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LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING AGENDA

Monday, August 13, 2018
9 a.m.

Informal Board Room—Jean Oxley Public Service Center
935 2nd St. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

Call to Order

Public Comment: Five Minute Limit per Speaker

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

Minutes

Discuss and decide on meeting minutes.

Discuss Sheriff's request for 3 additional deputy sheriffs for the Correctional Center.

Authorize Supervisor Brent Oleson to sign, retroactive to August 8, 2018, a letter to the National Endowment for the Arts supporting Marion's grant submission for Phase II of the Uptown Artway project.

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

Payroll Authorizations

Discuss and decide on Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations).

Claims

Discuss and decide on claims.

Correspondence

Appointments

Adjournment

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August 8, 2018

National Endowment for the Arts
c/o Our Town Grant
400 7th St SW
Washington, DC 20506

To the Our Town Grant Panel:

I am both a citizen of Marion and have the privilege of representing the people of Marion on the Linn County Board of Supervisors. I am extremely proud of this progressive city, which continually looks for ways to make our community a better place to work, live and play.

I had the opportunity to be integrally involved with a unique project to examine what to do about a dilapidated alleyway in the uptown area. After much community involvement, planning, and execution we now have the Uptown Artway, a re-imagined gathering space that runs behind 7th Avenue, the main thoroughfare through downtown Marion. What was once an under-utilized alley and an eyesore now features nine permanent art installations by local and national artists. This overhaul of a prominent space was accomplished with the hard work of a lot of active citizens and volunteers.

ArtPlace America selected the City of Marion as the first in Iowa to receive support for a place-making project. Its \$350,000 grant was utilized to jumpstart our alley transformation project. The Linn County Board of Supervisors provided a \$75,000 appropriation to the effort after the announcement of the Art Place America grant and the City of Marion's \$320,000 contribution. Another \$175,000 in private contributions from businesses, foundations, and citizens rounded out the nearly \$1 million project. Marion's Artist Selection Panel reviewed 80 regional and national artist proposals for public art projects, and art work was selected and installed. This was a true community-wide effort, with help from federal, state, and local governments and other organizations.

Today I am writing in support of Marion's Our Town grant submission for Phase II of the Uptown Artway project, which will expand the re-imagined alley space. The Board of Supervisors remains supportive of this continuation of imaginative place-making and the successful development of Uptown Marion.

Sincerely,

Brent Oleson
Linn County Supervisor, District 4