The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Walker (arrived at 9:13 a.m.), Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Oleson. Board members voting “AYE” unless otherwise noted.

Vice Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Brian Gardner, Sheriff – working on murder investigation; unattended death investigation; deputy sheriff testing the end of the month; two job vacancies.

Supervisor Rogers asked about their working relationship with Foundation 2 and their mobile crisis counselor and Gardner stated that they were denied funding for this position; however, they are looking for other possible avenues. Rogers also asked for an update on nursing positions at the jail and Gardner responded that they have a psychiatric nurse and have one other nurse vacancy.

Supervisor Oleson addressed the bill regarding medical expenses and prioritization at the jail and Gardner stated that this is an ongoing problem and the lobbyist did not agree on the bill.

Jerry Vander Sanden, County Attorney – office space needs in the Courthouse (possibly convert the law library on third floor to office space/conference room); Matt Kishinami pursued claims at the appellate level and through the administrative appeal process for payment of expert witness fees (received $46,000 in back payment); Crime Victims’ Rights week; Jennifer Clinton Award to Monice Slaughter; 5K Run/Walk on April 13th; in-service training for Cedar Rapids Police Dept. provided by Cory Speth and Ryan Decker for CRPD 911 emergency dispatches; search and seizure update given to Marion Police Dept. by Monica Slaughter.

Supervisor Walker asked about the Peer Review Court System noting that Monica Slaughter took interest in it and Vander Sanden responded that it was lost due to a lack of funding.

Becky Shoop, Deputy Auditor – KPIs submitted to Dawn Jindrich; Learning Institutes scheduled; budget update; State of the County stories submitted to Joi Alexander; Lisa Powell working on Financial Analyst job description (management position); staff involved with Property Tax conversion and new financial software demo’s; county vehicle commute tax update (Supervisor Oleson suggested advising HR Dir. of it); Scott County Auditor will be visiting the Board meeting on Wednesday to observe video recording of the meeting.

Rebecca Stonawski, Deputy Auditor – Mt. Vernon special school election taking place today; will be sending out a letter regarding the restoration of voting rights for felons and holding two focus group meetings.

Supervisor Oleson stated that for the record he stepped outside to speak with Vander Sanden to get his feedback on a bill that passed the senate and house regarding a civil fine instead of a serious misdemeanor for possession of 5 grams or less of marijuana. Oleson wanted to ensure that the County Attorney and their association were not going to oppose the bill.

Adjournment at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors