

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of March 1, 2021 as printed.

The Board received updates from the following Elected Officials:

Jerry Vander Sanden, County Attorney - status of office renovation in the Criminal Division and accomplishments as a result; jury trial courtroom electronic upgrades and the delay in response from the county's IT Dept. after many attempts (the Board will escalate this request); and request to extend the Telework Agreement through June and advocated extending beyond COVID.

Joan McCalmant, Recorder - have been working (since January) on a new statewide update of the vital records system (it's been a struggle for large counties); revenue for passports is down but up with recording fees; passport services needs a 30 day notice of when the building will be open to the public; and the new Veteran Affairs Director asked for access to the Recorder's military discharge documents which has been accomplished.

Joel Miller, Auditor - Deputy Auditor Stonawski stated that there are two special elections today (Alburnett Comm. and Marion Independent School Districts); due to new legislation, additional polling places had to be opened today which will result in additional costs to the school districts; election staff have concerns regarding liability issues as a result of new legislation regarding infractions and related penalties (\$10,000 fine and felony charge) concerning any improprieties; also dealing with new legislation regarding satellites when planning the November election. They are doing their best to deal with the new legislation soon to be signed into law.

Auditor Miller stated that they hope to report next month that all departments will be on the new timekeeping system (Dayforce). He continued to list the proposed new legislation to be signed by the Governor. He is fearful they will lose some Auditor's over this legislation as well as difficulty recruiting precinct election officials. Miller stated that he received a technical infraction from Secretary of State regarding his reporting of absentee ballots at the November 2020 General Election. He asked them to come observe closing procedures tonight as a result of that.

The Board praised Miller and staff for defending people's rights to vote and to have access to voting. Linn County was more prepared than any other county in the State of Iowa because of all of their efforts, work and energy devoted to the November 2020 General Election. They could not be more proud of Miller as an elected official, Deputy Stonawski and staff and they cannot thank them enough. They are so proud to have that type of caliber working in Linn County and it is noticed.

Adjournment at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors