

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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.

The Board received updates from the following Elected Officials:

Brian Gardner, Sheriff - ARPA grant application conversations are occurring; moving forward with Jail remodeling project (repurposing areas); had a conversation with the acting US Marshall about guarding their prisoners at the hospital (once they are admitted, another agency will take over); US Marshall prisoners are relatively high lately; and they have a new Jail Administrator due to retirement (promoted from within).

Nick Maybanks, Attorney - Caseload numbers and described in detail cases his office is working on; new data base system (cloud based) allows them to develop maps for any kind of crime; working on pre-trial release process; proud to be one of the best trial attorney offices in the state; Civil Division is grinding away with new issues, including solar; and he and his attorney's engagement in activities within the community.

Chairperson Rogers stated that in the future he would like the Board to assist in addressing the caseload in the County Attorney's Office and the toll it takes on staff.

Sharon Gonzalez, Treasurer - Finishing process of training two new employees; at 91% of collection of September property taxes; and county phone issues have been noticed based on the number of calls received, dropped and lack of ability to call back.

Chairperson Rogers stated that there is a short amount of time between knowing who her successor will be (will not be someone currently working in the office) and asked what are her plans for succession training.

Gonzalez responded that she has very knowledgeable deputies that will be very helpful. They have been formulating a management manual through the Learning Institute. Her hope is that she will reach out immediately to the winner in November to meet.

Joel Miller, Auditor - Deputy Matt Warfield presented information on the November Election (October 19 Early Voting begins); Satellite voting locations (Cornell College; Coe College; Mt. Mercy Univ.; Kirkwood; Cedar Rapids downtown library and Ladd library; and Lindale Mall). Precinct Election Officials assignments are filled and adding backup's (applications coming in every day).

Miller stated that they have moved Precinct Election Official training out of the Public Service Center (PSC) so they will not be impacting the building with increased traffic. Early voting will be in the lower level of the PSC. There were voter registration challenges a few weeks ago and stated that Warfield has met with the challengers and is working on a process that will be a win-win for all concerned. He too is focusing on succession planning for his office. He will not run for Auditor in January of 2025. He noted that the Secretary of State's ability to issue penalties on Auditors for technical infractions (up to a \$10,000 fine), is on the minds of many Auditors and some are not running for re-election. His office is being proactive with having a free and fair uninterrupted election process as it relates to poll watchers.

Chairperson Rogers commended Miller, his office and staff for the work they do and is a testament to his leadership.

Adjournment at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors