

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023 9:00 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 July 31, 2023, as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Nick Maybanks, Attorney – addressed extreme shortage of court reporters that is impacting their caseload and trials; courts upheld Palo rezoning; contacted by a local activist about a healing garden in Linn County; working with the Cedar Rapids Police Dept. to keep tabs on trends and crime areas; Assistants continue to teach some legal cases during the police academy; violent crimes not as active in June and July.

Discussion continued regarding allowing cameras at an upcoming high-profile case with a change in venue from Scott County.

Discussion continued regarding parking on and off the island and the status.

Discussion continued regarding diverting individuals to the Mental Health Access Center and if that could be added to the training for the policy academy.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that she spent some time with the new Facilities Dir. and addressed the parking concern. She also added that the media met with herself and Darrin Gage regarding the one live feed that is available to all of the media outlets in Linn County.

Brent Oleson, Treasurer – explained the allocation of staff in his office noting that the amount of unpaid time off is equal to 1.5 full time positions and expressed his need for an additional position; his Deputies shadowed Polk County Treasurer's Office employee's processes and the effectiveness of their Q-matic system; his plan is to move to an appointment only system for title transfers by the end of the year.

Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor – tax list will be signed off on today; explained changes to the tax bills including the Business Property Tax Credit; introduced Gail Tenney, new Accounting Manager; Accounting Analyst vacancy closed yesterday.

Matt Warfield, Deputy Auditor – highlighted changes in his office to improve efficiencies through technology; working with Darrin Gage on ARPA fund allocations to purchase equipment; potential of three bond measures on the ballot.

Supervisor Rogers questioned if any thought had been given to educating potential Auditor candidates. Warfield responded that he and staff have discussed.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Warfield for notifying the Board of upcoming canvass dates and asked that he notify other office staff as well in the future.

Adjournment at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

LOUIS J. ZUMBACH, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors