

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of May 2, 2022 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Nick Maybanks, Attorney -current case numbers and allocation; increase in felony offenses; Go the Distance for Crime Victims 5K was held Saturday; Attorney Matt Kishinami won a statewide outstanding service award for child abuse; Asst. County Attorney Lisa Epp was elected to the Iowa State Bar Assoc. Board of Governors; 34 criminal matters being expunged in Linn County; would like to establish an expungement survey/portal through Linn County's website; his office drafted a bill in regards to HF2079 and was signed into a bill yesterday; authorized direct filing of criminal charges by law enforcement; ended telework policy effective yesterday; Attorney Monica Slaughter is working to train Cedar Rapids Police recruits and working to recoup some of those costs from the City of Cedar Rapids; participating in a Project Safe Neighborhood National Summit to reduce violence in communities on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>; continuing to negotiate MOU for use of the Linn County Courthouse.

Chairperson Rogers asked about the trend for felony cases.

Maybanks responded that the cases have doubled and almost tripled since 2016 for possession of firearms and attempted murder cases are the highest they've been in several years.

Rogers stated that he appreciates the County Attorney's office being a part of the expungement clinic.

Brian Gardner, Sheriff - working with architect on jail remodel project; Deputy Sheriff application process taking place right now (six applicants currently); losing three employees; working through promotional process for lieutenant, captain, etc.; upcoming retirement of Jail Administrator this year.

Chairperson Rogers questioned if COVID affected the number of applicants and Gardner explained in detail that they are doing everything they can to hire and retain staff. Rogers thanked Gardner for the Sheriff's Deputy that is now at the Public Service Center and praised Deputy Anderson for his work in the building the last two weeks.

Sharon Gonzalez, Treasurer - delinquent notices went out Friday (fewest ever sent); will be adding another video to the county's website regarding how a buyer handles a transaction; fully staffed as of yesterday; read a complimentary email to her staff from a customer for a job well done; thanked the Board for their kind words at the State of the County luncheon last Friday.

Supervisor Walker thanked Deputy Treasurer Kelly Geater who assisted a young man after hours yesterday regarding a title transfer.

Matt Warfield, Deputy Auditor - June 7<sup>th</sup> primary election takes place in five weeks; working on getting election workers together; recent rise in COVID has impacted the willingness of precinct officials wanting to work the election; absentee ballot request forms ran in the PennySaver; a lot of outreach activity is being run by his office for verification of information; conversations with the City of Cedar Rapids Attorney regarding moving to a primary election system; invited to meetings to speak on topic of how to vote.

Supervisor Zumbach left the meeting at this time for personal business.

Chairperson Rogers stated that a few weeks ago he attended an event on voter rights and different timelines, etc. noting that there were things he was not fully informed of. He thanked Valerie Smith for her continued engagement within the community and how to get more people involved in the process. Rogers asked if PEO's will have to wear masks and Warfield responded that they are extending the county's position with the exception of the requirement of the facility they are working at. Rogers continued to say that Warfield's office is doing incredible work noting that all the work up to an election is immense.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve appointment of Melissa Wahl to the Food Systems Council for a term ending 12/31/26.

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Adjournment at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors