

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022 8:00 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 met with Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss County-related
issues including:

Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir., Sheriff Gardner and John Gahrng, Sheriff's Office,
discussed county vehicle maintenance and upkeep. Gardner stated that all county
vehicles, with the exception of Secondary Roads, Conservation and LIFTS, should be
maintained by the Sheriff's Office.

Chairperson Rogers requested that a policy be created to standardize this process.

Jen Musick, Health Solutions, presented a PowerPoint highlighting the Wellness Rewards
Program Screening Results and Data Findings.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of March 21, 2022 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir. - budget update; General Assistance: overflow
shelter coming to a close the end of March. Juvenile Detention: PREA audit; finding
success with new time out policy. Access Center: upcoming training due to increase in
individuals with intellectual disabilities; will expand to 7 days a week with
Foundation 2; new security company started March 1st. Child & Youth Development: food
purchasing arrangements. Options: preparing for CARF accreditation. ECI/Decat:
working on childcare stabilization effort.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - project updates including parks, trails and
bridges; park entrance signs complete; campground expansion; stabilization of creek at
Wanatee; April 8th is target date for opening campgrounds; consultant reviewing solar
arrays; held cat event at Wickiup Hill during spring break; selling excess picnic
tables.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - new strategic plan; Public Health submitted
two applications for ARPA; Academic Health Dept. is in the works; National Public
Health Week is April 4-10th; participating in first round of interviews for Emergency
Management Coordinator; Preventing Violence Affecting Young Lives Grant; will
decommission COVID-19 dashboard; the Board of Health Policy & Government Relations
Committee has completed its review of the COVID-19 after action report; met with staff
of US Senators and House District 1 Representative; Health Equity Program Mgr.
position has been offered to a candidate.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - Cedar River Clean Water Partnership; held
informational meeting held this month with contractors that might submit bids; live
broadcast of The Big Show at the Indian Creek Watershed tomorrow; current Conservation
Reserve signup has been extended; attended Weed Commissioner's Association meeting.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. - budget update; two staff vacancies; supply chain shortages
continue; working to keep Linn County's network as safe as possible (phishing
attempts, ransomware, etc.).

Drew Hoppenworth, Technical Center Mgr. - stated that multi factor authentication will
be rolled out in April to Public Health followed by the rest of the county departments
in May; working on rollout of Office 365 countywide as well including upcoming
training sessions.

Tamara Marcus, Sustainability Program Mgr. - participated in a career panel at
Kirkwood for sustainability; will be speaking for upcoming Earth Week; second
Sustainability and Resiliency Committee meeting was held March 12th; working on
sustainability plan with internal committee; completing internal greenhouse gas
inventory; participating in a working group with AmeriCorp member; will be adding two
additional AmeriCorp members for May-September; ARPA application reviews; highlighted
projects the AmeriCorp members have been working on; Composting Panel will be held at
Coe in April; working with Economic Alliance to help restaurants become more
sustainable; EcoFest is in April; received donation from International Paper; will be
holding workshop at Hiawatha Public Library for rain barrels.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir. - KPI's; budget update; posted annual
intern planning position; reposted Combination Inspector position; working on 28E
agreements for rental inspections; monitoring SF2361 (workforce housing bill); staff
accomplishments and projects; received NextEra's solar application on February 24th
(dedicated webpage to solar projects); tentative agreement with Dow's Farm has been
reached with all parties and purchase agreement will come before the Board in April;
Linn County will be receiving Community Development Block Grant funds due to the
Derecho later this year; permit activity.

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Adjournment at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors