

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 11:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order.

Public Comment: Les Beck, 3406 Sycamore Ct. NE, Cedar Rapids, stated that he is offering his support for the use of TIF (tax increment financing) as part of the Dow's project. He added that financial incentives were identified in the governing plan as an important tool and it supports economic development.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of May 5, 2021 as printed.

Col. Doug Riniker, Sheriff's Office, discussed three (3) Vacancy Forms requesting LPN Correctional Center Nurses for the Sheriff's Office noting that it has been a struggle hiring nurses. They have downgraded the positions from RN's to LPN's with approval from their Medical Director. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development, discussed updating the Linn County Urban Renewal Plan to incorporate Tax Increment Financing (TIF) into a portion of the Dows Farm development. Ahman Companies is requesting TIF for the commercial portion of the Dow's Farm development. This entails transferring the taxes from an abatement to TIF, approximately \$660,000 over ten years.

Supervisor Zumbach asked for clarification regarding how the taxes would have been paid.

Chad Pelley, Ahman Companies, responded that with the TIF, 15% remains with the county and schools districts and approximately 85% of the taxes are refunded back.

The Board will discuss and decide on Wednesday.

Nichols also discussed the permit fee waiver extension for Derecho damaged structures noting that it expires on June 30, 2021. They are proposing a new deadline of August 10, 2021. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Brent Oleson, Deputy Dir. of Policy & Comm. Relations, discussed November general election ballot referendum for continuation of a 1% Local Option Sales Tax with identical revenue expenditures in unincorporated Linn County to commence July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2034, upon expiration of the current 10-year 1% Local Option Sales Tax. He asked that the Board provide direction to appropriate staff to prepare necessary ordinance and/or resolution for the Board's consideration. The Board will make a decision on Wednesday.

Oleson also discussed November general election ballot referendum to authorize gambling games at a casino to be developed in Linn County. He asked that the Board provide direction to appropriate staff to prepare necessary resolution for the Board's consideration. This will go on the ballot as a yes or no vote. If the vote passes as yes, it is still up to the State Gaming Commission. This framework says Linn County will allow if it were ever to occur. The Board will make a decision on Wednesday.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., discussed the size of the membership of the Temporary County Redistricting Commission. Board members concurred that they would be in favor of five members.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Zumbach to approve five (5) members for the Temporary County Redistricting Commission.

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

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Land Records Analyst David Rice Step increase 5/11/21 39D \$33.82 – 39E \$35.70

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Special Prosecutor Devra Hake New hire 6/1/21 \$70,000/annually  
Special Prosecutor Jason Norwood New hire 6/28/21 \$80,000/annually  
Criminal Prosecutor II Molly Edwards Promotion 7/31/21 \$83,541.72/annually - \$97,067.52/annually  
Repl H. Carmer  
Termination/resignation 7/30/21

Criminal Prosecutor II Heidi Carmer

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Network Security Analyst/Serv Assoc Jeff White Step increase 5/14/21 40D \$43.58 – 40E \$45.69

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Intern Emily Rizvic Termination/declined internship 5/17/21

SHERIFFS OFFICE

Duty Officer Elizabeth Smiley-Glover End of probation 5/8/21 56A \$20.54+\$ .25+\$ .25–56B \$21.58+\$ .25+\$ .25

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Family Service Worker Selina Mally Step increase 6/26/21 54D \$20.59 – 54E \$21.76

JUVENILE DETENTION

Youth Counselor Gabrielle Armstrong End of probation 6/22/21 36A \$23.47+\$ .25–36B \$24.64 \$.25  
Youth Counselor Colton Stoddard Step increase/contract 6/12/21 36C \$ 25.93+\$ .25–36D \$27.35+\$ .25

PUBLIC HEALTH

Environmental PH Mgr Jim Hodina Termination/retirement 7/31/21

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ENGINEERING

Heavy Equipment Operator  
Senior Mechanic

Alex Hamer  
Jacob Goldsmith

Step increase 5/23/21  
Step increase 5/4/21 21B \$26.42 – 21C \$27.54

Gage discussed Senate Study Bill 1276 concerning Mental Health funding and possible elimination of the backfill.

Adjournment at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors