

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Engineer - LC3 activities; submitted four policies to Darrin Gage for review; will work with Ted Garnett to develop Secondary Road strategic plan; working with Terry Whitson on KPI's; working with Communications on a 2021 highlight document for their department; budget status; staff vacancies; upcoming projects and bid lettings (listed on their website); mild winter so far with only five events they have sent staff out for; February 23rd presenting five year construction program to the Board.

Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Dir. - FY22/23 bus replacements should be completed and delivered soon and in process of ordering three more; budget status; three staff vacancies (in process of interviewing for one); federal TSA mask mandates are still in place (through March 2022); current ridership is 50-60% pre Covid numbers; Electric Bus Work group continues to monitor progress from the state level (very little progress); work in progress regarding article referencing "micro" transit in Marion (potential impact to his dept.).

Lisa Powell, Human Resources Dir. - LC3 activities: feedback on the new Strategic Plan has been very positive and energizing for her; dept.'s have identified GAPm metric results and Terry Whitson, Ted Garnett and herself will be reaching out to dept.'s to work on action plans and improvement activities. HR Budget: performance evaluations are transitioning; budget status. Staffing: two new employees, Adrienne Rule and Matthew Cerruto, are adapting well; retirement of employee later this week. Employee Development: 41st Core Values Academy currently taking place and added additional in May. Benefits: 1095 forms have been completed; Deferred Comp. Plan is being reviewed; preliminary renewal numbers from Wellmark include an increase of 7.56%.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. - budget update; KPI's; legislative update including: HSB659 - requires county's with population of over 60,000 to use Plan 3 for election of County Supervisors; HF2166 - amends definition of a central county purpose (allows Supervisor's to bond without a referendum up to \$1.5 million) regarding flood plains; HSB648 - allows the notice to bidders to require bidders to file a statement showing their financial standing, list of their equipment and experience with similar work and allows entity to reject a bid if the bidder has not performed in accordance with the improvement project and allows the use of design build; HSB665 - allows for the electronic submission of bids for public improvement projects; SF2160 - regarding pipelines and imminent domain; HF2086 - allows the Board of Supervisors to approve or reject without amendment the budget submitted by EMA; HF2288 - amends the definition of a central county purpose regarding IT and protection against cybersecurity event; SF2206 - ways and means senate tax bill with regard to the natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund, state sales tax and local options sales tax. ARPA update: received 27 applications for category a and 25 for category b; plan is to divide the eligible applications and then review; will be receiving additional money for the Community Development Block grant (going to slow down the process a bit due to this).

The Board received and placed on file a letter from Nelson Baethke regarding property rights with proposed CO2 pipeline.

Adjournment at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors