

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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 received updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Eng. - continuing to work with Ted Garnett on Strategic Plan (culture improvements) and GAPM (making progress); budget is on target, however, costs are going up; fully staffed; partnering with the city of Bertram on bridge replacement project; Annual Fall Dept. meeting Oct. 21; Secondary Road Headquarter conversations will start in January; wrapping up construction projects for the season; getting ready for winter (equipment and materials).

Supervisor Zumbach reminded Ketels of a drainage issue on Campfire Rd. and suggested a possible French drain.

Carter Baldwin, LIFTS Dir. - spent a week with now retired Tom Hardekopf; toured frequented LIFTS service locations; two buses are on order (expect a large lead time); two open positions; budget on target; epoxy floors are installed; fare collections have resumed; grants; and city of Marion considering changes to transit model (more customized/personalized).

Lisa Powell, Human Resources Dir. - budget on target; ARPA request for online learning; no staffing issues (possible upgrade of one employee); next Employee Recognition Breakfast is Oct. 19; Health & Safety Fair held with record attendance; Health Insurance Dependent Audit completed inhouse; EAP utilization is at 9% (very high compared to local standard); Deferred Compensation revamp is coming along; and will see a Wellmark pharmacy savings of \$1.7 million over three years.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir. - budget on target; sent a staff member to a conference re: GovSense; fully staffed; GovSense system update; grants and projects (training departments); two audit dates completed and working on the next deadline. Inflation impact research she completed was provided (estimate \$650,000 more in FY 23).

Discussion continued regarding future budget challenges (including insurance claims) and getting newly elected Supervisor(s) up to speed.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir. - highlighted budget calendar; and receiving over 4% on CD's.

Adjournment at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor  
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors