



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Michelle Duncan, Linn County Sheriff; Micah Smith, Linn County Undersheriff; Bill Palmer, Linn County Accounting Officer; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Breeanna Oxford, Linn County Deputy Treasurer and Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer.

1, 2, 3. At 9:00 a.m. Chair Nyquist called the meeting to order. The flag salute and roll call followed. Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Chair; Will Tucker, Vice-Chair and Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger were present, as well as, Courtney Leland, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners.

4. Resolution & Order 2023-219 adopting the 2023-2024 Linn County Annual Budget declaring the tax levy and making appropriations.

Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer, provided background information on the proposed budget. She indicated that the changes to the budget in the upcoming year were minimal, other than, the Health Department changed their Information Technology system and that was an indirect cost change that decreased the General Fund by \$400,000.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that due to the expenditure, it was the reason the County was trying to move away from every department in Linn County having their own Information Technology Department. Commissioner Sprenger offered clarification on the matter and stated that the Health Department required a different software system in order to be in better compliance with HIPAA laws. She indicated that the new system would provide more protection to constituents.

Commissioner Nyquist asked for clarification of what the practical impact to the General Fund was. Ms. Hawkins indicated that the General Fund decreased to \$250,000. Discussion followed.

Bill Palmer, Linn County Accounting Officer, indicated that Darrin Lane, Linn County Health Services Administrator, configured a practical number regarding the Health Department's minimal use of the County's Information Technology Department and found that \$400,000 was a fair figure to compensate the Health Department out of the Contingency Fund for their own Information Technology Services.

Commissioner Nyquist expressed going forward that, if there were concerns from Department Heads or Elected Officials, it should be brought up during Budget Hearings.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-219 approving the General Fund amount of \$1.2736 cents per thousand and a Law Enforcement levy of \$2.98 cents per thousand and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-219. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Resolution & Order 2023-210 establishing certain County Fees and setting forth all fees collected by Linn County.


Commissioner Tucker indicated that he had noticed a small change to the Linn County Parks and Recreation Department's fee schedule, they added a fee for consultation on large group planning.

Commissioner Nyquist indicated that he had concerns regarding the substantial increase in fees for the Health Department, which were related to Alcohol and Drug services and also Mental Health. Commissioner Nyquist stated that from his understanding, those were not going to be the rates charged to people who were seeking services without the resources. He encouraged the Board to follow up on the Health Department fees in the upcoming months.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-210. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m. by unanimous consent.


The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

 Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Courtney Leland

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 7-11-2023