

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026 1:30 P.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Running-Marquardt, Vice Chairperson Scheetz and Supervisor Meisheid. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted. Also present: Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir.; Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir.; Nick Maybanks, County Attorney and Andrea Winders, County Attorney Office Mgr.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt called the meeting to order to review the proposed fiscal year 2027 budget for the County Attorney.

County Attorney – Bearrows stated that the budget is over the Board's guidelines by \$20,210 due to increases in contracts, postage, and expert witness fees.

Nick Maybanks gave an in-depth PowerPoint presentation of his budget including his Key Performance Indicator (KPI). Offers were presented for a Victim Witness Coordinator and Civil Attorney.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that their work really matters. Their office has a great team that works together for everyone and can agree to do what is best for the county.

Supervisor Meisheid added that Maybanks presentation was wonderful and she echoed Supervisor Running-Marquardt's comments.

Supervisor Scheetz stated that he appreciates the level of detail that was provided in reviewing this budget. Maybanks staff exemplifies what public service is. He also echoed Supervisor Running-Marquardt's comments.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve County Attorney's FY27 preliminary appropriations in the amount of \$6,927,865 and revenues in the amount of \$263,566.

Sara Bearrows stated that she was informed by their Facilities Mgr. that there will be a 2% increase in utility fees that was not built into their budget. She also explained that regarding the Rural Economic Development Dir. position the money for the salary will be held and not taken out of the budget.

Discussion continued regarding the Economic Development Dir. position including the path moving forward, the level of position and which county department the position would reside in.

Adjournment at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors