

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 Rogers to approve minutes of August 28, 2024 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve claims dated 08/30/24 for payroll deduction checks #71015414 - #71015419 in the amount of \$20,708.95, ACH in the amount of \$19,954.92, an EFT wire in the amount of \$1,130,103.78 and a Ceridian ER Funds Trust Wire in the amount of \$2,315,754.08, for a total of \$3,486,521.73.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve upon second consideration an Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by Adding Thereto a New Article V Pertaining to the Purchase of Delinquent Taxes, the Assignment of Tax Sale Certificates of Abandoned Properties or Vacant Lots, and the Assignment of Tax Sale Certificates Acquired at Public Nuisance Tax Sales.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to open a public hearing on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code, relating to Utility Scale Solar and Agricultural Experiences. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., explained minor changes in the ordinance as follows: Utility Scale Solar - added definition re: drainageways, Agrivoltaics and wildlife corridor. Agri-tourism -Tier 2 uses will require either a minor or major site plan depending on the size of event.

Supervisor Zumbach asked for clarification with regard to drainageways and fencing for grazing.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt stated that while attending an ISAC meeting last week, she was approached by several counties across Iowa asking about Linn County’s wind and solar ordinances. She was very proud of the work that gets done in Linn County due to Nichol’s and his staff. Sharing the work that Linn County has done meant a lot to the other counties.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Zumbach to close public hearing.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Rogers to approve upon first consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code, relating to Utility Scale Solar and Agricultural Experiences.

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

<u>HUMAN RESOURCES</u>		
Intern	Isabella Herdliska	Termination/internship ended 08/16/24
<u>FACILITIES</u>		
Custodian	Denise Konigsmark	End of probation 09/10/24 10A \$19.20 + \$.25 –
10B \$19.81 + \$.25		
Custodian	Clarise Escalante	End of probation 09/24/24 10A \$19.20 + \$.25 –
10B \$19.81 + \$.25		
<u>SHERIFF’S OFFICE</u>		
Correctional Cntr Nurse Dena Fisher		Rehire – FT 09/16/24 39A \$38.26 Replaces J.
Faille		
<u>LIFTS</u>		
LIFTS Driver	Emily Mason	Termination/employment offer rescinded
<u>FINANCE & BUDGET</u>		
Senior Accountant	Sonia Evans	Step increase/contract 09/07/24 40D \$40.57 –
40E \$42.78		
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>		
Clerk Typist	Tammy Taylor	Step increase/contract 09/05/24 53B \$19.25 –
53C \$20.18		
OBJ: 1003		
Senior Acct Clerk	Kristin Tharp	End of probation 09/24/24 55A \$21.24 – 55B
\$22.28		
Financial Mgmt Dir	Victoria Kindl	New hire – FT 09/30/24 Gr 30 Min
\$102,236/annually		
Direct Support Staff	Kylee Veenstra	End of probation 09/10/24 56A \$22.84 – 56B
\$23.99		
Direct Support Staff	Caleb Fitten	New hire – PT 09/16/24 56A \$22.84 35 hrs/wk
Replaces C. Aldrich		

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Youth Leader 55B \$22.28 + \$.25	Paris Jones	End of probation 08/29/24 55A \$21.24 + \$.25 –
Secretary 55D \$24.72	Samantha Parham	Step increase/contract 09/06/24 55C \$23.44 –
Youth Leader 55B \$22.28 + \$.25	Aubrey Backous	End of probation 09/11/24 55A \$21.24 + \$.25 –
Youth Counselor 36B \$27.39 + \$.25	Mariah Ankney	End of probation 09/13/24 36A \$26.09 + \$.25 –
Youth Counselor Replaces R. Gardner	Gregory Pauly	New hire – FT 09/16/24 36A \$26.09 + \$.25
Youth Counselor .50 Replaces R. Howard	Stephanie Griffin	New hire – FT 09/16/24 36A \$26.09 + \$.25 or \$
Youth Counselor 36B \$27.39 + \$.25	Paul Keller	End of probation 09/19/24 36A \$26.09 + \$.25 –
Intern Tracker 56C \$25.34	Megan Titterington Royal Silver	Termination/internship ended 08/14/24 Step increase/contract 09/05/24 56B \$23.99 –

PUBLIC HEALTH

Medical Assistant	Candace Nickerson	Rehire – temporary 09/09/24 55A \$21.24
Medical Assistant	Nancy Reasland	Rehire – temporary 09/09/24 55A \$21.24

ENGINEERING

Senior Mechanic 08/31/24 17C \$27.31 – 21B \$29.38 Replaces J. Goldsmith	Jason Fagle	Promotion – internal applicant
Clerical Specialist Replaces K. Kelly	Ashton Fiser	New hire – FT 09/16/2024 55A \$21.24

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Rogers to appoint Heather Harney and Kelsey Culver to the General Assistance Advisory Committee, each for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2027.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Rogers to reappoint Karey Chase, Kristi Tisl, Carol O'Brien, Jena Maloney, Erin Koehn, and Kelly Foresman to the General Assistance Advisory Committee, each for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2027.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Rogers to enter into a closed session to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(c).

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

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Rogers to go out of closed session.

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

Adjournment at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Rebecca Shoop & Amanda Hoy, Deputy Auditors

APPROVED BY:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors