

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Harris called the meeting to order.

Motion by Houser, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of February 19, 2018 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

John Stuelke, Colonel, Sheriff's Office - promotional testing taking place next month (retiring Sergeant); new deputy testing in April; upcoming Deputy Sheriff retirements in 2018; no new information on joint communications center.

Chairperson Harris asked Stuelke to give an update on their active shooter training and if they think it is adequate. Stuelke responded that they have excellent active shooter training and he thinks that Sheriff Gardner and Major Riniker are comfortable with it as well.

Supervisor Rogers asked about the status of invoicing Robins, Mt. Vernon, Lisbon and Hiawatha for dispatch services and Stuelke responded that he needs to refer them to Sheriff Gardner. Chairperson Harris stated that they should have an agreement tomorrow for the four municipalities.

Supervisor Walker addressed diversity in the hiring process with the upcoming retirements and Stuelke responded that they are reviewing their testing process to attract more applicants.

Joan McCalmant, Recorder - passed annual passport inspection; passport fees change from \$25 to \$35 on April 1st; Deputy is retiring in March; property check system working well.

Sharon Gonzalez, Treasurer - Woodward Communications won the bid to publish delinquent taxes; processed advanced property tax payments in December (\$8 million more than average for December); losing two staff members due to bumping.

Sara Bearrows, Deputy Treasurer - discussed US Bank and the county's investment portfolio and highlighted that they will be purchasing six and twelve month CD's with smaller local banks. She also discussed her recent visit to Dubuque County along with Deputy Auditor Law to look at Tyler property tax software. Bearrows stated that she and Deputy Finger were both very impressed with the software.

Stacey Law, Deputy Auditor - discussed visit to Dubuque County to view their Tyler property tax software along with Bearrows and Finger. She was also very impressed with the software noting that it is very user friendly and work arounds aren't needed to complete processes. Tyler will be on site all day February 27th for a demonstration (Law invited the Board members to attend). She also noted that Tyler has a financial package for accounts payable and payroll that they offer.

Chairperson Harris stated that Thomson Reuters has realigned their support staff and Law responded that this is the third time they have realigned and it concerns her. Law continued with her update: city, fire district and township budgets are due March 15th; working to cross train Accounting Analyst.

Rebecca Stonawski, Deputy Auditor - filing for county offices begins March 5th; upcoming April 3rd elections (3); postcard notifications; polling location changes; starting preparations for Primary and General Elections.

Joel Miller, Auditor - ePollbook purchase; lobbied at the Capitol yesterday; asking schools to close on election days (no flexibility in the schools schedule) due to recent school shootings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Walker stated that he typically tries his best to wear a suit and tie or a button down shirt; however, he is in casual attire today since he is going on a roads tour with Secondary Roads.

Adjournment at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors