

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Jerry Vander Sanden, Attorney - thanked Supervisor Oleson for his years of service; in person court hearings have resumed and foot track has increased; jury trials start September 14th (suggesting temperature checks); three positions were approved with one filled; office configurations including hardwiring in the basement.

Supervisor Oleson noted the need to fix the stone railings at the courthouse as well as cleaning the windows twice a year.

Joan McCalmant, Recorder - trying to do transactions over the phone or utilizing the drop box; increase in boat purchases and registrations; shared her appreciation for the security at the front door of the building; handling appointments by phone right now; staff working with Q matic to finalize last steps they need (want to be able to limit appointments).

Sharon Gonzalez, Treasurer - tax sale status; received tax list from Auditor's Office and working on next tax cycle; Q matic is going well; will have a staff member at the front door; two vacancies; working on order for more phones; staff have expressed frustration and are working OT.

Supervisor Oleson noted that the Treasurer's Office has been working hard on customer service the last couple of years and phone calls is an issue that has been raised consistently a number of times by the public. He stated that a long-term strategy is needed.

Rhonda Betsworth, Auditor - the tax list was handed off to the Treasurer's Office yesterday; working through GovSense and Ceridian software projects.

Rebecca Stonawski, Deputy Auditor - have received 31,000 absentee ballot requests; working on plans for polling locations (51); poll worker training.

Supervisor Oleson asked about the status of the location for early voting and Stonawski stated that voting would take place at the Elections Depot.

Joel Miller, Auditor - hired an Elections Technology Manager; four drop boxes are available; no current litigation regarding absentee ballot requests being sent out.

Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Walker thanked Miller for his initiative to send out the absentee ballot requests.

Adjournment at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors