

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023 10:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Zumbach called the meeting to order.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of Sept. 27, 2023 as presented.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve claims dated 09/29/23 for payroll deduction checks #71012385 - #71012400 in the amount of \$1,077,669.16, ACH in the amount of \$18,440.06, EFT Wire in the amount of \$19,434.41, and ACH Wire in the amount of \$2,217,689.72 for a total of \$3,333,233.35.

Dustin Peterson, Veteran Affairs Dir., presented a contract between Linn County and ImOn Ice, managed by VenuWorks of Cedar Rapids, LLC, for use of the facility during a Linn County Suicide Prevention Coalition event. The contract is effective October 28, 2023 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There is no cost to Linn County for this event and over thirty service providers will be present. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Steve Estenson, Risk Manager, explained a Certificate of Insurance for the Linn County Veterans Affairs Department to use space at ImOn Ice Arena as part of the Linn County Veterans Affairs Suicide Prevention event on October 28, 2023. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Emmaly Renshaw, Feed Iowa First, presented the Linn County Food Systems Council, Round 2 Food Access, Resiliency and Equity (FARE) Grant Program funding recommendations. They have identified the most critical needs as follows: Food cold storage; field & transport equip. for emerging farmers; greater access to nutritious food for underserved communities; restaurant equip. for local food processing; and agricultural and food education. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Charlie Nichols, requested the Board to remove the public hearing & first consideration of an ordinance amendment regarding agricultural tourism or agricultural experiences in Linn County. He stated that he was asked by Chairperson Zumbach to allow more time to make sure they are getting input from specific groups such as the Farm Bureau. Discussion continued regarding other groups and venues that would be interested in additional input as well.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to remove from the agenda a Public Hearing & First Consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code regarding agricultural tourism or agricultural experiences in Linn County.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to open a public hearing on a proposal to convey Parcel A of Plat of Survey No. 786 to Kirk and Kimberly Osborn. Proof of publication was presented.

Asst. Co. Atty. Lisa Epp stated that this was requested by Dennis Goemaat and the Conservation Board as a result of a property swap for an easement to build the trail. Discussion continued regarding the cost savings of handling it this way. There were no oral or written objections.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Running-Marquardt to close public hearing.

Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir., explained a contract between Linn County and Wood River Energy for the purchase of natural gas at a fixed rate per therm. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Lisa Epp presented a proposed policy on the designation of Linn County owned property as nonpublic forums. This is the result of a work group consisting of County Atty. Nick Maybanks, Darrin Gage, Steve Estenson and members of the Sheriff's Office. This keeps the environment of the Courthouse, Juvenile Justice Center and Jail safe, quiet and comfortable.

Supervisor Rogers stated that he is not sure that this policy will effectively address the issues that they have had. The Board will discuss and decide on Wednesday.

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pol & Comm Relations Dep Dir Abigail Martens
Replaces B. Oleson

New hire – FT 10/30/23 40A \$39.71

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

GIS Specialist
Replaces H. Overton

Laura Everitt

New hire – FT 10/16/23 38A \$28.80

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Universal Clerk
09/15/23

Lora James

Corrected effective date – end of probation

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

Legal Assistant	Wendy Howard	New hire – FT 10/30/23 Gr 24 \$57,617/annually
Replaces B. Waller		

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Special Deputy	Chad Dummermuth	New hire 10/04/23 \$1.00/annually
Communications Oper	Ana Brunscheen	Termination/resignation – PT position 09/29/23
Senior Account Clerk	Erin Clayton	Corrected effective date – end of probation

10/10/23

PUBLIC HEALTH

Intern	Elias Coblentz	New hire – PT 10/02/23 \$20.00/hour
Intern	Julie Palmer	New hire – PT 10/02/23 \$20.00/hour

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to appoint Matt Kenney to the Historic Preservation Commission, term Oct. 2, 2023 – Dec. 31, 2024.

Adjournment at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

LOUIS J. ZUMBACH, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors