

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, MARCH 26, 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 and Walker (via phone). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Harris called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to approve minutes of March 21, 2018 as printed.

Public Comment: Michelle Halac, 3584 Iowa Rd., Center Point, stated that she wanted to talk about equality and not everyone is necessarily treated the same way. She grew up in Linn County, a couple miles from her current property. She is a farmer's daughter and has driven on rural roads her entire life. She is wanting to enter into the agriculture world and wanting to start her own farm area for her and her family. Their whole purpose for their Land Preservation Parcel Split is to prevent urban sprawl and preserve farmland. The county is asking them to give up seven feet of right of way and in doing so, they are doing the opposite of what they are trying to do. This is taking away from their farmland. They are planning to farm all of their property with the exception of a small yard. The county is taking money away from her family and the whole idea of what land preservation embodies. They have found that there are other examples of properties in the area that did not give up the full right of way. They were told that everyone follows the same requirements and they don't. They are also being asked to pay for 90 tons of rock. The rock is for 300 ft. in front of their property and they know that cars do not handle rock the same way which causes a safety issue. Their two cars add some traffic but not so much that adding the rock is not equal as everyone does not have to pay. She asked the Board to consider the fact that things are not being treated equally and they are trying to preserve the farm.

Ken Ditch, 3558 Central City Road, Center Point, stated that Michelle Halac is his daughter. He stated that he has given land when a road was built several years ago. He gave a ten foot easement. If everyone is willing to give while doing a road construction project, that's fine. He worked with Steve Gannon (shook hands), and there was stuff that was to be done that didn't get done. If everyone is willing to give up right of way, that's fine, but it's not right for one property to be required to give up land. He also asked about forcing a taxpayer to put rock on a road.

The Board discussed Linn County Secondary Road conditions pertaining to Land Preservation Parcel Split case JLPS18-0001, Halac Ten Addition, located at 3584 Iowa Rd, Michael and Michelle Halac, property owners.

Steve Gannon, County Engineer, gave the history of zoning in Linn County and that a Land Preservation Parcel Split has a minimum standard to meet which is to participate in the road (right of way and rock).

Discussion continued regarding the fact that Linn County won't actually need the right of way until substantial work is done on the road (and there is nothing planned for the road).

Brad Ketels, Asst. County Engineer, stated that they can include the seven feet of right of way as an easement and he can reflect in the agreement that it won't be needed until such time they widen the road. 90 tons of rock will be put down (paid for by the Halac's) along with stability chloride. The fence stays until it needs replaced.

Michael Halac stated that he has no objection to improving the road, they just want the right to continue to use the land. He also voiced concern with the safety issue of 300 ft. of new rock, the only new rock on the road.

Ken Ditch suggested that if his daughter pays for the 90 tons of rock and someone has an accident, she is liable. He was assured by the Board that she will have no responsibility.

Stephanie Lientz, Planning & Development, noted that there are still other conditions that are to be met prior to approval.

Jim Fox, Options Dir., met with the Board to discuss Support Services Agreement between Linn County and Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc. The agreement provides for Alliant to reimburse Linn County for staff salaries. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Garth Fagerbakke, Facilities Mgr., presented a request for temporary summer help to perform outside yard work. He stated that there are funds in the budget and he will work with HR during the hiring process. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented a resolution in support of the objectives of the Eastern Iowa Airport's Fly Local Travel Policy. He stated that they removed language pertaining to a dollar amount and hours. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

The Board discussed their method and deadline for decisions on approval of applications for Linn County's Mental Health and Disabilities Service Surplus funds. It was the

consensus of the Board to meet next week in open session to discuss each request and begin to make some decisions (requests total \$400,000 more than available funding).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Rogers will be speaking at the Secondary Roads Core Values session at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow and will attend the Board meeting following.

Brent Oleson, Supervisor from Marion, stated that there are a number of people that are not getting their state tax refunds due to the Cedar Rapids red light cameras and the offset program. He stated that it is pure greed on the part of the city of Cedar Rapids. It is an abuse of power by the city of Cedar Rapids to partner with a for profit company for an offsite program to issue a ticket to a car and not a person and then have that persons state refund held up for months (and get double). Next year he would like to take a position with the legislature on this. It's greed and tickets were issued on cameras with questionable legality.

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

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Elections Office Coord. Mary O'Neal New Employee – PT 04/02/18 56A \$19.19/hour 30 hrs/week
Replaces N. Schnell

RECORDER'S OFFICE

Deputy Recorder Karla Tisher Termination/Retirement 03/30/18

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Universal Clerk Jennifer Hebert Step increase/contract 03/27/18 56B \$20.17 – 56C \$21.30
Universal Clerk Kallee Michael Revised transfer date 03/11/18 56B \$20.17/hour

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Duty Officer Brittney Brecht Step increase/contract 05/01/18 56B \$20.17 + \$.25 + \$.25
56C \$21.30 + \$.25 + \$.25
Revised transfer date 03/10/18
Duty Officer Kallee Michael
Cook Sabrina Royster Step increase/contract 05/16/18 54B \$17.37 + \$.25 – 54C \$18.36 + \$.25
Lieutenant Matthew Sandvick Salary Increase 05/07/18 \$3,976.88 - \$4,118.92
Deputy Sheriff Andrew Bratek Step increase/contract 05/01/18 D-B \$25.81 + \$.40 – D-1 \$26.96 + \$.40
Deputy Sheriff Marty Tope Step increase/contract 05/02/18 D-B \$25.81 + \$.40 – D-1 \$26.96 + \$.40
Deputy Sheriff Eric Cain Step increase/contract 05/04/18 D-2 \$28.05 + \$.40 – D-3 \$29.14 + \$.40
Senior Account Sherri Olsen Step increase/contract 05/08/18 55B \$18.72 – 55C \$19.71
Mechanic Jonathan Long Step increase/contract 05/31/18 57C \$23.02 + \$.25 – 57D \$24.25 + \$.25
Account Clerk Jessica Powell New employee – PT 04/02/18 53A \$15.35/hour 32 hrs/week
Replaces J. Simons

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Secretary Darla Godfrey Termination/pstn no longer available 03/09/18
Child Care Worker Rose Mahnke End of Probation 01/23/18 48A \$10.78 – 48B \$11.34
Ryan White Prog Op Couns Sarah Regan Step increase/contract 03/13/18 56D \$22.44 – 56E \$23.65
Youth Counselor Roxanne Howard Step increase/contract 04/10/18 36C \$24.22 + \$.25 – 36D \$25.55 + \$.25
Youth Counselor William Wright III End of Probation 04/18/18 36A \$21.92 + \$.25 – 36B \$23.02 + \$.25
Juvenile Detention Inst Jennifer Mayer Step increase/contract 04/01/18 36C \$24.22 – 36D \$25.55
Youth Leader Kerry Kilker End of Probation 04/08/18 55A \$17.84 + \$.25 – 55B \$18.72 + \$.25
Cook Allison Williams Step increase/contract 04/18/18 54C \$18.36 – 54D \$19.24
Youth Counselor Frank Aidoo Step increase/contract 04/10/18 36C \$24.22 + \$.25 – 36D \$25.55 + \$.25

ENGINEERING

Light Equipment Oper Scott Powers End of Probation 04/08/18 17A \$20.54 – 17B \$21.30
Heavy Equipment Oper Jeffrey Harger Step increase/contract 04/17/18 19C \$23.84 – 19D \$24.68

Motion by Houser, seconded by Rogers to approve Claims #70601418-#70601447 in the amt. of \$324,606.21; Wire Checks in the amt. of \$1,698,751.98 and ACH in the amt. of \$19,323.89.

The Board recessed at 10:04 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m. in joint session with the Linn County Conservation Board at Wickiup Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Rd., Toddville. Present: Chairperson Harris, Vice Chairperson Houser, Supervisors Rogers and Oleson. Absent: Supervisor Walker (personal business). Conservation Board Members: George Kanz, Steve Emerson, Cindy Burke, Hillary Hughes and John Hanson. Conservation staff: Dennis Goemaat, Ryan Schlader and Randy Burke.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to enter into a joint closed session with the Linn County Conservation Board to discuss the acquisition of particular real estate in accordance with Section 21.5(1)(j) of the Iowa Code.

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

Motion by Houser, seconded by Rogers to go out of closed session.

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

The two Boards discussed the voluntary annexation request from the City of Marion regarding Squaw Creek Park.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir., stated that he prepared a memo with various issues that staff brought up regarding the annexation of Squaw Creek Park.

Supervisor Oleson explained that he has been working with the City of Marion. He feels that it would be proactive and advantageous of Linn County to have Squaw Creek be voluntarily annexed into Marion. There are a number of projects that would be

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beneficial for Marion and an annexation makes it easier. He understands that Conservation is looking at this from their view and he is looking at it as a Supervisor representing the citizens of Marion. There are a lot of moving parts that an annexation would help in the future.

It is the opinion of the Conservation Board members that not enough homework has been done and a lot more questions need to be answered before they feel comfortable making a decision on the annexation.

The consensus of the two Board's is to put together a working group to address the issues and answer questions about the possible annexation for Squaw Creek Park.

Adjournment at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor
and Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors