

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 10:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Zumbach called the meeting to order.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of April 11 & 12, 2023 as printed.

Col. Riniker presented a Vacancy Form requesting up to 20 Detention Officers for the Sheriff's Office. He stated that these will be civilians that will be working in the Jail and explained their training. There are currently 13 Deputy Sheriff vacancies. The cost is neutral. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Charles Struck, IT, presented a Vacancy Form requesting a Help Desk Specialist/Desk Top Associate for the IT Department. He stated that this position is changing from a management position to a bargaining unit position. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Carter Balwin, LIFTS Dir., presented a Service Contract between Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region and Linn County LIFTS effective March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor, presented a resolution rescinding resolution 2023-3-34 and fixing township compensation effective January 1, 2023 at \$30/meeting. Legal has reviewed and noted that \$30 is comparable with other counties. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., stated that NextEra has met all conditions for the Duane Arnold I and II solar projects and can move forward. They have a request to change the hours of construction. Currently, the condition is from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Kimberly Dickey, NextEra, gave a pre-construction update on the Duane Arnold I and II solar projects and introduced Construction Project Managers. The update included the following: Building & Electrical permits can be issued soon; civil activities include tree removal/chipping, erosion control, job trailer in place, grading/seeding cover crops, access roads and boring by the end of May. The number of employees will increase from 30 to 60 by the end of May and 90 by the end of June. She requested the following construction hours: 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Friday and 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Saturdays. She explained the reasoning for the hours which includes lowering the peak traffic volume (school and local commutes). Pile driving and noisy activities will be from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Supervisors Running-Marquardt and Rogers indicated that they will support the request for an extension and appreciate them taking into consideration the safety of everyone.

Nichols indicated that he will place wording on Wednesday's agenda addressing construction hours.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sergeant \$47.40	Todd Egli	Step increase/contract 05/06/23 S1 \$46.70 – S2
Communications Oper. C4 \$28.00	Chelsea Leuenberger	Step increase/contract 05/06/23 C3 \$27.41 –
Deputy Sheriff D2 \$32.76	Fernando Catalan	Step increase/contract 05/17/23 D1 \$31.50 –
Female Corr. Off. 56C \$24.03	Esther Pascal	Step increase/contract 05/31/23 56B \$22.76 –

LIFTS

LIFTS Dispatcher	Erick Wolfmeyer	Transfer from Driver 04/15/23 55B \$20.90
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PUBLIC HEALTH

Harm Reduction Coord. \$35.28 New position	Kursten Lyon	Transfer – internal applicant 05/06/23 39D
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ENGINEERING

Senior Mechanic 21E \$32.13	Jacob Goldsmith	Step increase/contract 05/04/23 21D \$29.88 –
Light Equip. Oper. 17C \$24.64	Jason Fagle	Step increase/contract 05/16/23 17B \$23.78 –
Account Tech. 58C \$27.98	Ian Graham	Step increase/contract 05/16/23 58B \$26.48 –

Heavy Equip. Oper.	Alex Hamer	Step increase/contract 05/23/23 19D \$27.56 –
19E \$29.76		
Intern	Tanner Sanders	New hire – temporary 05/01/23 \$20.00

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve Claims for AP checks #71010672-#72020673 in the amt. of \$525.00; Claims dated 4/14/23 for payroll deduction checks #71010661-#71010671 in the amt. of \$7,296.64; ACH in the amt. of \$28,939.77; and wires in the amt. of \$2,016,439.88 for a total of \$2,052,676.29.

Public Comments: Kirsten Running-Marquardt, Cedar Rapids, shared compliments from the Librarians of Linn County to the Board's staff members noting their appreciation for all of the support and work that staff has provided to them.

Louie Zumbach, rural Linn County, wanted to give a shout out to a Coggon resident, Mr. Bob Henderson, who turned 102.

Adjournment at 10:40 a.m.

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

APPROVED BY:

LOUIS J. ZUMBACH, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors