

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 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 proposed FY2025 budget.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., stated that per the Board's instructions on Wednesday, Department Heads/Elected Officials submitted possible cost savings. If the Board chooses to raise the levy a full 10 cents they need to cut \$1,006,794. Bearrows presented a spreadsheet of possible cuts and each Board member's votes.

Discussion continued as Board members justified their individual choices on the spreadsheet that was presented.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to accept total reductions of \$1,162,063 with a levy rate increase of 9 cents.

Discussion: Supervisor Zumbach stated that he appreciates how Board members voted and the process noting that the levy is actually higher due to the debt service of 3 cents.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt expressed her appreciation to the Department Heads and Elected Officials who were partners with the Board in this difficult decision and communicated with the Board to try and find solutions. It says a lot about the culture of Linn County and what is important and valued with the sacrifices that were made and to also maintain a level of excellence at Linn County. She couldn't be prouder to work with everyone.

Supervisor Rogers added that he appreciates where Zumbach is noting that budgets are a challenge for all three of them and there was compromise. None of them got everything they wanted. Rogers hopes that when the final budget approaches Zumbach will support it. They can move forward in unison even if they disagree.

VOTE: Running-Marquardt & Rogers – Aye Zumbach - Nay

Adjournment at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors