

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017 10:00 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 and Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairperson Oleson.

Motion by Houser, seconded by Harris to remove resolution to establish Bauer Lane as Class B, beginning 100' west of the centerline of N Center Point Road to the end and place on the Regular Agenda.

Motion by Houser, seconded by Rogers to approve amended Consent Agenda as follows:

Authorize Chair to sign LCCS/Ryan White Program request for *New Position/Vacancy Form* for a temporary increase of 5 hours per week for the current Intake Technician from February 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017.

Authorize Chair to sign OSHA Form 300A, Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses, for calendar year 2016.

Receive and place on file Sheriff's Quarterly Report for July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 in the amount of \$1,345,089.00.

Authorize Chair to sign Iowa Certified Local Government 2016 Annual Report for the Linn County Historic Preservation Commission

Resolution 2017-1-12

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E, proposes that Linn County enter into an agreement with the City of Center Point, Iowa under the title Linn County and City of Center Point Agreement for Construction Code Administration; and

WHEREAS, the purpose for such agreement is to provide for the administration of the construction codes of the City of Center Point by Linn County in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, such agreement is in the best interests of Linn County and the City of Center Point;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, that Linn County, Iowa will join pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E, with the City of Center Point, Iowa into an agreement entitled Linn County and City of Center Point Agreement for Construction Code Administration.

Resolution 2017-1-13

WHEREAS, the following intersection located in Linn County has been reviewed by the Linn County Secondary Road Department, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate to place traffic control signing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, meeting in regular session, and upon recommendation of the Linn County Engineer that the Secondary Road Department place a stop sign at the following location.

- Stop westbound traffic on Bowdish Road at the intersection with Jordans Grove Road in section 25-85-6.

The Board of Supervisors declares these signs to be legal, valid and enforceable and directs the County Engineer to erect said signs in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

Resolution 2017-1-14

WHEREAS, the following intersection located in Linn County has been reviewed by the Linn County Secondary Road Department, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate to place traffic control signing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, meeting in regular session, and upon recommendation of the Linn County Engineer that the Secondary Road Department place a stop sign at the following location.

- Stop eastbound traffic on Falcon Road at the intersection with Jordans Grove Road in section 35-85-6.

The Board of Supervisors declares these signs to be legal, valid and enforceable and directs the County Engineer to erect said signs in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

Resolution 2017-1-15

WHEREAS, the following intersection located in Linn County has been reviewed by the Linn County Secondary Road Department, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate to place traffic control signing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, meeting in regular session, and upon recommendation of the Linn County Engineer that the Secondary Road Department place a stop sign at the following location.

- Stop eastbound traffic on Radio Road at the intersection with Jordans Grove Road in section 26-84-6.

The Board of Supervisors declares these signs to be legal, valid and enforceable and directs the County Engineer to erect said signs in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

Resolution 2017-1-16

WHEREAS, the following intersection located in Linn County has been reviewed by the Linn County Secondary Road Department, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate to place traffic control signing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, meeting in regular session, and upon recommendation of the Linn County Engineer that the Secondary Road Department place a stop sign at the following location.

- Stop eastbound traffic on Tower View Road at the intersection with Hindman Road in section 22-84-6.

The Board of Supervisors declares these signs to be legal, valid and enforceable and directs the County Engineer to erect said signs in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

Resolution 2017-1-17

WHEREAS, the following intersection located in Linn County has been reviewed by the Linn County Secondary Road Department, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate to place traffic control signing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, meeting in regular session, and upon recommendation of the Linn County Engineer that the Secondary Road Department place a stop sign at the following location.

- Stop eastbound traffic on Fernow Road at the intersection with Hindman Road in section 34-84-6.

The Board of Supervisors declares these signs to be legal, valid and enforceable and directs the County Engineer to erect said signs in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

Resolution 2017-1-18

WHEREAS, Linn County desires to classify certain roads on the area service system in the County to provide for a minimal level of maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Linn County, after consultation with the County Engineer, has the authority to specify certain roads within the County as Area Service "B" roads pursuant to Iowa Code Section 309.57; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors, after consulting with the Linn County Engineer, desire to designate various roads in Linn County on the Area Service "B" System to provide for a reduced level of maintenance in order to best utilize maintenance funds, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Notice of Public Hearing duly published according to the Iowa Code, Public Hearing as held on the 23rd day of January, 2017 at 9:00a.m. in the Board of Supervisors boardroom at Jean Oxley Public Service Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to hear support and/or objections from the public on road so designated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LINN COUNTY that this County does hereby establish the road described as an Area Service "B" road, with restricted access and a minimal level of maintenance.

Authorize Chair to sign 36-month lease at \$165.73 per month with Cedar Rapids Photo Copy for a copier for the Sheriff's Office.

Authorize Chair to sign three lease agreements with Cedar Rapids Photo Copy, each at \$225.00 per month for three years, for copiers for the Treasurer's Office.

Authorize Chair to sign 3-year lease agreement at \$1,714 per month with The Jane Boyd Community House for space at Harambee House (404 17th St SE) for services provided by the Department of Human Services, effective September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2020.

Award bid and authorize Chair to sign purchase order for Liquid Asphalt Products to Bituminous Materials & Supply in the amount of \$269,425.00.

Award bid and authorize chairperson to sign contract and associated documents for Dust Control Quarry Materials as follows:

- Alice Shop to Weber Stone Co in the amount of \$3,853.50
- Drexler Shop to Weber Stone Co in the amount of \$3,060.00
- Main Shop to Weber Stone Co in the amount of \$26,500.00
- Morgan Creek Shop to Crawford Quarry Co, Inc. in the amount of \$12,800.00
- Mt Vernon Shop to Weber Stone Co in the amount of \$2,967.00
- Toddville Shop to Weber Stone Co in the amount of \$4,990.00

Award bid and authorize chairperson to sign contract and associated documents for Chloride to Binns & Stevens in the amount of \$132,450.00.

Steve Gannon, County Engineer, discussed resolution to establish Bauer Lane as Class B. He emailed the Board some additional information regarding maintenance of the road at certain classes.

Ed Bauer, 5656 N Center Point Rd., advocated for leaving Bauer Lane as Class A stressing that a cattle and farming operation takes place on said road. He stated that they are getting Class B if not Class C level service on this road currently. His son, Tim, farms the ground and would like to possibly build a home on the property in the future.

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Supervisor Harris stated that he will be voting to keep Bauer Lane Class A for one more year and the Board can then revisit it noting that it will eventually be turned over to Class B. He suggested that Bauer think of things he can do to compensate if the road is turned to Class B in the future.

Motion by Harris, seconded by Walker to remove resolution reclassifying Bauer Lane as Class B from the agenda and bring back to the Board one year from now.

Mary Rump, ECICOG, met with the Board to discuss Linn County prioritization of applications for suballocated regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. Linn County's suballocation for this year is \$612,442.

Gannon stated that they use the federal funds to connect cities to cities and the Walker Road paving project does that.

Chris Nosbisch, City Admin. of Mt. Vernon, advocated for Mt. Vernon's culvert improvements project.

Motion by Harris, seconded by Rogers to approve funding of Walker Road Paving project in the amount of \$612,442 and deny Mt. Vernon project.

Discussion: Supervisor Walker asked that in the future Gannon communicate with Joi Alexander regarding projects like these and better inform communities of the process.

VOTE: All Aye

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to approve a \$2,500 sponsorship request from EcoFest Cedar Rapids for the April 22, 2017 (Earth Day) EcoFest event.

Discussion: Chairperson Oleson explained the funding source and justification to fund this project.

Supervisor Harris stated that the Girls Scouts were late getting their application in for the Witwer Grant money and EcoFest is in the same situation where they were late getting their application in for local grant money. He will be voting no due to this.

Supervisor Walker stated that he understands that the Witwer Grant is something many non-profits look forward to. He also understands that this past year they may need to re-think and re-communicate the guidelines and standards for the Witwer Grant process particularly speaking about organizations that have religious affiliations. The Board may have to look legal advice to ensure they are dispersing money correctly. He agrees with Supervisor Harris that they should stick to one uniform standard and judge all non-profits by that one standard and he will be abstaining from the vote.

Chairperson Oleson challenged Supervisor Walker's intent to abstain and discussion continued involving Gary Jarvis, Asst. County Attorney, regarding the abstention process for voting.

VOTE: Oleson, Rogers, Houser - Aye Walker, Harris - Nay

Supervisor Harris spoke regarding one dispatcher for the Linn County Sheriff's Office commencing FY18, to be paid by the municipalities of Lisbon, Mount Vernon, Robins and Hiawatha. This is the compromise that was made between Linn County and the involved cities. They will discuss a 4<sup>th</sup> dispatcher in two years (2020) or earlier based on certain circumstances.

Motion by Harris, seconded by Rogers to approve one dispatcher for the Linn County Sheriff's Office, to be paid by the municipalities of Lisbon, Mount Vernon, Robins and Hiawatha.

Discussion: Supervisor Rogers asked if the wages of the dispatcher includes increases and benefits or if it will be a flat fee and Harris responded that dispatchers are subject to compensation increases and those fees will be picked up by the cities.

Chris Nosbisch, City Admin. of Mt. Vernon, stated that their preference is that the 28E agreement includes a fee not a position.

Chairperson Oleson added that the 28E agreement is for two years and it could then be renegotiated by either party.

Nosbisch stated that this allows all four communities to have a couple of years for further discussions.

VOTE: All Aye

Mechelle Dhondt, CEO East Central Region, presented several options for the Board to consider addressing Johnson County's deficit of \$995,635.01 to the Region. She stated that Johnson County doesn't have any control over their levy rate and the county's lobbyists are working on legislation for this issue. A lengthy discussion continued regarding various scenarios and Johnson County's involvement in the Region. The Board's preference is the option involving a loan with the Region.

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Motion by Harris, seconded by Houser to authorize Supervisor Rogers, as the Board's representative, to notify the Region that Linn County is interested in exploring option 3 (a loan) and if that doesn't move forward explore option 2 (utilizing fund balance) and report back to the Board after the conference call.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., presented FY18 Life and LTD Renewal from Madison National Life Insurance Company, Inc. effective July 1, 2017 noting that there is no rate increase. She recommends approval.

Motion by Harris, seconded by Houser to approve FY18 Life and LTD renewal from Madison National Life Insurance Company, Inc. effective July 1, 2017.

#### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Houser attended a Labor Alliance legislative discussion and luncheon with area legislators Saturday morning; he and Supervisor Walker attended a Labor Council meeting and attended Early Child Iowa Board meeting.

Supervisor Walker spoke to a group at the Jane Boyd Community House about community issues Monday. He met with a constituent about local issues they are concerned about. The VA Commission meeting is today. He has various meetings with constituents the next couple days to discuss issues of concerns. He plans on attending NAACP day in Des Moines on Friday. He acknowledged the passing of Dr. Percy Harris and stated that Supervisor Rogers expressed interest regarding the possibility of a resolution in Dr. Harris' name.

Supervisor Rogers stated that he gave the welcome address to the Core Values Academy. He and Supervisor Houser have attended several meetings with Terry Whitson. Attended dispatch fees meeting; participated in the Urban County Coalition conference call; attended League of Women's Voters forum Saturday; attended Linn County Customer Centered Culture committee meeting; attended Continuum of Care meeting on homelessness and hopes to launch a homeless initiative in the future. He has the East Central Region conference call today and will be heading out tonight with individuals that provide services to the homeless to complete a semiannual count. He submitted an Offer on behalf of the Board for \$30,000 to continue funding for further transformation activities (ability to continue partnering with Rob Lawton, Ted Garnett, Terry Whitson, etc.).

Supervisor Harris attended Secondary Roads staff meeting; attended Conservation Board meeting; VA Commission meeting today and then will be touring Tanager Place. Tomorrow he has Housing Fund for Linn County and ECICOG. Participating in UCC conference call Friday and Juvenile Detention Board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Darrin Gage discussed the appropriations bill that cut \$118 million and that the Dept. of Management identified specific programs and will be implemented within certain departments.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Harris to approve Claims #70593538-#70593606 in the amt. of \$43,340.65 and ACH in the amt. of \$79,062.23.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve payment to Supervisor Houser in the amt. of \$41.87.

VOTE: Oleson, Rogers, Harris, Walker - Aye                      Houser - Abstain

The Board received and placed on file an email from Barry Boyer resigning from the Water & Land Legacy Public Review Board.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Harris to re-appoint Larry McBurney as Monroe Township Trustee.

Adjournment at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRENT OLESON, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors