

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019 10:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of March 6, 2019 as printed.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve Airport National Public Golf Course Class B Beer Permit, 3001 Wright Brothers Blvd. E. in Ely, noting all conditions have been met.

Steve Estenson, Risk Manager, reported on Linn County's flood risk and preparedness. The county starts to be impacted when the river reaches 20 ft. (bridges and roads start to close). The week of March 25 has the highest probability.

Auditor Miller had some questions about the Public Service Center (PSC) remaining open if the public could legally get to the building. If the water is shut off, they could bring in portable restrooms and provide bottled water.

Estenson noted that when the water is shut off the sprinkler systems are shut down. There would be no fire suppression system active.

Garth Fagerbakke, Facilities Mgr., stated that the city of Cedar Rapids will draw a line and the county cannot be open for business if they are on the other side of the line.

Steve O'Konek, EMA Dir., stated that the National Weather Service predictions are important for them to keep an eye on. He also offered to help bridge the communications between the city and the county.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., stated that the Community Services Building has room to accommodate 70-75 employees (there are 130-135 in the PSC) which is more than they could accommodate in 2016. IT had put in place a number of data drops in 2016 and those are still there and ready to go.

Estenson will keep the Board updated as needed.

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

AUDITOR

Voter Outreach Coord. Valerie Smith Step increase/contract 03/29/19 56C \$21.81 + \$.25 - 56D \$22.98 + \$.25

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Combination Inspector Matthew Ruff New employee - FT 03/11/19 21A \$24.41/hour Replaces R. Childs
Intern Dillon Constant New employee - temporary 03/25/19 \$15.00/hour

HUMAN RESOURCES

Intern Joshua Schmitt Termination - no longer available 03/11/19
Intern Hannah Daley New employee - temporary 03/11/19 \$10.00/hour Replaces J. Schmitt

FACILITIES

Custodian Robert Mumma End of Probation 04/13/19 10A \$16.51 + \$.25 - 10B \$17.05 + \$.25
Custodian Consolata Nyandwi End of Probation 04/02/19 10A \$16.51 + \$.25 - 10B \$17.05 + \$.25
Custodian Patrick McConnell End of Probation 03/10/19 10A \$16.51 + \$.25 - 10B \$17.05 + \$.25

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputy Sheriff Valerie Mensen New employee - FT 03/11/19 D B \$26.52 + \$.40 Fills new position

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Family Support Serv. Super. Terri Godwin New employee - FT 03/25/19 Grade 27 Min \$2,485.12/biweekly
Replaces S. Liddell

Administrative Asst I Leah Coffman New employee - FT 03/25/19 Grade 23 Min \$1,740.38/biweekly
Replaces P. Nunemaker

Home Health Serv. Coord. Stacey Lietz Bid Award 04/01/19 36E \$27.54 Replaces C. King
Family Support Serv. Super. Susan Liddell Amended retirement date 03/22/19

JUVENILE DETENTION

Intervention Counselor Ericka Maynard Termination/resignation 03/02/19

ENGINEERING

Light Equipment Oper. Matthew Schmidt Step increase/contract 02/19/19 17B \$21.81 - 17C \$22.60

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve Claims #70607597-#70607621 in the amt. of \$338,539.06; Wires in the amt. of \$1,829,241.49 and ACH in the amt. of \$46,893.12.

Supervisor Rogers reported that the Board has been receiving numerous emails regarding puppy mills and asked if this had to do with any proposed legislation.

Darrin Gage stated that there is no legislation but that there is a nonprofit that is asking Linn County to put into place an ordinance. He is in the process of checking with the Cedar Rapids city attorney, as there is a small store in Cedar Rapids that sells animals that come from a puppy mill.

Supervisor Oleson stated that he met with a representative of the National Humane Soc. and city council members. He is reviewing some sample ordinances put in place across

the country and will visit licensed breeders in his district to make sure they are not caught up in this as they are targeting the bad actor.

Legislative Update - Gage discussed bills related to the following: Mental Health fund balances (increases to 30%); children's behavioral health services; public land purchase; county supervisor representation plans; and government entities prohibited from using lobbyists. The "ban the box" legislation did not make it through. UCC day is Wednesday, March 27. The Board may want to consider rescheduling their formal board meeting that day.

Adjournment at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors