

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Oleson called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to approve minutes of February 1, 2017 as
printed.

Auditor Joel Miller introduced Rebecca Stonawski, Deputy Auditor/Deputy Commissioner
of Elections to the Board. He stated that Stonawski started work last Tuesday. She
was previously a private practice attorney specializing in immigration law. He is
very glad to have her on board and Linn County should be proud to have someone of her
caliber taking over for the previous Deputy.

Jasmine Almoayed and Les Garner gave a presentation on Linn County's participation in
the 2016 Flood Recovery Fund for small businesses. They requested funding in the
amount of \$25,000.

Discussion continued regarding the timeline for funding and the lack of business
interruption insurance for those small businesses that have applied for help. This
would be a FY17 funding request.

Chairperson Oleson asked Steve Tucker and Dawn Jindrich if this would be a proper
presentation for Economic Development Funding. The Board will put this item on a
future agenda.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir., met with the Board to discuss Thomson Reuters Managed Services
Contract for the Aumentum property tax system. Also present: Auditor Miller and
Treasurer Gonzalez. This is an annual contract in the amount of \$42,700 for the first
year and \$37,200/yr. ongoing.

Supervisor Houser asked if this contract is guaranteed to solve all the issues and
Lowder responded with details of the contract including: 24/7 performance monitoring,
sequel database tuning and subject matter support noting that they will have immediate
access to a person well versed in the software. This is not a cure all.

Chairperson Oleson suggested, based off of Auditor Miller's budget presentation, that
everyone should get together over the first year of this contract to review how it is
working or if they should scrap the system all together and go to a different program.

Lowder and Miller agreed that there are a lot of moving parts and a lot of different
variables.

Discussion continued regarding other software systems and Lowder stated that there are
very few alternatives that have Iowa Code in their system. He agrees that a thorough
review of the software would be a great idea.

Auditor Miller agrees that a review should be done to see if they are getting their
money's worth. He addressed the two issues at hand which are the physical hardware
and platform. There are also other issues such as TIF's. They need to ensure that
they have a stable platform and TR needs to fix it. They want to place the burden for
the operation system on TR so they can't blame the county.

Supervisor Rogers asked about the possibility of Polk County's spreadsheet being an
alternative and Supervisor Walker questioned investigating human error on the county's
part.

Chairperson Oleson stated that he commends those departments (Auditor, Treasurer, IT)
that have come together and have moved beyond the finger pointing. He agrees with the
way Miller laid it out. There are still things to fix on their side but they have
come a long way since a year ago. The Board will discuss and decide on Wednesday.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., presented an Additional Insurance Allowance Request for two
eligible county employees. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented FY2017 Rural Library Appropriations.

Chairperson Oleson asked to postpone this item until Wednesday so he could make Marion
aware of the decrease in funding. He wanted to better explain it before voting on it.

Gage stated that the data in the formula is 100% self-reported and Linn County doesn't
have any effect on the data.

Joi Alexander, Communications Dir., presented the FY17 Witwer Trust grant funding
requests and average funding recommendations for the \$81,636. The Board will approve
Wednesday.

Dawn Jindrich, Budget Dir., discussed final Fiscal Year 2018 budget decisions. She stated that they are at a stopping point right now until the Board gives direction in regard to the levy rate. They can leave the levy rate where it is, reduce it by as much as three cents or they could do something less than that.

Supervisor Houser stated that he and Supervisor Walker were in Des Moines last Thursday for the ISAC Supervisor's meeting. Questions arose about the Commercial and Industrial Backfill and they were told that this will be the last year it will be funded and to look for it to be phased out starting FY19. The Board will discuss further on Wednesday.

Motion by Houser, seconded by Rogers to approve Employment Change Roster (Payroll Authorizations) as follows:

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Deputy Auditor Rebecca Stonawski Corrected salary 1/31/17 \$83,110.87 Repl T. Box

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Senior Custodian Anna Garcia Bid Award 2/1/17 10C \$16.88+\$.25-11C \$17.39+\$.25
Repl J. Jennings
Custodian Joseph Ragusi Termination/no show 2/3/17

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Clerical Helper Lauren Irish Degbo Termination/resignation 2/2/17

JUVENILE DETENTION

Youth Counselor Baylea Hinrichs End of Probation 10/18/16
36A \$21.38+\$.25-36B \$22.46+\$.25

ENGINEERING

Light Equip Operator Todd Walton Termination during probation 1/30/17

Motion by Houser, seconded by Rogers to approve Claim #70593874 in the amt. of \$38.00.

The Board received and placed on file the following correspondence:

Letter from Mike Wyrick regarding contribution to the Eco-Fest 2017; letter from Alan Jahn regarding appointment to the Veteran's Affairs Commission; letter from City of Marion regarding voluntary annexation; letter from Coggon Area Betterment Association regarding their addition to the National Register of Historic Places; letter from the Cedar Rapids Community School District thanking the Board for their support of the Linn County Wrap Around Funds; and letter from Jasmine Almoayed, City of Cedar Rapids, regarding request for funds from the Board.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., stated that the collective bargaining bill is expected to be introduced this week along with possibly the mental health bill that mirrors SF2318 (removes hard dollar cap).

Adjournment at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRENT OLESON, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors