

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018 1:30 P.M.

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

Chairperson Harris called the meeting to order.

Dawn Jindrich, Budget Dir., presented the Offers that received three or more votes from individual board members totaling \$1,386,545 (same document as Wednesday).

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve FY19 Offers as presented in the amt. of \$1,386,545.

Discussion: Supervisor Houser stated that he spoke to Pramod Dwivedi regarding the Public Health Offer for an Injury & Violence Prevention Coordinator. Dwivedi explained that the Offer description was misleading and that this position would be used more for the opioid epidemic that is facing Linn County and would work with the task force they are putting together. In light of his discussion with Dwivedi, Houser would now support this new position.

Supervisor Oleson asked what Houser would cut from the Offers since he stated in the last meeting that he wasn't in favor of the Offer pot exceeding \$1,386,545 and Houser responded that he wouldn't be proposing cutting anything.

Supervisor Walker concurred with Houser adding the Public Health position.

Supervisor Harris stated that he is not in favor of raising the Offer pot figure. If a subsequent proposal would be made to take something out of the Offer pot, he would be willing to listen to that.

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

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to approve FY19 rural basic Offer for fuel pump readers for the Secondary Roads Department in the amt. of \$109,900.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Houser to commit the remaining balance to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Discussion: Supervisor Oleson stated that he is not sure this is the appropriate place to add some funds to the CIP that will be spent in different years. He thought about the levy rate and feels this is the wisest course of action given the legislature will be ending the backfill. This money would give them some planning room for that. Oleson wants to ensure that the water tower at the Secondary Roads Dept. is added into the CIP. Also, he would like some type of commitment to the Biechler bridge (can also be matched with bond dollars, MPO dollars and state and federal grants). He feels that a commitment of \$100,000 to \$125,000 would be a good start. Those are his thoughts on the levy rate and where the remaining balance should go.

Jindrich stated that Oleson made a good suggestion because of the one-time nature of those projects. She would have concerns if it was spent on something ongoing.

Supervisor Houser stated that he has been advocating on the water tower they are still currently using. They should look at getting it painted before it gets to a point of no return.

VOTE: All Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Houser stated that his nay vote on the Offers was only because they did not consider the Public Health proposal. He does fully support all of the other yes votes on the original Offer document presented.

Adjournment at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors