

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017 9:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Vice Chairperson Harris, Supervisors Rogers and Walker. Absent: Chairperson Oleson and Supervisor Houser (other county business). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Becky Shoop, Deputy Auditor - Accounting Services - working on end of the year matters including W2's and 1099's. The new position is open to outside applicants for one more day. Auditor Miller is in the process of interviewing deputies.

Stacey Law, Deputy Auditor - certified the valuation report Friday afternoon noting that she has talked to two cities thus far (one values and one TIF revenue).

Discussion continued regarding the valuation report process and the need to continue pursuing issues that seem to reoccur every year plus new issues that came up this year.

Supervisor Rogers asked about Polk County's experiences this year with Aumentum and Law responded that they have an in house system they use. She will contact Mike Albers to discuss further. Rogers stated that the Board has invested a significant amount of money into Aumentum and at some point they have to ask themselves when they stop putting money into a bad investment.

Supervisor Harris stated that it was his expectation that the report would run better this time and it didn't.

At this time Auditor Miller joined the meeting and gave an update on applicants for the Deputy Auditor (Elections) position. He will be conducting seven face to face interviews this week with the hopes of making an offer as early as next week.

Discussion continued regarding a possible transition from Deputy to a management position and the Board was receptive to expediting that request.

Supervisor Rogers brought up an email Auditor Miller sent to the Board regarding the Supervisor Representation Plan referendum.

Miller suggested that it is within the Board's authority to change the plan without a vote saving taxpayer's \$250,000 for a special election. A lengthy discussion continued and it was the consensus of Board members to allow the voters to decide on their representation plan noting that it was the voters who chose that plan. Miller strongly urged the Board to meet with the Petitioners to see what they are hoping to accomplish with the petition and the Board had no objection.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Claims #70593374-#70593418 in the amt. of \$2,067,849.39 and ACH in the amt. of \$47,056.81.

Adjournment at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors