

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022 9:04 A.M.

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

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Brian Gardner, Sheriff - challenges with hiring; lost long time employee to Iowa State
Patrol due to overtime issues; 389 inmates in the jail yesterday and busting at the
seams with social distancing practices.

Chairperson Rogers asked if Gardner's budget can absorb anything over and above a 3%
salary increase. Gardner responded that his preference is that the Board fully fund
the salary increase, however his budget can absorb the increase due to staff on FMLA,
employee's opting to take no pay (J time) and three staff vacancies.

Nick Maybanks, County Attorney - has been County Attorney the last four weeks;
movement within their office and caseloads; steady influx of violent crimes continues;
fully staffed with attorneys; working on becoming a paperless office; established new
prosecution policies; storage of plea offers; review of attempt to allude and
marijuana cases; expungement records; working with IT on fiber for their office
expansion; law library update; upcoming space study; coordinate ride along's with law
enforcement. Maybanks welcomes the Board funding the salary increases, however he
believes he has additional money in his salaries line item to cover the increase. He
does not want to task more people to cover those costs.

Sharon Gonzalez, Treasurer - will not seek re-election for Treasurer; DOT working on
contiguous county titling; new online tax service that allows for taxes to be paid
ahead monthly (if current); Dept. of Rev added options for disabled application;
online tax sale is June 21st; thanked the Board for new camera's that were included in
Capital Projects. It is inevitable that people in her office utilize J time (no pay)
and FMLA so that frees up salary money in her budget to cover the salary increase.
She is also looking at additional revenue that was not anticipated.

Chairperson Rogers thanked Gonzalez for her dedication to Linn County. He wished
Gonzalez and her husband well in their future endeavors.

Matt Warfield, Deputy Auditor - working on polling places due to ADA reviews and the
new redistricting. Some locations are waiting for ADA surveys and the Secretary of
State will not grant waivers. Two upcoming elections on March 1st (CPU Schools and
Palo City Council vacancy).

Joel Miller, Auditor - presented ADA background noting that the Board may receive
complaints about new polling place locations. Miller's office does not have any slack
in the budget to cover a salary increase over 3%. He advocated for Sheriff Gardner
making the same salary as the Cedar Rapids Police Chief. He gave an example of a risk
in his position (\$10k infraction from the Secretary of State). Miller encouraged the
Board to accept the 8% salary increase.

Adjournment at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors