

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018 9:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.  
Present: Chairperson Harris, Vice Chairperson Houser (arriving at 9:08 a.m.),  
Supervisors Rogers and Oleson. Absent: Supervisor Walker (personal business). Board  
members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Harris called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joel Miller, Auditor, stated that he is speaking in favor of and in  
support of the resolution that will be presented by the IT Director as well as signing  
the letter of acceptance to give authorization to the National Cybersecurity and  
Communications Integration Center. He feels that those are both complimentary to the  
efforts he has been doing in elections related to cybersecurity and also the  
resolution the Board passed a couple of months ago to classify information related to  
election infrastructure and vulnerabilities as confidential information. Miller asked  
the Board to approve those two items presented by the IT Director.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of February 6 & 7, 2018 as  
presented.

Chairperson Harris discussed capital campaign funding request from the Hiawatha Public  
Library noting that Hiawatha came to Board members individually. They are looking for  
\$50,000 in funding for enlargement of the library.

Supervisor Rogers asked for a brief presentation from the library on their request.

Jeaneal Weeks, Hiawatha Public Library Dir., stated that they have since changed the  
project quite dramatically by hiring a local architect. The building has been  
expanded from 17,000 sq. ft. to 22,000 sq. ft.; the price has been brought down from  
\$4.9 million to \$4.133 million; the addition will go to the west of the building to  
allow for a storm shelter and a much larger community room.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the presentation and will review in May  
or June.

Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Dir., met with the Board to discuss an authorization to sign  
acknowledgement of receipt of revenue from an estate. He stated that they were named  
a beneficiary in the amt. of \$18,447.48. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Supervisor Houser joined the meeting at this time (9:08 a.m.).

Phil Lowder, IT Dir., met with the Board to discuss a resolution regarding the  
confidentiality of public records related to Linn County's Technology Infrastructure.  
Public policy states that records remain as confidential as defined in Iowa Code.

Supervisor Oleson stated that he wants Lowder to double check with the Iowa Public  
Information Board (IPIB) and get their response and Lowder responded that he will  
follow up with the IPIB. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Lowder also discussed an acceptance letter agreement to give authorization to the  
National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) to conduct  
continuous network and vulnerability scanning of Linn County's networks and systems.  
Auditor Miller and Lowder are collaborating to accept their offer of technical services  
upon Board approval.

Supervisor Harris suggested that Lowder have legal review this letter. The Board will  
approve Wednesday.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir., met with the Board to discuss a Deed Restriction  
related to Linn County Conservations purchase of real estate located north of Coggon  
(14 acres to conduct wetland enhancement projects). Since it is splitting the  
adjacent landowner's parcel the Planning and Development department is proposing to  
deed restrict the 14 acres. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Supervisor Rogers requested funding for a proposed Access Center within the FY19  
Mental Health and Disability Services Levy in the amount of \$3.5 million. He has been  
part of a small working group that has been looking at recommendations from SF504.  
The access center would provide a safe space for people in a crisis and give police  
another option than jail or hospitals. Rogers brought in a subject matter expert to  
provide some knowledge of an access center.

Peter Zevenbergen, former Chief Executive of the Wyandot Inc. Mental Health Center in  
Kansas City, stated that he has been in this field for almost 40 years and local  
access centers are more successful than regional ones. The dilemma is that people are  
ending up in jail due to mental health issues. This is a unique opportunity for an  
access center. He shared his experience with getting an access center up and running  
along with funding mechanisms noting that it has been so successful that the  
legislature has added a separate line item in their budget for it.

Supervisor Rogers stated that a project manager would be needed for implementation. The access center would include sobering and crisis stabilization units as well as a low barrier homeless shelter and telemedicine, etc. He hopes to renovate an existing  
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space to save money. Service providers would include Foundation 2, Abbe Center, Eastern Iowa Health Center, Mercy and Unity Point.

Supervisor Oleson stated that this sounds like a great idea. He shared his concerns including the initial and ongoing costs and staffing before a commitment is made.

Supervisor Rogers stated that he is more than happy to speak with Board members offline in further detail.

Joi Alexander, Communications Dir., and Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir., met with the Board to continue a previous discussion on the Linn County logo and seal redesign and selection process. Alexander asked the Board what their process is for selecting the logo.

Supervisor Rogers suggested that Board members pick their top five logos individually and submit to Alexander. Alexander can then combine the information and present at another Board meeting.

Supervisor Oleson stated that he wants to stay away from a formula determining what the logo should be.

Supervisor Rogers questioned the process for implementation of the new logo and Alexander responded that a discussion will need to take place to determine the expectations.

Alexander presented the FY18 Witwer Trust grant funding requests.

Discussion continued regarding how the \$80,000 was blindly awarded and possible reallocation of money to other requests. Board members will review the requests and discuss further on Wednesday.

Rebecca Stonawski, Deputy Auditor, presented a Canvass Summary Report of the February 6, 2018 Lisbon Community School District Special Election. Of 3 provisional ballots, 3 were accepted and 0 were rejected. There were 0 late absentee ballots received after the Absentee Board adjourned.

The Board canvassed results of the Lisbon Community School District Special Election. Results are on file at the Linn County Auditor's Office or [www.linncounty.org](http://www.linncounty.org).

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

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Universal Clerk Amber Miell End of Probation 2/20/18 56A \$19.19-56B \$20.17

IT DEPARTMENT

Network Sec Analyst Michael Musil Termination/resignation 3/2/18

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sergeant Harvey Hall Termination/retirement 2/28/18  
Deputy Sheriff Tanner Pease Step increase 4/6/18 D-2 \$28.05+\$.40-D-3 \$29.14+\$.40  
Deputy Sheriff Michael Longwell Step increase 4/8/18 D-4 \$30.25+\$.40-D-5 \$31.42+\$.40  
Deputy Sheriff Matthew Leeper Step increase 4/14/18 D-3 \$29.14+\$.40-D-4 \$30.25+\$.25  
Female Corr Officer Raelynn Kofron Step increase 4/11/18  
56C \$21.30+\$.25+\$.25-56D \$22.44+\$.25+\$.25  
Sr Account Clerk Rebecca Egli Step increase 4/20/18 55B \$18.72-55C \$19.71

LIFTS

LIFTS Driver Nathan Schnell Internal app selected to fill position-FT  
2/10/18 56D \$22.44-55E \$21.92 Repl D. Trumblee

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Comm Outreach&Asst Dir Ashley Balius New employee 3/5/18 Grade 29 Min \$2,736.47 biweekly  
Repl A. Hearn

JUVENILE DETENTION

Tracker Rachel Nichols End of Probation 2/6/18 56A \$19.19+\$.25-56B \$20.17+\$.25

ENGINEERING

Light Equip Oper Mark Phillips Revised termination date 1/31/18

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to approve Claims #70600730-#70600759 in the amt. of \$322,174.02; wire checks in the amt. of \$1,895,414.84 and ACH in the amt. of \$47,541.52.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Darrin Gage stated that Senate Study Bill 3083 has been added that would allow for counties to publish resolutions in summary. This priority has been on the county's and Urban County Coalition's lists for several years.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to re-appoint Kimberly Dickey to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term ending 12/31/22 and appoint Mike Broghammer and Mary McGuire to Building Board of Appeals for a term ending 12/31/20.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(c).

VOTE: Rogers - Aye      Houser - Aye      Harris - Aye      Oleson - Aye  
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Motion by Houser, seconded by Rogers to go out of closed session.

VOTE: Rogers - Aye      Houser - Aye      Harris - Aye      Oleson - Aye

Adjournment at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors