

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021 8:00 A.M.

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

The Board met with Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss County-related issues including:

Jennifer Musick, Health Solutions, highlighted results of the wellness rewards program for FY21 and noted that enrollment for the wellness rewards program for FY22 has begun.

Lisa Powell and Bradley Phillips, Human Resources, gave an update regarding projects they have completed including new job position flyers and a resource acquisition request form.

Molly Bagby, Human Resources, discussed the updated intermittent leave reporting guidelines for FMLA. The two new components state that an employee must speak with a manager and inform HR as well.

Powell also highlighted upcoming trainings that are being offered.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of July 26, 2021 as printed.

The Board recessed at 9:06 a.m. and reconvened at 9:09 a.m.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir. - upcoming retirements (Jim Fox and Chris Kivett-Berry); budget status; Child & Youth Development - fully enrolled classrooms this fall; employees were credentialed; vandalism of the playground; General Assistance - emergency rental assistance program; Access Center - Area Ambulance training; Juvenile Detention - two vacant positions; started monthly meetings with Public Health and DHS; quality action plan.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - Shane Dodge has accepted a position outside of the county and Larry Hlavacek is retiring in October; key performance indicators associated with mental health; stakeholder meetings continue; COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy; working with Cedar Rapids School District on vaccines; clinic outreach; septic permits; air quality conducted 18 compliance inspections and investigated 16 complaints regarding illegal open burning in June; childhood lead poisoning cases; climate change impacting public health; not tracking delta variant yet.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - EQIP signup's; cover crop signup window for the fall; soil health initiative program; weed commissioner complaints against Secondary Roads; bio reactor blitz program (currently in Polk County).

Nicole Kehres, Veterans Affairs Dir. - steady influx of people since the building re-opened; attended National Association of Service Officer's conference; decisions are moving faster due to virtual hearings; made some changes to process regarding picking up donated items from their office; FryFest on September 3rd and partnering with other counties; moving wall in Solon in September; continuing to gear up for Veteran's Stand Down on September 10th and vendor letters have been sent out and responses received.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. - two vacant positions; filled one position; budget status; discussed recent security issues and updates; phishing emails and refresher training; purchasing file servers; GIS dept. won award from ESRI.

Tamara Marcus, Sustainability Program Manager - releasing Greenhouse Gas Inventory on August 2nd; first public engagement event is with Farm Bureau on August 3rd, Matthew 25 on August 16th and African American Museum on August 31st; hopes to recruit people from these events who could serve on the committee; second AmeriCorp member joining in September; Solar Ambassador Program idea; American Rescue Plan funding webinars.

Adjournment at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors