



**Board of Supervisors
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MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
9:00 A.M.

INFORMAL BOARD ROOM—JEAN OXLEY PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER
935 SECOND STREET SW, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT: 5 Minute Limit per Speaker

This comment period is for the public to address topics on today's agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Approve and authorize Chair to sign, retroactive to January 3rd, a letter of support addressed to Tom Schnell with the University of Iowa, in support of its application to the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program.

Discuss and decide on providing the City of Mount Vernon, for the purpose of supporting a Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant for a community/wellness center, the amount of \$10,000 from FY 2019 Economic Development Funds, contingent upon receiving the CAT grant.

Discuss a Construction Evaluation Resolution relating to the construction of confinement feeding operation structures.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Linn County Medical Examiners Agreement.

Discuss and decide on Mental Health Development Disabilities (MHDD) fund balance application language and process

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This is an opportunity for the public to address the Board on any subject pertaining to Board business.

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYROLL AUTHORIZATIONS

Motion to approve Employment Change Roster (Payroll Authorizations).

MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS

CORRESPONDENCE

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

APPOINTMENTS

1:30 P.M.
INFORMAL BOARD ROOM

Review of proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budgets for Risk Management, Sheriff and Civil Service.

Other budget discussions if necessary.

5:30 P.M.
INFORMAL BOARD ROOM

Public hearing to establish a Secondary Road Assessment to improve Federalist Road and Tory Lane.

ADJOURNMENT

For questions about meeting accessibility or to request accommodations to attend or to participate in a meeting due to a disability, please contact the Board of Supervisors office at 319-892-5000 or at bd-supervisors@linncounty.org.



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January 3, 2018

To: Tom Schnell, Lead Applicant, University of Iowa

Subject: Letter of Commitment to Support Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program with Lead Organization University of Iowa.

The Linn County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support the University of Iowa's application to the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program. We believe that pursuing this recognition will benefit the State of Iowa and help ensure these vehicles are safely tested and operated. If selected to move forward, Linn County Board of Supervisors will work to support this endeavor as opportunities to partner are identified.

Sincerely,

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John Harris, Chair

RESOLUTION # _____

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2018 and January 31, 2019 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LINN COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Considered and passed on this 10th day of January, 2018.

Motion by: _____ Second by: _____

Voting

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor

ATTEST:

Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor

To: Boards of Supervisors
From: Kristi Harshbarger, ISAC General Counsel
Re: Master Matrix
Date:

If a county chooses to use the master matrix to evaluate applications for construction permits for large animal confinement operations, the board of supervisors must adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” annually.

According to the DNR’s administrative rules, if the board of supervisors wants to use the master matrix between February 1, 2018 and January 31, 2019, **the board of supervisors must submit an adopted “construction evaluation resolution” to the DNR between January 1 and January 31, 2018.**

A sample construction evaluation resolution is attached to this memo.

The construction evaluation resolution should be faxed to 515/725-8201 attn Kelli Book or mailed to:

Kelli Book
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
502 East 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319-0034

Counties will receive a confirmation email for all construction evaluation resolutions received.

The board of supervisors can adopt the resolution at any time, as long as it is actually mailed or faxed to the DNR during January of 2018.

Pay attention to this deadline. It seems like every year there is a county or two that misses the deadline.

If a county board of supervisors does not adopt a construction evaluation resolution for 2018, then the county cannot:

- 1) submit a formal recommendation to the DNR concerning a particular construction permit application; the county can submit comments, but they are not given nearly as much weight by DNR as a formal recommendation would be;
- 2) send county employee along on a DNR site inspection; or
- 3) appeal the DNR’s decision regarding a construction permit application to the Environmental Protection Commission.

In addition, if the county chooses to use the master matrix, then applicants must meet stricter environmental standards than they would have to meet otherwise. So using the master matrix provides greater environmental protection for the county.

Roughly 80+ counties participate annually. Here is a link to a map showing those counties:
<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/LandStewardship/AnimalFeedingOperations/Confinements/ConstructionRequirements/Permitted/MasterMatrix.aspx>

If you have any questions about this memo, you can call Kristi Harshbarger at ISAC (515) 244-7181, or Kelli Book at the DNR at (515) 725-9572.