

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, MAY 11, 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.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of May 6, 2020 as printed.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve the following:

- Proclamation: National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 17-23, 2020 and Proclamation: Park to Kids Day, May 16, 2020.

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

- Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir. - Test Iowa started last week in Linn County (126 tests were performed on Thursday and Friday); Trained eight new contact tracers (working with CDC Foundation for assistance to hire more if necessary); Unified Command meeting once a week (Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.); 834 cases in Linn County with 58 deaths.
- Dustin Hinrichs, Public Health. - Trying to respond to questions regarding re-opening businesses, events, etc.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., gave an update on the COVID-19 Budget. She has one additional item which is the Q-Matic upgrade for appointment scheduling in the amount of \$24,642.00. They will also have an estimate for security. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., stated that she received information on Friday regarding the Q-Matic upgrade. There is a 30-day implementation period. The Treasurer will have to work through appointment scheduling without the upgrade for a while.

Sharon Gonzalez, Treasurer, stated that they will be able to schedule appointments for title transfers, depending on re-opening of the Public Service Center (PSC).

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., discussed extending the closure date of certain Linn County government buildings. He stated that the recommendation is to extend beyond May 17th but there is no specific date. The front entrance construction of the PSC is to be completed by next week. The Board Support Team is looking at 100 plus items to consider with the re-opening.

Supervisor Rogers stated that he will be participating in a phone call tomorrow with some municipalities that are looking at re-opening sometime in June. He stated that the county should strongly consider mandating the wearing of masks and asked about inventory.

Gage stated that they have ordered 2,000 masks for employees and 5,000 for the public.

Supervisor Walker suggested that they find out what the other municipalities decide to do tomorrow and see if Linn County can align with them. It makes sense to look into June as well.

Supervisor Oleson stated that he favors opening after the June 2nd Primary Election. June 8th or 15th is his personal preference. He also noted that there needs to be a conversation with officials at the Courthouse as well as DHS (housed at the Community Services Building).

Steve Estenson, Risk Manager, stated that he has ordered two masks per employee as well as disposable masks.

Discussion continued regarding security for the buildings. It has been recommended to get security guards "reserved" as they will be in demand once businesses open.

Estenson stated that the Board Support Team discussed mandatory masks and temperatures. However, in the long term, this is an opportunity to shift services to online. They need to start promoting online services going forward (need to shift Linn County's culture to that).

Discussion continued regarding the "new normal".

Supervisor Walker suggested that they think about this on a more global level regarding their approach to work and how that will look. Linn County should look at being more competitive and more innovative. Think of ideas to help them improve the organization and culture. He encourages everyone to be thinking of this time of challenge as a time of opportunity.

Gage presented Fillmore Building asbestos removal proposals as follows:

- Active Thermal Concepts - \$18,250
- Iowa Illinois Taylor Insulation - \$24,738

The Abbe Center would like to lease additional space in July, which is requiring the asbestos removal.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Walker to approve and authorize Chair to sign a contract with Active Thermal Concepts in the amount of \$18,250 for Fillmore Building asbestos removal.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations) as follows:

FACILITIES

Senior Custodian	Grace Danford	Step increase/contract 05/27/20 11B \$18.13 – 11C \$18.67
Custodian	Savanna Hutchins	Step increase/contract 06/03/20 10B \$17.44 + \$.25 – 10C \$18.13 + \$.25

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputy Sheriff	Scott Becker	Correction to termination date from 05/04/20 roster Eff Dte: 04/27/20
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Child Care Worker	Lacy Blackhawk	Correction to effective date from 03/16/20 roster Eff Dte: 05/04/20
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JUVENILE DETENTION

JDDS Supervisor	Bradley Davidson	Corrected termination/retirement date 06/05/20
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ENGINEERING

Temp Roadway Maint Wrkr	Colton Martin	New hire – Temporary 05/04/20 \$20.00/hour New position
Temp Roadway Maint Wrkr	Shawn Davis,	New hire – Temporary 05/04/20 \$20.00/hour New position
Senior Mechanic	Jacob Goldsmith	New hire – FT 05/04/20 21A \$24.97 Replaces P. Hartl

Adjournment at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors