

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 9:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Zumbach and Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Running-Marquardt. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Zumbach called the meeting to order.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of April 10, 2023 as printed.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to appoint Bob Doubek to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending 12/31/2027.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Engineer – created departmental strategic plan; KPI's; budget update; working on getting rock roads back into shape (spot rock and maintenance); rock overlay's are next; two personnel vacancies; issues with Bertram bridge relocation; SF550 – eliminate local options sales tax and make it statewide sales tax; attending National County Engineer's Conference; construction season is around the corner; reviewed upcoming construction projects for this spring/summer; rock overlay to begin next week in one district.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Ketels for working with her on their meeting with Charlie Nichols and herself. She appreciates his willingness to be available and flexible and it is invaluable.

Carter Baldwin, LIFTS Dir. – RFP being put together currently for electric buses; working with Communications Dept. on outreach into rural communities; working on contract with MHDS of the East Central Region to provide non-Medicaid rides; working with Risk Management to develop procedures for when drivers are on route in the community and they experience severe weather; three personnel vacancies; two buses ordered through ECICOG with delivery expected June-December 2024.

Lisa Powell, Human Resources Dir. – performance training session with Douglas Duckett last Thursday; HR starts training individual departments on the Dayforce Performance module next week; GAPm survey will be conducted in May; will be bringing several policy revisions to the Board over the next couple of months for a July 1st effective date; no budget issues at this point; will be attending National PELRA annual conference the last week of April; recruitment is hopping; representing Linn County on the AIMS (Age-Inclusive Management Strategies) Task Force pilot project; Employee Recognition Breakfast April 19th; Diversity Certification Professional program is ready to roll out in May; Anthony Arrington will facilitate discussion groups with employees to get an understanding of the health of the county's culture as it relates to diversity, equity and inclusion; renewal meetings scheduled this week with Delta Dental and National Insurance Services next week; annual Health Solutions workshop last week; Deferred Compensation Program transition is in progress.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. – budget update; one personnel vacancy; KPI's; helped county dept.'s to update various policies; capital improvement projects in process (five ongoing from Derecho); upcoming construction projects; Facilities Director position interviews to begin in May.

Supervisor Rogers asked Gage to help guide the Board with options they can look into regarding the lack of parking at the courthouse, knowing that they cannot create more parking on the island. Also, has the County Attorney outgrown their space at the courthouse?

Gage added that a space needs study will be taking place before they expand office space at the courthouse. The Sheriff's Office may have some parking alternatives as well.

Adjournment at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

LOUIS J. ZUMBACH, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors