

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Running-Marquardt called the meeting to order.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of February 5, 2024 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following:

Supervisor Rogers asked each Elected Official/Department Head their input regarding inclement weather with building closures and the impact on their offices.

Brian Gardner, Sheriff – continuing discussion with ICE about housing their inmates in the jail; remodel project moving forward; Deputy Sheriff testing took place the beginning of January.

Supervisor Rogers inquired about civilian jailers and if that could be an option for the Juvenile Detention Center and Gardner responded that Dawn Schott needs to be present for that conversation and they are two different processes with specific guidelines for each.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Gardner for his help regarding vehicles that were given to the Juvenile Detention Center.

Nick Maybanks, Attorney – caseload statistics; one vacancy in the Juvenile division; will be going to the Capitol this week for legislation; police chief search updates are tomorrow; University of Iowa school visit; Courthouse expansion; introduced Mike Harris and shared his accomplishments noting that he was recently appointed to be a judge and will be leaving their office.

Board members thanked Harris for his work and service over the years.

Becky Shoop, Deputy Auditor – Real Estate team meeting with GIS and Secondary Road staff member to discuss right of way project; continue to support Supervisor Running-Marquardt with county owned property project.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that Shoop's staff are doing an amazing job and she appreciates their help.

Matt Warfield, Deputy Auditor – upcoming March 5th election for Linn Mar and Marion PPEL's and vacancy on Hiawatha City Council; September 10th election for Cedar Rapids School District PPEL; discussed ARPA funding purchases including new ePollbooks, high speed scanners and outstanding purchases include security cameras and badge access readers for ballot rooms.

Joel Miller, Auditor – for the first time in six or seven months the Accounting area is fully staffed; attended Election Official Conference in DC last month and lobbied two senators and house members for funding to be included in ongoing appropriations bill; notified that there is potential grant money for cybersecurity; a press conference with the Election Center is currently underway; would like to create a resolution for the new standards of conduct for election officials.

Supervisor Rogers asked if potential Auditor candidates could learn more about and be exposed to the duties of the position and Miller responded that he has made that opportunity available to anyone that has announced or shown interest in the Auditor's position. Miller added that the best method of showing people how the process works is to become a Precinct Election Official (PEO).

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. – invited by City Mgr. to participate in Police Chief interviews; bill he shared with the Board last night about behavioral health HSB653; conducted an after action report in response to the recent countywide weather related closure; partnering for vaccine equity grant concluded December 31st; NACCHO proposes to amend their contract by adding an additional \$20,000 to support their STI testing initiatives; collaborating with GIS to develop an automatically updated cancer layer using data from IHHS; software updates for air quality monitoring; Air Quality Branch Mgr. participated in the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee meeting; PHAB annual report and population health outcomes report has been submitted; immunization coalition is developing a toolkit for school nurses to encourage well child checks and immunization appointments before school begins; projected to receive 375 refugees in 2024; working with Foundation 2 on Suicide Prevention Coalition; annual site visit for HIV and STI testing program review; Iowa HHS has approved purchase of Stop The Bleed (STB) kits for designated schools; media requests.

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Adjournment at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors