

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024 1:30 P.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Running-Marquardt, Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Zumbach. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt called the meeting to order.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following FY25 budgets. Present: Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir.; Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir.; BJ Dvorak and Dawn Nelson, EMA; Auditor Joel Miller (via phone), Deputy Rhonda Betsworth and Deputy Matt Warfield, Auditor's Office.

Emergency Management Agency (EMA) – proposed appropriations exceed guidelines by \$26,213 for insurance. The Budget request includes County funding of \$1,138,236.

BJ Dvorak and Dawn Nelson, gave a PowerPoint presentation of their budget.

Discussion continued regarding increasing hazmat retainers they receive and increases to 28E agreements that are in place.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve FY25 Emergency Management Agency (EMA) appropriations in the amount of \$1,267,796 and revenues of \$1,267,796 with county funding being \$1,138,236.

Auditor – proposed appropriations are over guidelines by \$168,932 due to the inclusion of \$7,000 in training that was reduced in FY24 and \$161,932 for the FY25 general election. The FY25 general election was based on FY21 actual general election costs.

Sara Bearrows noted that the Auditor's position has been moved to Elections Admin.

Rhonda Betsworth and Matt Warfield presented the budget.

Vice Chairperson Rogers expressed his appreciation for the amazing staff in the Auditor's Office along with the volunteers to assist the Auditor with carrying out critical functions and the quality of elections held in Linn County.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt thanked Miller for the remarkable team he has built in the Auditor's Office and his leadership over the years. It says a lot for the team working on this budget.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve FY25 Auditor appropriations in the amount of \$3,427,230 and revenues of \$46,610.

Engineer – proposed appropriations meet guidelines.

Brad Ketels and Nichole Brown gave a PowerPoint presentation including Key Performance Indicators (KPI's.).

Discussion continued regarding the SS4A (Safe Streets For All) Grant and impacts if anything happens to LOST money they receive.

Vice Chairperson Rogers expressed his appreciation for Ketels focus and leadership year after year.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt addressed workplace injuries and if policy changes need to be made or if there are any other ideas Ketels has to keep the environment safe.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve FY25 Engineer appropriations in the amount of \$24,227,521 and revenues of \$15,650,228.

Adjournment at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors