

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023 9:02 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 (personal 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 March 6, 2023 as  
printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Nick Maybanks, Attorney - case load statistics; expressed extreme importance for the  
need of additional staff and gave examples. Board members acknowledged Maybanks  
concerns and will review funding with Finance. Union agreement reached; Expungement  
Clinics in April; two interns joining his office; legislative endeavors passed the  
funnel; worried about state reorganization proposal; success with recent trials.

Shayl Wilson, Attorney's Office, explained the new Retail Theft Diversion Program and  
presented the deferred prosecution agreement for first time offenders.

Brent Oleson, Treasurer - expressed his urgent need for an additional Universal Clerk;  
property tax collection underway; GIS working on a property tax website tool;  
committee meeting today on the Treasurer's bill; discussed increase in fees his office  
collects to offset the property tax obligation; attending ISAC Conference this week;  
all team meeting is tomorrow morning; offering overtime Saturday to help their office  
get caught up.

Supervisor Rogers stated that Oleson's first quarter has been very successful and  
rewarding. Oleson organized a potluck that was postponed. Rogers is proud of the  
work Oleson has put in so far.

Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor - discussed the valuation report and the effect on  
entities in Linn County (will work with those entities that need to fix their  
budgets); resolution is on tomorrow's agenda regarding township's and IPERS review.

Supervisor Rogers commended Betsworth on her exemplary work. Betsworth came back from  
a vacation (which speaks volumes to her) to recalculate the valuation report due to  
the State's SF 181. Vacation is earned and should not be interrupted. Betsworth's  
work is definitely seen and appreciated.

Joel Miller, Auditor - highlighted the need for an Accounting Manager in their office;  
conversion of two deputies to management positions to get away from staff being  
political appointees; Governor's reorganization plan has a provision for the Attorney  
General of the State of Iowa to be in charge of election related crimes; some counties  
are being forced to go to five supervisors; two special elections today (PPEL).

Supervisor Rogers stated that he valued Deputy Warfield's notification to the Board of  
his requirement to keep the Elections Office open during inclement weather due to  
early voting taking place.

Adjournment at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Vice Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors