

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018 10:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Harris called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Receive and place on file Treasurer's (Auto Dept.) Report to the County Auditor Receipts and Disbursements for the Month of February 2018.

Approve the Board of Supervisors Policy FM-038, Investment Policy

Approve and authorize Chair to sign an application to Adopt-A-Roadside for Alburnett National Honor Society to adopt Roosevelt Street from Alburnett city limits to C Ave Ext then south on C Ave Ext to Arabian Road for the Secondary Road Department.

Authorize Chair to sign a certification regarding lobbying for Federal Transit Administration's compliance review of LIFTS.

Authorize Chair to sign the Life and Long Term Disability Insurance renewals effective July 1, 2018.

Authorize adding a camera to the Human Resource reception area.

Authorize Chair to sign quote for professional services from Harris to convert GEMS (EAE version) to an updated (AB Suite) version in the amount of \$21,275.00.

Approve and authorize Chair to sign purchase order for a rotary excavator mower to Diamond Mowers Inc. in the amount of \$12,526.00 for the Secondary Road Department.

Authorize Chair to sign a purchase order # 5439 for \$13,547.00 to Welters Storage for conference room furniture for the Department of Human Services

Authorize Chair to sign purchase order #5440 for \$7,857.44 to Acorn Plumbing for 4 sinks and 4 toilets for the Correctional Center.

Approve Class B Beer Permit for the Gardner Golf Course, 5101 Golf Course Rd., noting all conditions have been met.

Approve Class B Beer Permit for the Airport National Golf Course, 3001 Wright Bros. Blvd. East, noting all conditions have been met.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of March 13, 2018 as printed.

A public hearing was called to order for the proposed FY 19 budget. Dawn Jindrich, Budget Director, presented proof of publication and the following budget summary:

- Countywide levy rate: \$5.85, a reduction of \$0.30 from FY 18 due to mental health fund decrease. Rural rate remains unchanged at \$2.71. Rural levy rate includes a reduction of \$1.00 for rural residents from LOST allocations.
- Impact to homeowner: decrease of 7% for city residents and 6% for rural.
- Commercial and Industrial property taxes: 5% decrease due to \$0.30 levy rate reduction.
- Farmland taxes will increase 11% due to the agricultural rollback, offsetting the countywide levy rate decrease.
- Property taxes levied: \$66 million, a decrease of \$0.2 million or 0.4% from FY 18 due to reduction in mental health levy.
- Fiscal Year 19 Expenditures: \$117,980,000.

The Board complimented Jindrich on her stellar work and an incredible budget document.

Supervisor Rogers asked Jindrich to explain what the county's strategy is if the backfill is not honored by the legislature (potential shortfall of \$700,000).

Jindrich stated that Linn County is in a unique position and that it will really depend on their valuation (growth) in Linn County. It will be noticed if they do not have the growth and some tough decisions will need to be made.

Ray Stefani, Comp. Board Chr., presented the Compensation Board's recommendation for Fiscal Year 2019 elected officials' salaries at 3% across the board.

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

Motion by Walker, seconded by Houser to adopt Resolution setting the FY 19 elected officials salaries.

Discussion: Supervisor Rogers stated that now that they are at the intersection of transitioning from a five-member board to a three-member board, he is sensitive to the fact that the community voted to reduce them and they have heard repeatedly that the Board's salary was the driving force. A future board should have the opportunity to determine what their salary should be.

Supervisor Walker stated that in light of those comments, he would support Supervisor Rogers' position. He asked if they could decouple the Supervisor salaries from the other elected officials and Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., stated that they could amend the resolution and remove the Board's increase without affecting the other salaries.

Chairperson Harris stated that not knowing how the rest of the board will vote, this has become quite an important issue and they are one supervisor short (who may or may not be the deciding vote). He stated that he has no problem separating their salaries from the rest of the elected officials but would prefer to delay the vote on the board salaries until there is a full board present.

Discussion continued regarding whether or not the elected official's salary resolution could be delayed and still adopt the FY 19 budget.

Supervisor Houser stated that all of a sudden, today it has turned political.

Stefani stated that the Compensation Board did consider decoupling the Board from the remaining elected officials but their recommendation is that they all receive a 3% increase.

After further discussion, Chairperson Harris stated that he has never relied solely on his Board of Supervisor salary to get through life and his colleagues do, so he is willing to vote along with them and approve a 0% increase.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to amend the resolution and include a 0% increase for the Board of Supervisors and list their salary as what they are currently receiving.

VOTE: All Aye.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to adopt Resolution 2018-3-33

WHEREAS, the Linn County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, The Linn County Compensation Board met on January 29, 2018, and made the following salary recommendations for the elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$103,888.59	3.00%	\$107,005.25
County Attorney	\$171,006.89	3.00%	\$176,137.10
Recorder	\$107,005.25	3.00%	\$110,215.41
Sheriff	\$147,712.82	3.00%	\$152,144.20
Supervisors	\$103,888.59	3.00%	\$107,005.25
Treasurer	\$107,005.25	3.00%	\$110,215.41

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors met on March 14, 2018 and approved the compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, as follows:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
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Supervisors	\$103,888.59	0.00%	\$103,888.59
Treasurer	\$107,005.25	3.00%	\$110,215.41

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Linn County Board of Supervisors adopts the salary recommendations for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 14, 2018.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve certification of the Linn County FY 19 budget.

The Board discussed a Letter of Agreement with Reynolds Urban Design for services not to exceed \$2,000 for facilitation of the Dows Farm Vision Plan public open house.

Les Beck, Planning & Development, stated that the planning committee feels that this is important.

Supervisor Walker stated that during Beck's presentation on Monday, he stated that he fully supports the project and everything that Beck has done with the project, however, he also does not want to set a precedent that consultants think they can ask for an increase here and there and get comfortable doing that. If they set a tone that they agreed upon a fee and if they need more, they need to get creative on how they can achieve any unforeseen expenses.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve a Letter of Agreement with Reynolds Urban Design for services not to exceed \$2,000 for facilitation of the Dows Farm Vision Plan public open house.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to adopt Resolution 2018-3-34
Setting date for a public hearing on designation of the Prospect Meadows Urban Renewal Area and on urban renewal plan and project

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made which shows the desirability of designating certain property located in Linn County, Iowa, (the "County") as the Prospect Meadows Urban Renewal Area, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 403, Code of Iowa; and
WHEREAS, a proposal has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors under which the property described as follows would be designated an urban renewal area:
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and

WHEREAS, this Board is desirous of obtaining as much information as possible from the residents of the County before making this designation; and
WHEREAS, a proposed urban renewal plan for a project within that proposed designated area has been prepared and it is now necessary that a date be set for a public hearing on the designation of the area and on that plan and project;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, as follows:

This Board will meet at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on the 4th day of April, 2018, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at which time and place it will hold a public hearing on the designation of the proposed Prospect Meadows Urban Renewal Area described in the preamble hereof and on the proposed urban renewal plan and project for said Area.

Notice of the hearing, the same being in the form attached to this resolution, shall be published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in Linn County, which publication shall be not less than four (4) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing,

The proposed urban renewal plan is hereby submitted to the County's Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendations, as required by Section 403.5 of the Code of Iowa.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Supervisor Houser attended the Morgan Creek Watershed meeting and is attending the ISAC Spring School and visiting the State Capitol.

Supervisor Walker attended the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel meeting; met with Supervisors from Johnson County; met with a member of the Teamsters; met with the incoming CEO of Horizons; met with representatives of the Hall Perrine Foundation; met with Lisa Powell regarding new employment measures; will meet with a resident of Linn County regarding jail inmate rehabilitation; will attend a stakeholder group meeting regarding immigrants & refugees in Linn County; will meet with two residents of Mt. Vernon; will meet with Tim Nash regarding a new nonprofit; will meet with Jeff Capps and Dale Todd regarding housing initiatives; and will meet with county staff regarding high school students job shadowing.

Chairperson Harris reminded board members that Monday is the Horizons tour and new employee orientation.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Claims #70601255-#70601323 in the amt. of \$90,280.83 and ACH in the amt. of \$303,886.86.

Adjournment at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors