

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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, Supervisors Rogers, Oleson (via phone) and Walker. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Harris called the meeting to order.

Motion by Houser, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of February 12, 13 & 14, 2018 as printed.

A public hearing was called to order to vacate excess right-of-way on Pering Ridge Road adjacent to 5822 Pering Ridge Road. Proof of publication was presented.

Steve Gannon, County Engineer, explained that the county no longer requires the excess right-of-way and the resident that lives adjacent to it has asked that the county vacate. There were no oral or written objections.

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

The Board discussed Engagement Letter with Sports Facilities Advisory to provide Feasibility Assessment of Prospect Meadows in the amount of \$9,500.00.

Dawn Jindrich, Budget Dir., stated that in speaking with the County's financial advisor (Baird), there is concern that the comprehensive study (provided by Iowa State) had a disclaimer stating that they did not know if assumptions are correct based on what Prospect Meadows provided to them. They have nothing to validate the original assumptions. Sports Facilities Advisory is an expert in sport facilities and the study will give them an indication if Prospect Meadows is a worthwhile project to get involved in. She stated that if the Board is agreeable, she will meet with representatives of the city of Marion this afternoon to see if they will pay half of the cost. The Board indicated their willingness to proceed and will discuss and decide on the Engagement Letter on Wednesday.

Dawn Schott, Juvenile Detention & Diversion Services Dir., met with the Board to request a new position, Juvenile Detention and Diversion Services Manager. She stated that the Board approved this position through the Offer process for FY 19 and she is asking to hire this fiscal year using LCCS surplus funds (\$28,000). The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to authorize Chair to sign a letter of support retroactive to February 13, 2018 for the State Innovation Model (SIM) Community Care Coordination (C3) Coalition.

Motion by Houser, seconded by Rogers to approve retroactive to February 17, 2018 a Premises Update for the Indian Creek Nature Center permitting Dostal's catering to serve alcohol to a renter (Banker's Trust) on February 17, 2018.

Supervisor Rogers asked for authorization to use \$4,500 of the Board's General County Management Education and Training budget for continuing his leadership and development training with Ted Garnett. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir., met with the Board to discuss authorizing him to sign an agreement with Pitney Bowes Presort Services to provide presort services on behalf of Linn County to the United States Postal Service. He stated that he estimates a savings of \$50,000. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

The Board discussed a funding commitment letter on behalf of the Hiawatha Public Library in the amount of \$50,000 over three fiscal years. Funds will be paid from the Economic Development Fund.

Supervisor Oleson stated that Hiawatha is not competing with other groups that request Economic Development Funds and noted that \$25,000 is normally the maximum amount. It was suggested that they apply for \$25,000 (compete against the other applicants) and let the future Board of Supervisors decide on the other two years.

The Board will discuss further on Wednesday.

Supervisor Rogers stated that the grant applications for the MHDD fund balance dollars was due by 5:00 p.m. on February 15th. He has not seen the applications, however, he is interested in starting a conversation about the process to evaluate the applications.

Discussion continued about the pros and cons of using the same method as the Witwer Trust grant applications. The Board agreed to have the applications made available to them and they will continue their discussion on Wednesday.

Kay Fisk, Horizons, asked if applicants will have the opportunity to discuss their requests in more detail noting that the online space provided was not adequate for a full explanation of her request.

Chairperson Harris stated that they have not ruled out applicants discussing their individual requests.

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

<u>SHERIFF'S OFFICE</u>			
Deputy Sheriff	Devin Brooks	New employee – FT	02/19/18 DB \$25.81 + \$.40
<u>ENGINNERING DEPARTMENT</u>			
Light Equipment Oper.	Matthew Schmidt	New employee – FT	02/19/18 17A \$20.54 Replaces D. Becker

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., stated that last week was the first funnel. Today is a public hearing on the de-appropriations bill.

Motion by Harris, seconded by Houser to reappoint Ralph Jordan as a Trustee of Fire District #1 (term ending 12/31/2021).

Adjournment at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors