continued regarding funding and if it should have been presented through the offer process.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to open public hearing for proposed amendments to the Unified Development Code.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development, discussed first consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code. Staff is proposing amendments to Article IV, Section 107-72 Land Division Processes and Requirements related to final plat document and filing requirements, Residential Parcel Splits, Minor Boundary Changes, and Land Preservation Parcel Splits. There were no oral or written objections.

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve upon first consideration an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code. Staff is proposing amendments to Article IV, Section 107-72 Land Division Processes and Requirements related to final plat document and filing requirements, Residential Parcel Splits, Minor Boundary Changes, and Land Preservation Parcel Splits.

Nichols also discussed public input opportunities at Coggon Solar Meetings. He asked the Board how they would like the upcoming meetings structured.

Discussion continued regarding how many public comment periods should take place at each meeting and if the Board will shorten the five minute limit.

The Board concurred to keep public comments at the beginning and the end of the meetings.

Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor, discussed Vacancy Form requesting a temporary Account Tech for the Auditor's department. Newest Account Tech is resigning and previous Account Tech is going to work via telecommuting while going through the hiring process again.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Vacancy Form requesting a temporary Account Tech for the Auditor's department.

Discussion: Walker asked that Auditor Miller let the Board know at his next update how the teleworking goes. Walker feels telework is a huge asset.

VOTE: All aye

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., and Brent Oleson, Deputy Dir. of Policy & Community Relations, discussed Change Order Number 2 from Garling Construction, Inc. for the Fillmore Building Reroofing project. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Gage also discussed the acceptance of a competitive quotation of \$135,600.00 from Loecke Building Service, Inc. for the Wanatee Park Shop Building Office Addition project and authorize Chair to sign a Notice to Proceed notifying Loecke Building Service, Inc. to commence work on the project.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve the acceptance of a competitive quotation of \$135,600.00 from Loecke Building Service, Inc. for the Wanatee Park Shop Building Office Addition project and authorize Chair to sign a Notice to Proceed notifying Loecke Building Service, Inc. to commence work on the project.

Gage also discussed an Amendment to the Purchase/Sale Contract dated September 27, 2021 for the purchase/sale of 1017 12th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to authorize Chair to sign the Amendment to the Purchase/Sale Contract dated September 27, 2021 for the purchase/sale of 1017 12th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids.

Public Comment: John Zakrasek, 531 Lawndale Dr SE, Cedar Rapids, spoke regarding the Coggon Solar Project. He complimented the county's staff on addressing the solar questions. Zakrasek feels that they have gone backwards regarding emissions since Duane Arnold closed.

Marc Franke, 4205 Vista Rd, Ely, stated that he would like people to be able to speak with the ability for others to answer their questions at the upcoming solar meetings.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations) as follows:

<u>AUDITOR'S OFFICE</u>		
Account Technician	Tamara Rawson	Termination/resignation 2/28/21
<u>RECORDER'S OFFICE</u>		
Clerical Specialist	Cassandra Snyder	Step increase 11/30/21 55B \$20.44–55C \$21.51
<u>TREASURER'S OFFICE</u>		
Universal Clerk	Traci Fine	New hire 12/13/21 56A \$20.95 Replaces K. Dermody
Universal Clerk	Robert Jett	New hire 12/13/21 56A \$20.95 Replaces S. Federick
<u>COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE</u>		
County Attorney	Jerry Vander Sanden	Termination/retirement 12/31/21
Criminal Prosecutor III	Molly Edwards	Promotion 1/1/22 \$97,067.52–\$108,206.41/annually
<u>PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Planner I	Desire Irakoze	End of probation 12/6/21 37A \$25.60–37B \$26.92
<u>FACILITIES</u>		
Custodian	Penina Niyokwizera	Termination/resignation 12/1/21
Facilities Manager	Anthony Rossetti	New hire 12/6/21 \$91,331/annually Replaces G. Fagerbakke
<u>SHERIFF'S OFFICE</u>		
Female Corr Officer	Jeimmy Navarro	Shift change 11/20/21 56B \$22.26+\$.25+\$.25–56B \$22.26+\$.25+\$.25
Female Corr Officer	Megan Collins	Shift change 11/20/21 56D \$24.51+\$.25+\$.50–56D \$24.51+\$.25+\$.25
Female Corr Officer	Ariel Spitzner	Shift change 11/20/21 56D \$24.51+\$.25+\$.50–56D \$24.51+\$.25+\$.25
Female Corr Officer	Raelynn Dawson-Jensen	Shift change 11/20/21 56E \$25.84+\$.25+\$.25–56E \$25.84+\$.25
<u>FINANCE & BUDGET</u>		
Senior Accountant	Sonia Evans	End of probation 12/7/21 40A \$31.92–40B \$33.35
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>		
Cook	Diane Rowe	New hire 12/1/21 51A \$14.57–54A \$18.06 30 hrs/wk New position
<u>JUVENILE DETENTION</u>		
Youth Counselor	Sara Palmer	New hire 11/29/21 36A \$23.94 Replaces M. Reed
Youth Counselor	Patrick Beets	Termination/resignation 12/3/21
Tracker	Patrick Beets	Termination/resignation 12/3/21
Tracker	James Christianson	New hire 11/29/21 56A \$20.95 Replaces P. Beets

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve claims for AP check #71005212 in the amount of \$1,000; payroll deduction checks #71005204–#71005211 in the amount of \$36,172.01; and payroll wires in the amount of \$233,142.42.

The Board recessed at 12:11 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. to review proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget for Board Other. Present: Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., and Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir.

Board Other – FY23 appropriations are over the Board's guidelines by \$62,118 due to increase in Regional Planning/ECICOG, increase in Workplace Learning Connection, Decrease in Apiary, increase in Secondary Roads chargebacks and increase in library allocation.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., explained that this is a work session for this budget and went over line items individually.

Darrin Gage also explained line items for Regional Planning and library allocations.

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Adjournment at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors