

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 9:00 A.M.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Oleson.

Jason Wright of the History Center gave a presentation on the History Center and how Linn County's annual gift of \$75,000 fits within their overall budget. Also present: Adam Ebert, Board President.

The Board indicated that this issue came up during the Board's budget session and they wanted it in the public record justification as for the county's contribution (especially for future boards with the transition from five to three).

Maura Pilcher, Chairperson of the Linn County Historic Preservation Commission, gave a presentation on the Commission's goals (Preservation/Planning and Public Outreach/Education). This includes how Linn County's annual contribution of \$10,000 fits within their overall budget.

The Board recognized Joi Alexander's effort while working with the Commission and thanked Les Beck for taking it over.

Gloria Witzberger, Child Development Center, explained the two agreements on today's agenda with Early Childhood Iowa. Their intent is to use the yoga practices in the Child Development Center hoping to help the at risk children to self-soothe.

Motion by Houser, seconded by Harris to authorize John Brandt to sign contract with Early Childhood Iowa to reimburse the registration cost of 3 Linn County Child Development Center staff to attend the Trauma Informed/Street Yoga training conference and contract with Early Childhood Iowa to reimburse the cost of hosting a local ½ day training entitled "When Rescuing Isn't Enough - Working with Families of Children with Trauma Backgrounds".

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to open a public hearing to reclassify Biderman Lane from Class A to Class B beginning 190' north of the centerline of Ely Road to the end. Proof of publication was presented.

Steve Gannon, County Engineer, stated that there is an active residence on this road and the reclassification starts after the entrance to the home. He received a comment from the property owner of the residence making sure it starts after their driveway and he was reassured of that.

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Harris to open a public hearing to reclassify Bauer Lane from Class A to Class B beginning 100' west of the centerline of N Center Point Road to the end. Proof of publication as presented.

Gannon stated that this road did have an active residence on it at the end of the road. This came about while making improvements on N Center Point Road and the foreman took a look at adjacent roads. He stated that since there is no longer an active residence on the road, the idea was to make it a B Rd. He clarified that they do not abandon the road, they can maintain access.

Ed Bauer, 5656 N Center Point Rd., stated that his property adjoins this road on both sides and his father owns the residence at the end of the road which has cattle. They need to get to the cattle 2-3 times a day. He stated that on a day like today, they need a four wheel drive vehicle to get back there. They also haul grain out of the fields in the fall and have spring field applications. It is the only access they have to the 160 acres. No one has been interested in the property due to the condition of the road and his son is farming the place and he would like to build a machine shed and thought about a house too.

Supervisor Houser stated that Mr. Bauer has told them that there is an active farming operation back there and for that reason, he won't consider a Class B status. He also noted that once it is reclassified, Mr. Bauer will not be able to obtain any building permits for any improvements.

Chairperson Oleson stated that they have sometimes sought a middle ground and have brought a road back up to standard (shoulder work, gravel, etc.) and then turned it over to a Class B. He also noted that it could be looked at using tax dollars to subsidize a road to a private farming business.

Kevin Kula, Coggon, stated that if this is a county road then the county should maintain it.

Supervisor Harris asked about Mr. Bauer's expectations for access when it snows and what were his minimum requirements of the use of the road.

Mr. Bauer indicated that he can get through some snow and he also asked what the cost was to the county to maintain that road.

Chairperson Oleson assured Mr. Bauer that no action will be taken today and asked the County Engineer to stay in communication with the Bauer's.

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

Les Beck, Planning & Development, presented a proposed 28E Agreement between Linn County and the City of Center Point for Fee-Based Construction Code Administration. Beck stated that Center Point had been using a third party vendor and wanted to see if Linn County would be interested. The city is also interested in acquiring title to several abandoned properties and Beck indicated that his department is not quite ready to take that leap yet but are prepared to provide building inspection services. The agreement is on the Board's Consent Agenda Wednesday.

Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir., presented a lease renewal between the Jane Boyd Community House and the Iowa Department of Human Services for the Harambee House. This would be a continuation of what the county has been paying (\$1,700/month).

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., presented a request for a *New Position/Vacancy Form* for the LCCS/Ryan White Program for a temporary increase of 5 hours per week for the current Intake Technician from February 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017. She stated that the position is fully funded from the Iowa Dept. of Public Health and the reason for the increase is due to an influx of need for services.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Harris place an emergency agenda item on today's agenda as follows: Closed Session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to Chapter 21.5 (c).

The Board discussed the Linn County Sheriff's proposed dispatch costs to Robins, Lisbon, Mount Vernon and Hiawatha for FY'18.

Supervisor Rogers recapped the history of increasing the number of dispatchers due to increased call volume. Revenue is listed in the Sheriff's FY 18 budget from those communities to cover the cost of two dispatchers. After further consideration they have recognized that there are challenges that each community faces in terms of paying for dispatch and in speaking with the Sheriff and the communities, the Sheriff has agreed to the communities paying for one dispatcher.

