

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Robin Kash, 1806 Grand Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, spoke with regard to the Master Matrix Resolution that is on today's agenda. He hopes that the Board will register their strong objection to the DNR regarding the way the Matrix is set up and the dire position that it puts them in (unable to affect the lives of those who live in the county near a CAFO). He stated that it's really the money people who control agriculture. He remembers working on a family farm which scarcely exists now. Kash also spoke with regard to the Constitution and that 70% or more of Linn County's voters who supported a conservation effort to clean up the pollution in waterways.

Auditor Joel Miller spoke with regard to the agenda item pertaining to the Board's meeting schedule. He encouraged the Board to consider reducing the number of meetings noting the costs related to the number of staff required to mobilize the meetings. Other costs include resources to take the minutes and publication. Miller encouraged the Board to look at having two meetings a week but start at 10:00 a.m. and go into the afternoon (try to take care of the county's business in two days). He asked them to look at the numbers, the cost of mobilization and the cost of publication.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of January 2 & 4, 2019 as printed.

Jon Gallagher, Linn County Soil Conservation, discussed an Amendment Request to the Linn County Soil Health Partnership grant between Linn County and Natural Resources Conservation Services related to the Indian Creek Soil Health Partnership. He noted that this has been discussed off and on over a few months. The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve FY 2019 rural library appropriations, approve and authorize Chair to sign individual contracts for library services and authorize release of payment to individual libraries upon receipt of their respective contracts as follows: Cedar Rapids - \$74,447.06; Center Point - \$58,667.50; Central City - \$19,850; Coggon - \$12,746; Ely - \$33,263.67; Fairfax - \$23,423.77; Hiawatha - \$63,288.74; Lisbon - \$21,439.34; Marion - \$72,590.60; Mt. Vernon - \$28,653.38 and Springville \$31,630.93.

Les Beck, Planning & Development, presented the 2019 Master Matrix Construction Evaluation Resolution to allow the Board of Supervisors to evaluate applications for construction permits for large animal confinement operations. The Board will consider this Resolution on Wednesday's Regular Agenda.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., stated that he was asked to bring forward alternatives to adjust the Board's meeting schedule. The Board's Support Team discussed changing the meeting times and the recommendation was to meet 10:00 a.m.

The Board discussed reducing the number of department head updates per meeting which will result in adding a Tuesday meeting. Chairperson Walker also mentioned the possibility of cancelling a meeting if the number of agenda items does not warrant a meeting (and can be placed on another meeting's agenda). Location of the meetings was also discussed. The Board will make a decision on Wednesday.

Public Comment: Auditor Miller thanked Supervisor Walker for his comments about the potential to consolidate meetings when there are no time sensitive agenda items. He also stated that during Elected Official and Department Head update's there are substantive items that are discussed. He asked that those individuals provide the agenda to allow the public and media to know what they are discussing which may peak their interest. There are a lot of items and informal decisions made during those meetings and implemented without the Board taking a vote.

Robin Kash stated that the people that he is acquainted with are very proud of the Board. He also stated that one CAFO is one too many.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations) as follows:

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Universal Clerk	Alissa Ulrich	End of Probation 01/04/19 56A \$19.65 - 56B \$20.65
Universal Clerk	Sarah Kent	End of Probation 01/04/19 56A \$19.65 - 56B \$20.65

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Zoning Division Mgr.	Kyle Smith	Termination - employee withdrew job offer 01/02/19
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FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Custodian	Consolata Nyandwi	New employee - temporary 01/02/19 10A \$16.51/hour
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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Communications Oper	Ryan Gaston	Termination/resignation 12/18/18
Deputy Sheriff	Devin Brooks	Step inc/contract 02/19/19 D B \$26.52 + \$.40 – D 1 \$27.70 + \$.40
Deputy Sheriff	Steven Mariette	New emp – FT 01/02/19 D B \$26.52 + \$.40 Replaces S. McCullough
Correctional Center Nurse	Kristy Richards	Termination/resignation 01/03/19

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Center Aide	Jessica Roach	Temp assignment ended 12/10/18 56B \$20.65 – 51E \$16.76 Employee returned from FMLA
Cook	Marisa Tulliani	New employee – PT 01/02/19 54A \$16.94 24 hrs/week Replaces A. Williams
Youth Leader	Kerry Kilker	Step increase/contract 01/08/19 55B \$19.17 + \$.25 – 55C \$20.18 + \$.25
Intervention Counselor	Christina Betts	Step increase/contract 01/19/19 36D \$26.16 – 36E \$27.54

PUBLIC HEALTH

Environmental Chemist	Riley Mullins	Bid Award – FT 12/26/18 57C \$23.57 – 39B \$29.19 Replaces Lamphier
Senior Health Ed Spec	Katie Reasner	Step increase/contract 01/30/19 39C \$30.75 – 39D \$32.35

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Child Care Worker	Kenya Jackson	Termination/no longer available for sub work 12/17/18
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LIFTS

Mobility Coord	Terrance Bergen	Step increase/contract 01/03/19 37C \$26.59 – 37D \$28.03
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The Board recessed at 9:37 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. to review proposed FY20 budgets for Sheriff. Also present: Steve Tucker, Finance Dir., and Dawn Jindrich, Budget Dir.

Sheriff - appropriation is over the Board's guidelines by \$71,605.

Sheriff Gardner and Maj. Riniker presented their budget summary. They highlighted the cost of dispatch fees and the chargeback to the Region for the new Mental Health nurse. Discussion also took place regarding overtime and security in the Public Service Center. Riniker presented an Offer for a Communications Supervisor. Approval of the Sheriff's budget will take place at a later date due to an issue with dispatch fees and also the chargeback to the Region.

Civil Service - appropriation is over the Board's guidelines by \$8,340.

Sheriff Gardner explained that the budget was over guidelines due to the cost of two hiring cycles and the commercials they ran for recruiting new deputies.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve FY20 Civil Service appropriations in the amt. of \$23,644.

Adjournment at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor
and Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors