

The Board of Supervisors met on 2/4/2020 at 6:00 p.m. for a Special Meeting in the Story County Administration Building. Members present: Linda Murken, Lisa Heddens and Lauris Olson, with Murken presiding. (all audio of meetings available at storycountyiowa.gov)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Olson moved, Heddens seconded adopting the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (MCU) on a roll call vote.

PRESENTATION BY FINALIST FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY VACANCY – Timothy Meals thanked the Board. He reported on his work experience, first as a drug prosecutor in the Marshall County Attorney’s Office and then, for the last 20 years, as an attorney for Story County. He provided detail about types of cases, awards received, and future programs envisioned for the Attorney’s Office.

QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD TO THE APPLICANT – Heddens asked Meals about his management style, mentoring methods, and process for giving and receiving feedback from staff and new attorneys. She also asked about mental health, substance abuse, and his role and vision regarding mental health court. Meals reported on mental health services and case-by-case prosecution. Olson asked Meals how would he advise the Board as its legal representative. He responded. Murken asked about criminal prosecution. Meals reported on his process for a criminal defendant and offenses committed. Murken asked about Story County’s legal caseload and resources in comparison to other counties. Meals stated continuous monitoring of caseload and talking the attorneys is key; he is not considering an office reorganization at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Tiffany Meredith, Collins, supports Meals’ appointment. Kristen Formanck, Ankeny, supports the appointment. Shean Fletchall, Maxwell, supports the appointment. Luke Richardson, Ames, supports the appointment.

Heddens moved, Olson seconded to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Roll call vote. (MCU)

Tentative Agenda
Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
Story County Administrative Building
Public Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
900 6th Street, Nevada, Iowa
6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Presentation(s) by finalist(s) for the County Attorney vacancy
- IV. Questions by the Board to the applicant(s)
- V. Public comments
- VI. Adjournment