Supervisor Harris stated that all parties have their statistics and sometimes they don't agree. They have been working on a compromise for quite some time and he is gratified that they are close to the end of this. The solution stated by Supervisor Rogers is acceptable to all parties concerned.

Chuck Hinz, Robins Mayor, thanked the Board and the other cities for working out something that is equitable. He also suggested a 28E agreement that would lay out what each entity will do. They can revisit it in two years to make sure it remains an equitable solution.

Discussion continued regarding the 28E agreement and it was clarified that the communities are not interested in any management of personnel.

Chris Nosbisch, Mt. Vernon City Admin., stated that the 28E would basically point out the specified cost of one dispatcher and noted that they are not asking to get into the management of dispatchers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kevin Kula, Coggon, stated that it came to his attention that there has been some talk about the petition for a special election for the representation plan for Linn County. He understands that a special election will cost taxpayers \$250,000 and the Board of Supervisors can change the plan themselves. He stated that they could put their differences aside and do what is best for Linn County. The simple way is usually the best way. There are three plans and Plan 2 is a combination of Plans 1 & 3. He is not saying this is what everyone wants but it is his opinion that Plan 2 would satisfy the majority of Linn County. He hopes that they can put their differences aside and do what is best for Linn County.

Motion by Harris, seconded by Rogers to approve Employment Change Roster (Payroll Authorizations) as follows:

IT DEPARTMENT

Tech Infrastructure Mgr	Joseph Rydell	Amended start date 01/23/17
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Home Health Aide	Theodocius Parwon	Termination/on-call 01/09/17
Direct Support Staff	Terry Davis	End of Probation 12/12/16 56A \$18.72 – 56B \$19.68
Direct Support Staff	Jana Tibbott	End of Probation 12/12/16 56A \$18.72 – 56B \$19.68
Direct Support Staff	Alicia Stratford	End of Probation 12/12/16

JUVENILE DETENTION

Intervention Counselor      Christina Betts      Bid Award – FT 01/19/17 56E \$23.07 + \$.25 - 36C \$23.63

VETERAN AFFAIRS

Intake Tech      Rebecca Egli      Inc hrs 01/01/17 55B \$18.26/hour 34 hours/week

Motion by Harris, seconded by Rogers to approve Claim #70593538 in the amt. of \$1,832.08.

The Board received and placed on file the following correspondence: E-mail from Fred Pilcher in favor of supporting the History Center; letter from the city of Marion re: Central Corridor Urban Renewal Area Amendment; letter from Anderson Bogert re: Marion Municipal Airport layout plan; and notification from the Linn County Assessor of the Conference Board meeting on February 1, 2017.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Harris to reappoint Don Gray to the ECICOG Region 10 Transportation Policy Committee.

Motion by Houser, seconded by Harris to go into Emergency closed session pursuant to Chapter 21.5 (c), to discuss pending litigation.

Oleson - Aye      Rogers - Aye      Harris - Aye      Houser - Aye      Walker - Aye

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to go out of closed session.

Oleson - Aye      Rogers - Aye      Harris - Aye      Houser - Aye      Walker - Aye

The Board reported that the reason for the Emergency Closed Session is due to circumstances that required that it be on today's calendar.

The Board recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Also present: Steve Tucker, Finance Dir.; Dawn Jindrich, Budget Dir.; Auditor Miller, Deputy Auditor's Becky Shoop and Stacey Law.

Dawn Jindrich stated that Auditor's FY18 appropriations meet Board guidelines.

Auditor Miller presented Auditor's Office Key Performance Indicators (KPI's).

Discussion continued regarding Aumentum software issues, Managed Services contract and the possibility of a different vendor in the future. Jindrich explained the Auditor's budget.

Miller provided an executive summary of his budget including major risks, eliminated risks and budget assumptions. Discussion continued regarding Novatime (time keeping system) and how to mandate to those that are not currently using the system.

Chairperson Oleson asked Auditor Miller to send the Board a one page narrative including the county departments that are not utilizing Novatime so they can strongly encourage Novatime be executed among all of the departments. He also asked Miller what raise he will be asking of the Compensation Board and Miller responded that his opinion is a 0% raise.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to approve Auditor's FY18 appropriations in the amt. of \$2,367,623 and revenue in the amt. of \$205,036.

Jindrich presented an updated Board Other budget for approval.

Motion by Houser, seconded by Harris to approve Board Other FY18 expenditures in the amount of \$4,509,114.

Tucker presented an updated Sheriff's budget including the reduction of one of the dispatchers.

Motion by Houser, seconded by Harris to approve Sheriff's FY18 expenditures in the amt. of \$21,893,008 and revenue in the amt. of \$5,692,032.

Adjournment at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor  
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor  
and Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

BRENT OLESON, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors