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**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, March 19, 2020

12:30 p.m.

Formal Board Room—Jean Oxley Public Service Center  
935 2nd St. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

**Call to Order**

**Public Comment: Five Minute Limit per Speaker**

This comment period is for the public to address topics on today's agenda.

**Minutes**

Discuss and decide on meeting minutes.

Update on Linn County's response to COVID-19.

Discuss and decide on the Declaration of Disaster Emergency

**Public Comment: Five Minute Limit per Speaker**

This is an opportunity for the public to address the board on any subject pertaining to board business.

**Adjournment**

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# **DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

## **LINN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

- WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) a global pandemic; and
- WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has declared a National Emergency pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”); and
- WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Iowa has proclaimed a State of Disaster Emergency applicable to all Iowa jurisdictions; under the authorities vested to the Governor by the Iowa Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 1, 8 and Iowa Code §§ 29C.6 (1); and
- WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, it was confirmed that the spread of the virus had reached Linn County by the announcement of a self-identified infected individual who conducted a public event in Linn County of March 6 and 13, 2020. The individual tested positive and is being treated; and
- WHEREAS**, the impacts of the pandemic are anticipated to be county-wide and require the deployment of assets, emergency expenditure of funds, and requesting resources and support from community partners, state, and federal authorities;

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT** the Linn County Board of Supervisors and Mayors of the Municipal Jurisdictions within Linn County, pursuant to the authorities invested in each by the Constitution of Iowa, Iowa Code § 331.301(1), Iowa Code § 364.1, and their respective jurisdictional codes and ordinances related to **Civil Emergencies**; hereby recognize a civil emergency exists within their respective jurisdictions and declare a **State of Disaster Emergency**.

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.9 (9), § 29C.10 (2), § 29C.12, and Iowa Administrative Code § 605 Chapter 7.3(4), the Board of Supervisors and Mayors hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the following:

- SECTION 1.** This declaration activates the disaster response and recovery aspects of the Linn County Comprehensive Emergency Plan and those additional response plans applicable to this disaster emergency and authorizes the use and deployment of all available municipal and county resources, supplies, equipment, and materials as are reasonably necessary to assist in the preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation of this disaster emergency.
- SECTION 2.** It is hereby ordered that all county and municipal agencies and departments shall utilize such personnel, equipment, and facilities necessary to assist the Linn County Public Health Department and the Linn County Emergency Management Agency in performing any and all activities necessary to prevent, contain, and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 virus.
- SECTION 3.** All participating county and municipal agencies and departments will provide assistance to the Linn County Public Health Department and Linn County Emergency Management Agency in a manner consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and pursuant to the Linn County Comprehensive Emergency Plan.

**SECTION 4.** This state of disaster emergency shall be effective at midnight 03/18/2020 and shall continue until cancelled. The sunset of this declaration will be 6 months from the date of enactment unless sooner terminated or extended in writing.

This Declaration of Disaster Emergency is hereby promulgated for each of the signatory jurisdictions upon the affixed signature or documentation of approval by an authorized jurisdictional official.

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