

LINN COUNTY COMMITTEE OF COUNTY OFFICERS
DESIGNATED TO FILL A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VACANCY
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025, 1:30 P.M.

The Committee met in the formal boardroom of the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Auditor Todd Taylor, Recorder Carolyn Siebrecht, and Treasurer Brent Oleson. Committee members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion by Siebrecht, Oleson seconded to approve the minutes of March 31, 2025, as written.

Public Comment:

Circe Stumbo, 3839 Cottage Grove Ave, commended the committee members for their hard work and due diligence in following the process of filling a Board of Supervisors vacancy. Stumbo spoke in support of appointing Anne Harris Carter as the new supervisor.

Discuss Applicants Interviewed for the Vacancy on the Board of Supervisors:

Siebrecht thanked Auditor Taylor and Treasurer Oleson for serving alongside her during this complex process. She thanked all applicants for showing their interest in local government. Siebrecht said she found it imperative to consider Supervisor Rogers' goals for District 2 when selecting a new supervisor. She expressed her dedication and commitment to her role on the Committee of County Officers. Siebrecht evaluated candidates through the lens of how to best serve Linn County and spoke in support of two candidates, providing her views on both.

Oleson shared his thoughts on the appointment process, stating that he did not like it or the idea of a three-member committee. Oleson thought it would only be fair if the Sheriff and County Attorney were also given the opportunity to serve on the Committee, as they had just as much interest in appointing a new supervisor. He expressed his distrust in the process, blaming it on a lack of communication. Oleson prepared himself for each interview by keeping an open mind and seeking out the opinion of Supervisor Rogers. Rogers was supportive of Anne Harris Carter; Oleson took this into consideration, but ultimately decided to remain open-minded. He provided his comments about each candidate.

Taylor provided a brief recap on the appointment process to date. He explained his decision-making process, adding that he sought out input from a variety of stakeholders, current and past office holders, staff, public, etc. Taylor was very pleased with the candidate pool. He provided comments about each candidate, before thanking Treasurer Oleson and Recorder Siebrecht for their due diligence while serving on the Committee.

Discuss and Decide on the Person to Appoint to Fill the Vacancy on the Board of Supervisors:

Motion by Taylor, seconded by Siebrecht, to appoint Sami Scheetz as District 2 Linn County Supervisor.

Further Discussion:

Siebrecht reiterated her supportive comments for each candidate, but ultimately agreed that Sami Scheetz would best serve in the role of supervisor.

Oleson commended all applicants. He expressed his respect for Joan McCalmant as Recorder, but prefers a candidate who plans to run for office again, rather than serving as a placeholder. Oleson spoke in support of the motion to appoint Sami Scheetz.

All members voting AYE to appoint Sami Scheetz as District 2 Supervisor.

Adjournment:

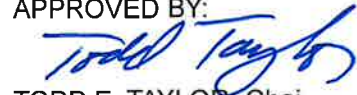
Motion by Taylor, seconded by Oleson, to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 p.m. for lack of further business.

Respectfully submitted,

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JESSIE BLACK, Recording Secretary

APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Taylor", written over the printed name and title.

TODD E. TAYLOR, Chairperson
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