

**Committee of County Officers Designated  
To Fill a Board of Supervisors Vacancy**  
Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa  
Friday, April 22, 2016 1:00 p.m.

The Committee met in the informal boardroom at the Jean Oxley Linn County Public Service Center. Present: Recorder Joan McCalmant (Chair); Auditor Joel Miller, Treasurer Sharon Gonzalez. Committee members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

McCalmant called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Gonzalez, to approve the minutes of April 19, April 20 and April 21.

Miller advised that his top pick for the appointment is Eugene Kopecky. He noted that, as the former County Attorney, he would require very little training. He is familiar with the issues confronting the Second District and would add value to this short-term appointment.

Gonzalez stated that her top pick is Amy Johnson. She noted that she had Mr. Kopecky among her top three choices but put Ms. Johnson in the top spot due to the Committee's earlier motion giving preference to a woman for the position, assuming equal qualifications.

McCalmant advised that her top pick is also Amy Johnson. She felt that Ms. Johnson was articulate, excited about the position, and a good match for the skills needed.

Miller noted that his second and third choices were Ron Olson and Ms. Johnson, while Gonzalez indicated that Mr. Olson was also her second choice.

Miller stated that he believes the Committee should wait to vote on the appointment. He noted that an article listing the 11 candidates interviewed appeared in yesterday's Gazette, and the public is only now learning who the Committee is focused on. He believes the Committee should let the public weigh in over the weekend.

Gonzalez stated that, while the Committee had indicated that it would be making a decision by April 26, it was not necessary to wait until then. She noted that the Committee voted unanimously to use the appointment process rather than a special election, which would have allowed the public to make the choice.

McCalmant agreed with the decision to make the appointment today.

Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by McCalmant, to appoint Amy Johnson as District Two Supervisor to fill Linda Langston's position.

Miller noted that he disagreed with the notion of taking the vote now; he doesn't believe waiting until next week is an inconvenience. He did acknowledge that he had not heard from

any members of the public regarding the appointment and that, if he did, it may or may not change his vote on the appointment.

VOTE: Gonzalez, McCalmant – Aye Miller – Abstain

Gary Jarvis noted that he would have a resolution prepared for the Committee members' signatures.

There was a discussion as to whether or not public comment was allowed again at the end of the meeting when it had not been included on the agenda; it was agreed that it would not be allowed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.