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 called the meeting to order.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to remove the Closed Session from the agenda.

Public Comment: Ed Zilka, 2100 Brookland Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, spoke with regard to the Proclamation on today’s agenda: Pride Month—June 2023. He is against the Proclamation because only 10% of the nation are for this and Linn County has a similar ratio. They seem to be making voices loud enough to make up for all of the minorities. He is asking the Board of Supervisors to become leaders to vote in concert with the majority of Linn County residents.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of May 30, 2023 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to amend minutes of May 31, 2023 to reflect that Vice Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Rogers read the following Proclamation: Pride Month—June 2023.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Runnig-Marquardt to approve Proclamation: Pride Month—June 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Rogers stated that he appreciates Mr. Zilka’s comments, and he knows there are a variety of opinions on this national topic. However, they have a workforce of over 700 individuals and have employees in the LGBTQ+ community (spouses, family and friends) as well as customers that come in every day. They provide services to those that identify as such. They recognize, serve and employ LGBTQ+. They are a place where businesses want to come and people choose to stay. That is an integral part. He is happy to support this as he does other groups and causes.

Chairperson Zumbach stated that also appreciates Mr. Zilka’s comments and agrees with most of what Supervisor Rogers said regarding employees, etc. However, like some of the other things the Board has done in the past, he doesn’t think that they should be singling out one specific group when it comes to Proclamations. He does not know where it will end or doesn’t end. He will not be joining his colleagues; however, he totally understands why they are doing it.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Supervisor Rogers for bringing the Proclamation forward. She is very proud to be able to sign something that makes a statement from the Linn County Board of Supervisors that says that they are an accepting and welcoming place. There is way too often other places where governmental entities are doing the complete opposite of what this Board is doing today. That causes harm to the communities, workforce and children. She very much appreciates having the opportunity to be a part of a welcoming and supporting community.

VOTE: Rogers & Running-Marquardt – Aye Zumbach – Nay

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., gave a summary and the history of Linn County receiving Opioid Settlement funds and the recommendations of the Linn County Opioid Settlement Committee. So far, Linn County has received $1.2 million and will receive $5.6 million over 16 years. Ten applications were received and the committee recommends approval of four applications which are for materials and not full-time staff positions. A later round has a deadline of September. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

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

**RECRUITER'S OFFICE**
- Clerical Specialist: Savanna Hutchins
  - Step increase/contract 06/06/23
  - 55D $23.19 – 55E $24.49

**FACILITIES**
- Custodian: Mike Ceneus
  - New hire – PT, temporary 06/12/23
  - 10A $18.01 + $.25 30 hrs/wk
- Custodian: Denise Layton
  - New hire – PT 06/12/23 10A $18.01 + $.25 20 hrs/wk Replaces T. Kombate

**SHERIFF’S OFFICE**
- Special Deputy: Larry Joens
  - Termination/resignation 05/30/23
- Communications Oper.: Alicia Unkrich
  - Termination/resignation 05/23/23

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**
- Cook: Kayla Acosta
  - Temp transfer wage increase 05/23/23

54C $20.49 – 54D $21.47

55C $20.49 – 54D $21.47
Mental Health Adv.  Amy Weaver  PT to FT position – internal applicant  07/01/23 36E $30.78

JUVENILE DETENTION  
Youth Leader  Makayla Walleser  Termination/resignation 05/30/23

PUBLIC HEALTH  
Environmental Chemist  Colin Brose  Promotion – internal applicant 06/10/23  
57C $25.70 – 39B $31.83

ENGINEERING  
Light Equipment Oper.  Taylor House  End of probation 06/20/23 17A $22.92 – 
17B $23.78

Design Engineer  Austin Bain  Promotion – internal applicant 06/03/23  
59E $30.59 – 40B $41.00 Replaces C. Logan

Adjournment at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

LOUIS J. ZUMBACH, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors