

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022 9:00 A.M.

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

Vice Chairperson Zumbach called the meeting to order.

David Thielen, LCCS Exec. Dir. - working on KPI's; resignation of manager and promotion of internal employee at Juvenile Detention; budget update; General Assistance: met with state regarding Emergency Rental Assistance funds; working on yearly emergency food and shelter grant; Juvenile Detention: center is required to hold adult court kids due to new law that went into effect in December and is causing stress; Access Center: crisis observation is a new service that recently came on line; Child & Youth Development: quarterly surveys were completed with high scores; Home Health: quarterly surveys were completed with high scores; Options: preparing for three year accreditation on July 28th&29th; increase in Covid cases; he is meeting with all dept's and staff as well as meeting with funded agencies and partners.

Daniel Gibbins for the Conservation Dir. - highlighted progress on park and trails projects in the works; bird preserve; Morgan Creek Park ribbon cutting was phenomenal; working with county legal to work on wording on flags.

Supervisor Walker asked Gibbins what Conservation's vision is regarding sustainability moving forward. Gibbins responded that sustainability is the fabric of everything they do.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - signed MOU to establish Public Health as an Academic Health Dept.; strategic plan; submitted the final project for Preventing Violence Affecting Young Lives; Together! Healthy Linn Steering Committee; My Care Community project; COVID 19 vaccination stat's; Public Health is still a pickup and drop off location for Test Iowa; clinical services; food safety is going well; delegation visit from Corpus Christi; wrote article about gun violence and has received some feedback;

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - survey work and culture resource assessment in progress on multiple sites within the watershed for Edge of Field Clean Water Partnership; interviews for vacant position June 30th; conducted tillage survey; working on project amendment and provided project activities update at quarterly meeting with Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority; now accepting applications for Water Quality Initiative Fall Cover Crop.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. - budget update; two staff vacancies; ransomware is at a 13% increase (biggest increase as the last five years combined and only halfway through the year); will be putting out some educational information for employees regarding phishing; supply chain still affecting them but desktops are shipping quicker; rolled out multi factor authentication and in process of rolling out Office 365, resource acquisition system is now live.

Supervisor Walker asked about the progress for the formal and informal board room audio and Lowder responded that an RFP was done, and they are waiting for the vendor to come on site. Lowder will reach out to Communication's this week to discuss further.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir. - budget update; Code Compliance Officer position has been filled internally; vacancy for Planner 1 position and interviews were held last week (position may be upgraded to a Planner 2); Associate Combination Inspector job coming to the Board tomorrow; Luke Maloney met with four of the 28E cities with positive feedback; Maloney also met with landlords in Springville last night; Food System Council is working to create an application process; purchased grant management software; UDC amendments coming to the Board soon; looking at adopting sensitive areas ordinance; special zoning commission meeting July 28th in Palo and Board of Supervisors meetings will be held in August; updating zoning fees; change of ownership related to Dow's Farm (ran by legal and there are no issues); failing well that is serving Feed Iowa First but will not be replacing in the near future; permit activity.

Adjournment at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

LOUIS ZUMBACH, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors