

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 1:30 P.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 to review budget decisions for the  
proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget. Also present: Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir. and Sara  
Bearrows, Budget Dir.

Sara Bearrows presented the budget summary including the following: 25% General Fund  
ending balance; countywide levy rate of \$5.85 levy and rural levy rate of \$2.71;  
\$253,418 Offer pot; \$250,000 for vehicles; \$181,200 siren maintenance; 3% wage  
increase for non-bargaining unit, Elected Officials & Deputies; 2.25% increase for  
AFSCME (including Conservation & EMA) 3% increase for PPME & IBEW; 6.5% health  
insurance increase with a valuation growth of 2.8%.

Bearrows stated that prior to the meeting today, the Board submitted their individual  
rankings and they aligned with the following Offers and Vehicles:

- Planning & Development Code Compliance Officer - savings of \$949
- Three FTE Juvenile Detention & Diversion Isolation staff - \$254,367
- Conservation 2023 F150 Truck \$60,000
- Facilities Chevy 3500 cab/plow - \$62,000
- Facilities Ford F550 - \$69,000
- Juvenile Detention & Diversion Chevy Traverse - \$45,000

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve the following for the FY 2023 budget:

- Set countywide levy rate at \$5.85 rural at \$2.71 rural.
- Offer: Planning & Development Code Compliance Officer - savings of \$949
- Offer: Three FTE Juvenile Detention & Diversion Isolation staff - \$254,367
- Vehicle: Conservation 2023 F150 Truck \$60,000
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Discussion: Supervisor Zumbach noted that if Elected Official salaries are approved  
above 3%, that will be taken out of next year's Offer pot.

Chairperson Rogers thanked Jindrich and Bearrows (award winning staff) for achieving  
the monumental task of preparing this budget with challenges such as the Derecho, FEMA  
claims and lost revenue due to COVID. He noted that the Board still needs to make a  
decision on the Compensation Board's recommendation for Elected Official salaries.

Jindrich stated that they could not have accomplished the budget without the help of  
IT staff (Struck, Stone and Noke) for prioritizing their needs.

VOTE: All Aye

Adjournment at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors