

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir. - budget update; General Assistance: overflow shelter closed the end of March; ERA2 Program assisted 1,384 households; Access Center: expanded hours; Erin Foster attended a National Conference; Child & Youth Development: received their licensing; Ryan White: program met all of the yearly objectives and were awarded \$3,200.

Supervisor Walker asked about the hiring process for the VA Director and Thielen responded that of the seven applicants they are interviewing three with potential hiring date the middle of June.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - upcoming grand opening of Morgan Creek Park; park and trail improvements projects; master plan signage ongoing; Plains Campground work in progress; in process of tributary rehabilitation; installation of nature appreciation structure at Wickiup Hill; opened campgrounds but off to slow start; reviewing options for solar arrays at four sites with consultant; held successful Easter Egg hunt.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - Public Health Dept. is a nationally recognized local health department and Dwivedi will serve at NACCHO Board of Directors President next year; new strategic plan will be kicked off this fall; Academic Health Dept. memorandum of understanding is in the works with University of Iowa College of Public Health; was part of the interview team for the EMA internal candidate; My Care Community work continues; providing data for the development of a Youth Assessment Center; waiting for feedback on the Preventing Violent Affecting Youth Lives grant; COVID 19 dashboard has been decommissioned; 423 COVID 19 cases in March.

Chairperson Rogers congratulated Dwivedi on being elected to President of the NACHOO Board of Directors.

Supervisor Walker stated that it has been invigorating seeing Public Health thrive and gave examples of accomplishments that have been made over his tenure on the Public Health Board.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. - budget update; two vacancies; supply chain issues are improving (desktops, laptops, monitors, etc.); security is a very large time commitment for his staff; will be rolling out multi-factor authentication the week of May 17th-20th; Office 365 will be rolled out after upcoming training in May-July.

Tamara Marcus, Sustainability Program Mgr. - last week was Earth Week and completed a panel; held event at CSPS with good attendance; EcoFest was held last Saturday with a great turnout; reviewing San Juan Wilderness Trek applications; developed talking points for the State of the County; Trees Forever Symposium; continuing to keep strong partnership with Ely library; Sustainability & Resiliency Committee continue to meet; internal Sustainability Council met yesterday; started internal greenhouse gas work with Public Health; Mount Vernon signed on for Resilient Iowa Communities (first pilot community to join in Linn County); attended Mount Vernon City Council Meeting and introduced herself.

Adjournment at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors