

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 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 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 May 29 and June 3, 2019 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Brian Gardner, Sheriff - contract increasing fees for federal inmates is moving forward; expecting deliver of Ford F550 BearCat in July; three nurse vacancies; one dispatcher vacancy due to retirement.

Supervisor Rogers stated that he wanted to revisit the topic of security at the Public Service Center.

Gardner shared his thoughts noting that the job would be viewed as a premium job due to the hours and holidays, therefore two positions would be needed. These two deputy positions would be added to the security rotation.

Supervisor Oleson stated that he is still opposed to this suggestion.

Supervisor Rogers added that staff are not trained to deescalate or detain people and he feels there is a legitimate concern for employee's safety.

Supervisor Oleson added that these issues have taken place in other buildings and they cannot do it for this building and not the others.

Supervisor Rogers stated that he feels this topic would be appropriate for the Board Support Team to review.

Steve Estenson, Risk Mgr., stated that Garth Fagerbakke is working on the new panic button system; however, Estenson is not sure of the timeframe.

Jerry Vander Sanden, Attorney - implemented recent efficiency practices and procedures; working on expansion of office space for criminal division; requesting approval of a prosecutor for the felony division. (four full time assistants).

Supervisor Oleson asked for clarification from Vander Sanden why this position was not requested during the budget presentations or before the FY20 budget was finalized noting that there seems to be a trend with requesting positions outside of the budget process.

Joel Miller, Auditor - potential vote by mail locations (has been in contact with Darrin Gage); and what is the status of the camera in the employee parking lot.

Estenson stated that Fagerbakke is handling this project noting that they are working on the cabling.

Miller stated that he would support the Treasurer and Recorder getting more security presence in this building.

Carolyn Siebrecht, Deputy Recorder - fee for certified copies of vital records decreases from \$20 to \$15 July 1st; processing timeline for passports has increased; highlighted several instances of security situations in their office; discussed panic buttons not being accessible to employees.

Sharon Gonzalez, Treasurer - budget offer for security was denied; presented several examples of security situations in her office; Gazette won the bid for the tax sale publication; June 17th is the tax sale.

Adjournment at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors