

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Zumbach called the meeting to order.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of October 2, 2023 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Brian Gardner, Sheriff – ICE inspection last month; revenue will be down due to a cell block being shut down for repairs; number of state inmates continues to increase; preliminary discussions about building onto jail if jail population continues to increase.

Supervisor Rogers asked at what point they should start planning for adding a floor to the jail or if the jail should not longer be on the island and Gardner responded that they are looking at their options and are not at panic mode yet. Rogers also asked about the jailer experience so far and Gardner responded that it has reduced overtime.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt shared that she attended an ISAC meeting and heard great feedback about Gardner. She thanked him for being a leader across the state of Iowa.

Nick Maybanks, Attorney – employee resignation resulted in internal promotion; hired new legal assistant; voiced concerns with the hiring process; healing garden initiative is still a work in progress; progress made with the space study that took place including modifications to 3A and the Clerk's Office; Assistants continue to assist with the police academy; a little bit of relief with felony cases.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt questioned the percentage of cases that go to trial and Maybanks responded that 1-5% of cases go to trial.

Supervisor Rogers addressed the policy recommendation that the Civil Division briefed the Board on at yesterday's meeting.

Carolyn Siebrecht, Recorder – continuing to track marriage returns (monthly decline in the spring); budget update; reviewing applications for Deputy position; Off Highway Vehicle Renewal System is up and running; partnering with Veterans Affairs Dept. to create and distribute a flyer for veterans; 100% participation in GAPm survey.

Matt Warfield, Deputy Auditor – hearing was yesterday for the objection to the Cedar Rapids Community School District bond and it will be on the ballot; they lost five days of time due to this and are working diligently to recover the time; trying to ensure that the ballots will be ready on time; ordered letter openers and they are slated to be delivered the day after the election (working to get them sooner).

Supervisor Rogers asked if there are a lot of vacancies for offices and how they are handling it and Warfield responded that they are five seats that a write in candidate can win.

Discussion continued regarding adding resources to speed up the process of the upcoming canvass of votes. Warfield will look into it and let the Board know his findings.

Adjournment at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

APPROVED BY:

LOUIS J. ZUMBACH, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors