

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020 12:00 P.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Chairperson Rogers, Vice Chairperson Oleson and Supervisor Walker. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Receive and place on file the Recorder's quarterly report for January 1 through March 31, 2020.

Receive and place on file Veterans Affairs monthly report for March 2020.

Authorize Chair to sign purchase order #5625 for \$9,975.00 to Allied Glass to install acrylic dividers at public counters at the Public Service Center.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of April 20, 2020 as printed.

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

- Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir. - 475 cases in Linn County with 30 deaths. There has been a significant surge in cases. The Unified Command is working very well.
- Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. - The Board Support Team met along with Elected Officials and representatives from other departments and talked about bringing back employees gradually when allowed. They are also doing physical improvements.

Chairperson Rogers stated that he wants Elected Officials and their workforce to know that they are working on addressing their expectations once employees start to return to work.

Supervisor Oleson stated that he has asked for employee input on ideas to address concerns. Gage stated that they have discussed sending questions to him as the central point of contact.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., gave an update of the COVID-19 funding requests. No Board action is needed today.

Supervisor Walker stated that he has been corresponding with Tricia Kitzmann regarding an individual working on refugee food insecurities and a grant that may be available through Public Health (\$9,500). If the Public Health grant does not work out, he was giving a heads up for possible COVID-19 funding.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to adopt the following Proclamation: Building Safety Month-May 2020.

Garth Fagerbakke, Facilities Mgr., presented quotes for installing an IT network connection to the County owned building formerly the Cedar Rapids Lumber building as follows: Paulsen Electric - \$9,950 and Esco Group - \$9,527.10. He recommends the low quote.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to authorize Chairperson to sign contract with Esco Group in the amount of \$9,527.10 for the installation of an IT network connection to the County owned building formerly the Cedar Rapids Lumber building.

Supervisor Walker stated that he was contacted this weekend and given the opportunity for plastic bottles that could be filled with hand sanitizer. He thought that it would be nice to have a stock for employees to have readily accessible.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve Claims #701613772-#70613800 in the amt. of \$14,864.25 and ACH in the amt. of \$275,635.17.

Board Member Reports: Supervisor Oleson thanked the budget department for setting up collaboration between Marion, Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Robins and Hiawatha to put together a federal grant for Tower Terrace. He stated that they are also one-step closer to MPO funding for the Hwy. 100 trail.

Adjournment at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

