

The Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment. Present: Chairman Tim Latham, Vice Chairman Casey Callanan, Supervisor Chris Watts and various members of the public.

Chairman Latham convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Callanan moved with Watts seconding, to approve today's agenda and the meeting minutes of the June 30, 2020 regular session and the July 2, 2020 special session. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment session was held.

Watts moved with Callanan seconding, to approve claims. Motion passed unanimously.

Callanan moved with Watts seconding, to Resolution 2020-53 WHEREAS, the following payroll change requests were submitted to the Board of Supervisors for review; and, WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County, has reviewed and considered the change requests as follows:

DepartmentName	Pay ChangeEffective Date
RecorderLindsey Mathre	\$12.00/hourly07/13/2020

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County does hereby approve the requests as shown above and directs the Auditor to make the necessary adjustments to the payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Watts moved with Callanan seconding, to authorize Rodney McKinney to conduct field review of Drainage District 49 and Drainage District 31. Motion passed unanimously.

Callanan moved with Watts seconding, to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Report of Fees. Motion passed unanimously.

Watts moved with Callanan seconding, to appoint Matthew Rasmuson as Pleasant Valley Township Trustee, Heidi Marquardt to the County Planning & Zoning Commission, and Andrew Kumpf to the County Board of Adjustment. Motion passed unanimously.

Callanan moved with Watts seconding, to authorize the Chair to sign the bid proposal with One Vision for cleaning services at the Juvenile Court Systems. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Latham opened the completion hearing for Drainage District 33 at 10:05 a.m.

Callanan moved with Watts seconding, to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Watts moved with Callanan seconding, to accept the completion report for Drainage District 33. Motion passed unanimously.

Callanan moved with Watts seconding, to approve payment for damages for Drainage District 33. Motion passed unanimously.

Callanan moved with Watts seconding, to approve pay request No. 5 for Farm Tile Pro LLC. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Latham opened the public hearing regarding the proposed CDBG application for Francis Lauer Youth Services at 10:15 a.m.

Chris Diggins, NIACOG staff presented the following: The need for the activity has been identified as a result of the demand for mental health, addiction treatment, and crisis services continuing to grow. YSS Francis Lauer has watched the needs outgrow the current facilities. As such, YSS Francis Lauer completed a space utilization study identifying areas of the campus that can be upgraded to best serve North Iowa. YSS Francis Lauer partnered with the local advisory board composed of a wide variety of community stakeholders including: Mason City Police Department; Parents United, First Citizens Charitable Foundation; Mason City Community School District;

MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center; Department of Human Services; Iowa Workforce Development/ North Iowa Area Community College; I.O.O.F. Home and Community Therapy Center and General Council of Winnebago Industries. The proposed activities will be funded with a combination of CDBG funds and local funds that are primarily fundraised dollars, local government contributions and lastly bank financing. The application will likely be submitted in the next two to three weeks as the application cycle is now open window. The Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors is requesting \$600,000 in CDBG funds on behalf of Francis Lauer. Francis Lauer is considered a Limited Clientele organization meaning it automatically meets the LMI Eligibility criteria. The proposed activities will be conducted at 50 North Eisenhower Avenue in Mason City, Iowa. There will be no displacement of persons or businesses as a result of funded activities. Not applicable. (Plans to assist persons actually displaced) The nature of the proposed activities is to provide a clear intake center that allows for privacy when working with clients in crisis. Updates for the outpatient clinic includes renovation that allows designated space for Parent Child Interaction Therapy, Play Therapy, Behavioral Health Medication Management, and additional mental health counselors. In addition, soundproofing insulation will be installed to ensure maximum privacy and confidentiality. In all, four new office spaces for outpatient providers will be added. With the creation of these spaces, YSS Francis Lauer has the potential of an additional 150 hours of service per week which translates into approximately 220 additional clients annually. An updated education wing will also allow Francis Lauer to serve up to 12 additional youth in the Mason City Partnership School setting. The final portion of the project includes the Nutrition Center, which will be updated to create a café-styled dining experience that is more inviting and a positive atmosphere for youth to eat and visit. Following review of the proposed application, Diggins led the Board and others in attendance in the development of a Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment. The Board of Supervisors has had many community and economic development surveys of residents and businesses as well as goal setting activities over the years including development of a CDHNA for a previous CDBG project. The results of previous activities today's discussion are included in the CDHNA as follows:

Cerro Gordo County Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment
Community Development and Housing Needs of LMI Persons

1. Proper mental health, addiction and behavioral health care services to accommodate varying levels of need.
2. Infrastructure improvements such as water improvements in rural areas, subdivisions and unincorporated communities that have problems with arsenic as well as wastewater systems in un-sewered communities or rural subdivisions without adequate septic systems.
3. Assistance to low income families in owning and maintaining safe, decent, affordable housing.
4. Opportunities to assist in the availability of safe, decent low-income rental housing for the elderly, including assisted living facilities.
5. Development opportunities for affordable homes in the \$140,000-\$180,000 range.

Other Community Development and Housing Needs

1. Economic development and Industry attraction for the County.
2. New businesses in the County.
3. Infrastructure improvements to attract new housing.
4. County Revolving Loan Fund for on-site septic systems.

Planned or Potential Activities to Address Housing and Community Needs

1. Apply for CDBG funds on behalf of YSS Francis Lauer to undertake renovations to the existing facility to improve and add additional services.
2. Utilize financial assistance sources such as: tax increment financing and tax abatement as additional incentives for businesses, industry and homeowners who wish to make property improvements or investments.
3. Develop low income housing to meet the needs of the county residents and create

additional jobs in the county to maintain or increase income levels.

4. Work with area economic development groups to attract employers to create higher paying jobs.

Watts moved with Callanan seconding, to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Watts moved with Callanan seconding, to approve Resolution 2020-54 WHEREAS, the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors desires to benefit and improve the lives of all residents of the County, and WHEREAS, the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors will support projects to insure the health and safety and quality of life of its residents; and, WHEREAS, funds are available through the Iowa Economic Development Authority's CDBG Community Facilities and Services Fund Program in order to aid in partially funding a project as presented by Francis Lauer Youth Services renovate the existing facility to provide increased services including a more private intake center; designated space for specific therapies and treatment and additional office spaces for Outpatient treatment counselors and completely renovated nutrition center; and, WHEREAS, the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors agrees to be the applicant for the non-profit, Francis Lauer Youth Services, and agrees to be the responsible entity and fiscal agent for any project funds awarded to the County on behalf of the Francis Lauer Youth Services; and, WHEREAS, the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors on behalf of Francis Lauer Youth Services will contract with NIACOG, its regional council of governments, as its provider of grant administration services, contingent on award of the grant funds. The North Iowa Area Council of Governments (NIACOG) has many years of experience in assisting in the successful completion of CDBG projects. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors hereby approves an application for CDBG Community Facilities and Services funds to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for a Community Facilities and Services Fund program project application in the amount of \$600,000 and agrees to comply with all rules, regulations and requirements as the responsible entity for the funds and authorizes the Chair to sign application documents.

Watts moved with Callanan seconding, to adjourn at 10:32 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Various tabulations, reports, correspondence and other documents that were presented at today's meeting are placed on file with the supplemental minutes.

Chairman Tim Latham
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Adam V. Wedmore, Auditor
Cerro Gordo County