

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 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 and Oleson.
Absent: Supervisor Walker (personal business). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Harris called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to approve minutes of May 30, 2018 as printed.

Shannon Ramsey and Lu Barron gave a presentation by Trees Forever to request \$7,500 from the FY 19 Economic Development Fund for the Trees Forever Symposium.

A public hearing was called to order for a request to rezone property located at 9209 Feather Ridge Road from RR3 (Rural Residential 3-Acre) district to USR (Urban Services Residential) district, approximately 6.96 acres, Daniel Davidson, property owner.

Stephanie Lientz, Planning & Development, presented the rezoning case. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to approve upon first consideration ordinance to rezone property located at 9209 Feather Ridge Road from RR3 (Rural Residential 3-Acre) district to USR (Urban Services Residential) district, approximately 6.96 acres, Daniel Davidson, property owner.

Lientz also presented a proposed Temporary Use Permit, Case JTU18-0003, request by Wendling Quarries, Inc., owner, and Horsfield Construction, petitioner, to operate a portable concrete plant from June 7 to September 1, 2018, at 6101 Blairs Ferry Road.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir. and County Atty. Jerry Vander Sanden, met with the Board to discuss a request for a New Position as Community Outreach Specialist and Chief Victim Liaison in the County Attorney's Office. The 2018 budget should cover June 2018 then an amendment to FY 2019 will be necessary.

Motion by Houser, seconded by Rogers to approve New Position as Community Outreach Specialist and Chief Victim Liaison in the County Attorney's Office.

Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Dir., presented a contract for public transit service between Linn County Transportation (LIFTS) and the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG). The Board will approve Wednesday.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented a Resolution setting a public hearing for June 20, 2018 to consider an amended Ground Lease between Linn County and Prospect Meadows, Inc. Gage stated that the County Attorney staff is reviewing the lease noting that the existing language does not allow a mortgage on the property and legal staff for Prospect Meadows wants that language. Supervisor Oleson stated that he is opposed to adding that language and noted that the only one that can use the land as collateral is the taxpayer. The other Board members concurred.

Supervisor Rogers introduced Barb Gay, Melissa Walker (ASAC) and Emily Blomme, Foundation 2 to discuss using non-Mental Health/Disability Services (MH/DS) dollars to fund grant award to the Area Substance Abuse Council and Foundation 2. Rogers asked that the Board approve unspent money in the Capital Improvement Plan for the funding requests since Mental Health dollars cannot be used because it is for substance abuse and for children. Supervisor Houser stated that he does not agree with the use of that fund for this purpose and Supervisor Oleson stated that he would like to explore more avenues. A decision was deferred until Wednesday.

Public Comment: Supervisor Rogers stated that during the previous discussion, Supervisor Houser stated that there was a conflict of interest (according to the County Auditor) with him advocating for ASAC while he is on the ASAC Board. Rogers stated that there is no conflict of interest according to the County Attorney because he does not benefit in any way. Rogers did mention, however, that Supervisor Houser's wife receives payment from Linn County as a Deputy Medical Examiner.

Supervisor Houser stated that Supervisor Rogers needs to be more respectful of his wife who provides a service to Linn County for her payment.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to approve Claims #70602539-#70602564 in the amt. of \$326,709.06; Wires in the amt. of \$1,827,132.36 and ACH in the amt. of \$45,772.76.

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Adjournment at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors