

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Brian Gardner, Sheriff – work in progress for the process of US Marshall's returning to housing prisoners in Linn County's jail; 4th and 5th floor remodeling project is 99% complete; TV project jail wide; Deputy Sheriff testing process has six eligible for hire.

Supervisor Rogers questioned immigration issues and whose call it is on housing the inmates and Gardner responded that ICE has not reached out to them or asked to house in their jail. Rogers also added that he just learned that 95% of the transports to the Mental Health Access Center would have resulted in incarceration or going to the emergency room. Gardner responded that numbers have gone down due to the availability of the Mental Health Access Center.

Dawn Froese, Deputy Recorder – recent retirement in their office and replacement is starting February 17th; working on development plan and exploring translation options due to language barriers; passports have increased significantly due in part to lack of alternative options; waiting on guidance due to removal of gender designation (executive orders specifies that any valid passport is good until it expires and will handle when it renews); real estate is up 25% (interest rates have gone down by a fraction); waiting on fee modernization (could produce an extra \$120,000 a year on average).

Supervisor Rogers asked about walk in appointments given the robust discussion that recently took place with Treasurer Oleson. Froese responded that she thinks it would benefit the public especially the translation dynamic and the high number of passport applications that are occurring. Rogers thanked Froese and her staff for their work as he has witnessed how busy the passport counter is.

Todd Taylor, Auditor – Auditor's Office budget submission is complete (found some savings with the budget statement mailer); worked with Purchasing Dept. to re-bid the budget statement mailer (data has to be submitted by 3/5/25 and the mailer has to go out no later than 3/15); upcoming March 4th election for Robins and Lisbon School District; highlighted the 2021 law change for maintaining voters logs including inactivating voters if they have not voted in the last two General elections.

Supervisor Rogers questioned if a voter is inactive and wants to vote at their poll on election day if they can register. Deputy Warfield clarified that the voter status (active or inactive) is a participation status and not a voter registration status. If the voter is inactive they are still eligible to vote and their status will update from inactive to active.

Discussion continued regarding the mandated budget statement including the hearing date and whether there is an option to use email instead of mailing a letter.

Adjournment at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor
By: Amanda Brown, Deputy Auditor

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors