

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024 10:00 A.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.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of July 31, 2024 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve claims dated 8/2/24 for payroll deduction checks #71015167-#71015171 in the amount of \$595.33, ACH in the amount of \$22,053.14, an EFT Wire in the amount of \$21,400.46 and a Ceridian ER Funds Trust Wire in the amount of \$2,225,334.81, for a total of \$2,269,383.74.

Sonia Evans, Finance & Budget, discussed a request for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding by Horizons, A Family Services Agency, for a new Senior Center in Cedar Rapids.

Mike Barnhart, Horizons, stated that he met with each Supervisor individually. The flood in 2008 damaged the Witwer Senior Center and there has not been a center since. He visited facilities in Iowa City and Davenport to explore programming. Barnhart shared plans to renovate a portion of the existing building including two activity rooms, a fitness studio, multipurpose area and a cafe. They are asking for funding for capital on the project and architectural fees.

Paula Land, Horizons, added that there is a need in the community for a senior center. She highlighted what the senior center could bring to the community. It will offer a variety of programming to improve the seniors’ social, financial and physical health. There will be no ongoing funding from Linn County. They are asking for architectural and construction costs from ARPA.

Supervisor Zumbach asked if they have paid for anything architectural yet and Land responded not yet. The conceptual drawings were done by a donor that provided funding.

Vice Chairperson Rogers stated that he deeply appreciates the long-term relationship the Board of Supervisors have had with Horizons leadership and staff and are lucky to have an organization like Horizons. This will go a long way to making this community welcoming for all.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt stated that this has been a work in progress since the 2008 flood to keep the dream alive for a senior center. The social isolation was magnified even worse by COVID and part of getting out of that mindset and moving forward with the kind of quality of life they want for their seniors in their community, this center is part of that. She thanked Barnhart and Land for their dedication and remarkable work.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve a request for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding by Horizons, A Family Services Agency, for a new Senior Center in Cedar Rapids.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations) as follows:

<u>TREASURER’S OFFICE</u>		
Universal Clerk	Michele Nystul	New hire 8/19/24 56A \$22.84
Universal Clerk	Melisa Troche-Corona	New hire 8/19/24 56A \$22.84
Universal Clerk	Devorah Akintolu	Termination 7/31/24
<u>COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE</u>		
Secretary	Jennifer Pirc	Step increase/contract 8/9/24 55D \$24.72–55E \$26.10
<u>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</u>		
Tech Infrastructure Mgr	Dominic Roberts	Corrected effective date 7/23/24
<u>SHERIFF’S OFFICE</u>		
Lieutenant	Christopher Smith	Pay increase 8/20/24 \$139,282.11 - \$144,084.94/annually
Communications Oper	Tiona White	Termination/resignation 8/9/24
Communications Oper	Alexia Lujan	Step increase/contract 8/21/24 CB \$28.25–C1 \$29.09
Communications Oper	Michaela Walton	Step increase/contract 8/21/24 CB \$28.25–C1 \$29.09
Secretary	Julie Dunahugh	Termination/declined position 8/5/24
Detention Officer	Joann Buchanan	Step increase/contract 8/7/24 TB \$31.46–T1 \$32.58
Detention Officer	Adam Fisk	Step increase/contract 8/7/24 TB \$31.46–T1 \$32.58
Detention Officer	David Ramos	Step increase/contract 8/7/24 TB \$31.46–T1 \$32.58
Corr Center Nurse	Rebecca Mackie	Step increase/contract 8/9/24 39D \$44.58-39E \$47.04
Corr Center Nurse	Jillian Faille	Termination/resignation 8/1/24
<u>LIFTS</u>		
LIFTS Driver	Teresa Werning	Step increase/contract 8/21/24 55B \$22.28–55C \$23.44
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>		
Direct Support Staff	Christine Aldrich	Termination/retirement 8/15/24
<u>JUVENILE DETENTION</u>		
Youth Counselor	Marques Brooks	End of probation 8/1/24 36A \$26.09+\$.25–36B \$27.39+\$.25

Tracker	Alycea Brown	End of probation 8/1/24 56A \$22.84–56B \$23.99
<u>ENGINEERING</u>		
Intern	Tristan Sorgenfrey	Termination/internship complete 8/2/24
Intern	Logan Bogert	Termination/internship complete 8/9/24

The Board received and placed on file a resignation letter to the Sustainability & Resiliency Advisory Committee from Edward Zilka.

Adjournment at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors