

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

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor 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 July 5, 2023 as printed.

Gary Grant & Larry Murphy, lobbyists, presented an update on the 2023 Iowa legislative session, highlighting the following:

- Ia. Land Legacy Fund - supported but not supportive of the scooping of LOST funds.
- MH funding/IPERS/Zoning/Child Care/Cannabis/Veterans Elig. & Derecho recovery.
- Property Tax Reform – 3% cap is a budget growth cap.
- Change to Mental Health Regional Governance Boards – fewer county supervisors.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., presented an acknowledgement of environmental review requirements for the Dows Farm CDBG-DR grant.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to authorize Vice Chair to sign an acknowledgement of environmental review requirements for the Dows Farm CDBG-DR grant.

Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor, presented the property tax levies for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 tax collections and explained the process. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Betsworth also presented a Fiscal Year 2023 Budget carry-over request to Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Assessment Year 2023/Fiscal Year 2025 for the budget statement mailing required of the Auditor's Office. It is recommended that this be a separate mailing to avoid confusion. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt asked that the separate mailing be open for discussion in the future to consolidate with other mailings.

Betsworth also presented a Vacancy Form requesting an Accounting Analyst position for the Auditor's office. This replaces a vacant Account Tech. position and will assist with property tax duties. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Stephanie Lientz, Planning & Development, presented a Professional Services Agreement between Linn County and Impact7G, Inc. for consulting services for the completion of a National Register Nomination for the Klinsky Farm for a total fee of \$12,950. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Nelson Baethke, 1276 Ivanhoe Rd., stated that his property valuation went up 48%. Based on information that was just provided to the Board regarding the Putnam Township tax levy, his taxes will increase outrageously. He stated that a lot of people are very upset about that.

Ben Rogers, Linn County Supervisor, stated his property value increased considerably as well, however, due to the state rollback, just because an assessment went up does not necessarily mean the property taxes will correspond with that level of increase.

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

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Universal Clerk	Michaela Cole	Step increase/contract 06/28/23 56C \$23.78 – 56D \$25.06
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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputy Sheriff	Jaquan Weeks	New hire – FT 07/10/23 DB \$31.99
Deputy Sheriff	Jordan Myles	New hire – FT 07/10/23 DB \$31.99
Deputy Sheriff	Christopher Butterfield	New hire – FT 07/10/23 DB \$31.99
Deputy Sheriff	Derrick Sexton	Transfer from Special Deputy to Deputy 07/24/23 DB \$31.99
Deputy Sheriff	Jason Reuter	Termination/resignation 07/14/23 DB \$31.99

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Assistant Teacher	Kristin Fisher	New hire – FT 07/24/23 53A \$17.57 Replaces J. Patterson
Child Care Worker	Ellen Botton	New hire – PT 07/24/23 48A \$12.33 + \$.25 20 hours/week Replaces S. Kunce

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Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve claims dated 7/7/2023 for Payroll Deduction checks #71011510-#71011518 in the amt. of \$6,653.36, ACH in the amt. of \$28,280.58, and wires in the amt. of \$2,246,109.39 for a total of \$2,281,043.33.

Adjournment at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors