

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025 10:00 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. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve minutes of February 12, 2025 as presented.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve claims dated 2/14/25 for payroll deduction checks #71017010 - #71017015 in the amount of \$10,274.16, ACH in the amount of \$22,925.39, an EFT wire in the amount of \$23,827.45 and a Ceridian ER Funds Trust Wire in the amount of \$2,192,970.86, for a total of \$2,249,997.86.

Chairperson Roger read Proclamation: Government Communicators Day, February 21, 2025.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve Proclamation: Government Communicators Day, February 21, 2025.

Jason Siebrecht, GIS Coord., presented a Vacancy Form for a full time GIS Specialist for the IT-GIS Department. This is an upgrade of an open GIS Tech. position and was an approved FY26 Offer. They plan to use vacancy funds to start early. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Mark Seckman, MEDCO Pres., gave a PowerPoint presentation by Marion Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) including their capital campaign (\$2.5 million raised with a goal of \$3.5 million).

Chairperson Rogers offered his compliments to MEDCO, noting the businesses that he and his family visited this weekend.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Seckman for his presentation and really appreciated him highlighting the increased interest by the private sector.

Supervisor Meisheid also thanked Seckman for his presentation, noting how Marion is thriving. She wanted to add that she appreciates the example around consumer supply. She stated that Marion is in her district (District 3) and she sees Marion supporting the small towns and building up Dist. 3 and all of Linn County.

Jessie Black, Board of Supervisor staff, presented the Witwer Trust Fund grant allocations for fiscal year 2025. She noted that \$80,000 is available (not taxpayer dollars) and presented the Board's individual votes towards the various requests. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Public Comment:

Chairperson Rogers announced his resignation from the Board of Supervisors effective April 1, 2025. He stated that he has accepted a position with Unity Point Health – St. Lukes Foundation. He recapped his experiences during his tenure starting with when he was elected in 2008 and how it radically transformed his life. Rogers expressed immense gratitude to Linn County voters, everyone that is attending today's meeting as well as those that are not present. He especially thanked Brent Oleson, his best friend, Linda Langston and Lu Barron, his mentors, John Harris, Stacey Walker, Kirsten Running-Marquardt, Louie Zumbach and Brandy Meisheid. He recalled his involvement with the creation of the Mental Health Access Center, the Winter Weather Overflow Shelter for the homeless, approving utility-scale solar projects and ARPA appropriations throughout the community.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that it is hard to find words to thank Rogers for his time serving Linn County residents and she aspires to be as great a leader as he has been for the county. She continued to say that they were both surprised how they created such a good working relationship in a short amount of time. She is sad to see him go but knows that he will do great in his new endeavor and wished him the best.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt expressed her amount of gratitude to Rogers from herself as well as the people in his district and the entire county. He leaves an amazing legacy that he can hang his hat on. There have been times when they've gone back and forth which led to making things better and figuring things out, which has been an honor. She stated that the legacy he leaves includes saving people's lives; the creation of the Mental Health Access Center and the Overflow Shelter for the homeless. He has also worked on a lot of things behind the scenes that people don't see. She expressed her sincere appreciation on behalf of herself and Linn County as a whole for all he has done.

She continued to say that Chairperson Rogers sent an email out this morning explaining the process, noting that he is dedicated to making sure there is a good transition that ensures continued resiliency where they put people that work for Linn County and residents of Linn County first.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve payroll authorizations (detail is available upon request).

Adjournment at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E. TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors