

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023 9:00 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.

The Board received updates from the following Elected Officials:

County Attorney Nick Maybanks – Statistics on felony cases shows a decrease compared to the same timeframe in 2022.

Maybanks went into great detail and expressed his gratitude to Asst. Co. Atty. Lance Heeren on his retirement and noted his contributions to Linn County including testimonials from co-workers.

The Board expressed their sincere appreciation for the years of service and dedication making Linn County the place it is today for families and children and stated that it is noted throughout the State of Iowa.

Auditor Joel Miller –

Deputy Matt Warfield: Listed special elections scheduled for 2024 along with the Primary and General Election; received new letter openers (40,000 envelopes/hr. date and timestamped).

Has offered to share with County Treasurer; e-Pollbook contracts are near completion; working on quote for camera and access to a new facility; a lot of recruiting and training to do; working to move polling places back into the schools and quoted the section from the Code of Iowa; Auditor Miller continued with additional information regarding polling places at schools.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt wanted Auditor Miller to know that she is publicly thanking David Rice from the Auditor's Office. She expressed her sincere appreciation for the work that he has done on a project regarding Linn County owned property.

Deputy Rhonda Betsworth: Three requirements of the Auditor's Office as a result of HF 718:

1. 65+ exemption.
2. Budget statement mailing (\$8,000 carried over for the mailer).
3. Assessment Year 2024.

Auditors are now required to submit reconciliation data on value growth. She explained that both Assessor's use Tyler as does the Auditor, however, there is a roadblock that needed to be brought to the Board's attention. The City Assessor is not on Linn County's network (as was promised) but are paying the same as City Assessor but are not getting the full use. Betsworth explained Linn County's IT Director's thoughts on the matter.

Julie Carson, City Assessor and Mark Castenson, City Assessor staff, explained their frustrations and inefficiencies using Tyler (timing out and having to log back in constantly). They are looking for a direct connection to Linn County's network and are looking for answers. She has included the city's IT Director who is meeting with Linn County's IT Director this morning. At the end of the day, her office does not need Tyler to do their day to day work. They signed on to Tyler for the betterment of the county as a whole.

The Board agreed that this needs to continue being an open conversation.

Betsworth continued with her update: They are proceeding well with the current valuation report. All TIF'S have been submitted. Training a new staff member, an Accounting Analyst.

Auditor Miller stated that his office has a statutory requirement. Linn County must take ownership of the Tyler connectivity with the City Assessor. Linn County should be providing the resources, and he doesn't want any passing the buck. Linn County owns this issue and Linn County needs to resolve the issue. Entering data directly into Tyler in an efficient manner is what they need. Miller asked the Board to have a conversation with their IT Director and appreciates any assistance they can give.

Adjournment at 10:02 a.m.

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

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors