

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023 10:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Kirsten Running-Marquardt. Absent:
Chairperson Zumbach (other county business). Board members voting "AYE" unless
otherwise noted.

Vice Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve minutes of January 20, 23 &
24, 2023 as printed.

Dawn Schott, Juvenile Detention & Diversion Center Dir., presented an Agreement to
provide a guaranteed detention bed at the Linn County Juvenile Detention Center for
the sole use of Clinton County.

Clinton County Attorney Mike Wolf stated that Linn County is blessed to have such a
well run facility staffed by Dawn Schott and her team. This is one of the best run
facilities in the State of Iowa.

The Board indicated that they look forward to working with Clinton County and will
approve contract on Wednesday.

Motion by Rogers, seconded Running-Marquardt to open a public hearing for rezoning
case JR23-0001, request to rezone property located at 622 Dows Rd, from the PUD-USR
(Planned Unit Development Overlay - Urban Services Residential) zoning district to the
USR (Urban Services Residential) zoning district, approximately 7.58 acres, Linn
County Board of Supervisors, owner, and Linn County Planning & Development,
petitioner.

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

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to close public hearing.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve first consideration of
rezoning case JR23-0001, request to rezone property located at 622 Dows Rd, from the
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Development, petitioner.

Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor, presented an extension to the original JP Morgan
(p-card vendor) agreement dated 12/18/2014 effective January 1, 2023. She stated that
they have an extension document that JP Morgan issued, however, no signature is
required. An increase in the rebate was negotiated (estimated increase from \$40,000 to
\$48,000 based on 2022 volume). The county still has the flexibility to move to US
Bank (state contract) should they find it to be appropriate.

The Board indicated that they are comfortable with this arrangement knowing that they
have the flexibility to change vendors. They thanked the Auditor's Office for going
through the contract and it is appreciated.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented the Fiscal Year 2023 rural library
appropriations,

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve and authorize Vice
Chairperson to sign the following individual contracts for library services, and
authorize the release of payment to individual libraries upon receipt of their
respective contracts: Cedar Rapids - \$87,369.04; Center Point - \$69,819.00; Central
City - \$23,612.00; Coggon - \$12,750.00; Ely - \$36,955.87; Fairfax - \$26,558.62;
Hiawatha - \$88,187.26; Lisbon - \$23,069.27; Marion - \$50,966.61; Mt. Vernon -
\$31,621.32; and Springville - \$34,082.01.

Public Comment:

Mike Carberry, Iowa City and Bright Future Iowa, stated that he is serving on one of
the renewable energy review committees and his first meeting was on January 26. It
went very well and he wanted to thank all of the members, that met as a whole group at
first, for being cordial, honest and civil. They know they can disagree without being
disagreeable. They can have differences of opinions and do not have to make it
personal. Planning & Development provided a staff member to facilitate each
committee along with the Sustainability Director.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve the following Employment
Change Roster (payroll authorizations):

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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| Communications Oper. | Jennifer Wardenburg-Taylor | Termination/resignation 02/10/23 |
| Deputy Sheriff | Conrad Akers | New hire - FT 02/06/23 DB \$30.18 |
| Deputy Sheriff | Phillip Williams | Step increase/contract 02/11/23 D3 \$34.01 - D4 \$35.29 |
| Deputy Sheriff | Ryan Liercke | Step increase/contract 02/24/23 D2 \$32.76 - D3 \$34.01 |

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| Deputy Sheriff | Benjamin Helms | Step increase/contract 02/24/23 D2 \$32.76 – D3 \$34.01 |
| Duty Officer | Elizabeth Smiley | Step increase/contract 02/08/23 56C \$24.03 – 56D \$25.31 |
| Captain | Randy Rowland | Termination/retirement 03/17/23 |
| Senior Account Clerk | Kyla Sergeant | Step increase/contract 02/02/2023 55D \$23.19 – 55E \$24.49 |
| Senior Account | Matthew Moses | End of probation 02/12/23 55A \$19.92 – 55B \$20.90 |
| <u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u> | | |
| Assistant Teacher | Alyssa Collier | New hire – FT 02/06/23 53A \$17.14 Replaces S. Waddell |
| <u>PUBLIC HEALTH</u> | | |
| Environmental Chemist | Kayla Gifford | New hire – FT 02/06/23 39A \$30.26 |
| <u>ENGINEERING</u> | | |
| Traffic Technician Aide | Chad Wendt | Transfer – internal applicant 01/14/23 17C \$24.64 – 19B \$25.62 |
| Replaces N. Boren | | |
| Light Equipment Oper. | Nathan Takes | Step increase/contract 02/07/23 17B \$23.26 – 17C \$24.64 |
| Senior Mechanic | Phillip Hayes | Step increase/contract 02/07/23 21B \$27.56 – 21C \$28.72 |
| Senior Mechanic | Randy Wendt | Step increase/contract 02/10/23 21D \$29.88 – 21E \$32.13 |
| Light Equipment Oper. | Brian Wood | Step increase/contract 02/21/23 17B \$23.26 – 17C \$24.64 |

Legislative Update - Darrin Gage gave an update on Senate Study Bill 1056 which is a retroactive bill to "correct" property tax rollbacks (loss of revenue in the amount of \$1.4 - \$1.7 to Linn County). Linn County is not registered for or against the bill, however, ISAC is registered opposed to it.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that it is appropriate for the Board to weigh in on it noting the pain they will feel given that it will be retroactive. It's more than a correction.

It was the consensus of the Board to register in opposition to the bill.

Gage also gave an update on House Study Bill 65 which changes the way big box stores are assessed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to reappoint Michael LeClere to the Historical Preservation Commission for a term ending 12/31/25.

Adjournment at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors