

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021 8:02 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.  
Present: Chairperson Walker (arriving at 8:05 a.m.), Vice Chairperson Rogers and  
Supervisor Zumbach. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Vice Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

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

Jen Musick, Health Solutions, discussed the annual health screenings & Wellness  
Rewards Program.

Pramod Dwivedi introduced Public Health's new Deputy Health Director, Eric Bradley.

Becky Shoop introduced the Auditor's Office's new Deputy, Cliff Crimmins.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of November 22, 2021 as  
printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir. - budget update; General Assistance: diving deep  
into the major housing issues; Emergency Rental Assistance; the overflow shelter  
opened November 15<sup>th</sup> and Salvation Army gym is a backup; Juvenile Detention: position  
funded through Tanager Place; legislation going into effect December 18<sup>th</sup> that requires  
that all youth waived to adult court must be housed in a detention center; Access  
Center: outreach continues; working with Veteran's Affairs on utilization; the center  
is taking pressure off the jail and emergency rooms; ASAC ending services at the  
Access Center effective December 22<sup>nd</sup>; Options: \$100,00 was awarded to Options and will  
help support the restructuring of the program.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - most of the campgrounds closed October 31<sup>st</sup>; Echo  
Hill Elementary children and families came to Wickiup Hill Sunday; new strategic plan.

Dan Gibbins, Deputy Dir. - highlighted the economic benefits of natural areas.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - COVID numbers are higher but steady; meeting  
with two area hospital physicians; their office is a pick up and drop off location for  
Test Iowa COVID test kits; will be requesting funding from ARPA for projects; BOS/BOH  
meeting went well; continued accreditation of Linn County Public Health; development  
of KPI's continues; CHA/CHIP continues; wells and drinking water KPI's; food safety;  
Air Quality permitting projects; hired new Deputy Director; in process of adding  
Health Equity Program Manager, Account Technician, Communication Coordinator and  
Violence Prevention Coordinator.

Nicole Kehres, Veterans Affairs Dir. - office traffic has picked up; totally monthly  
revenue is \$3.9 million for Veteran's and their families; outreach events;  
collaboration with Access Center; holiday distributions; met with Zumbach in October  
regarding outreach for rural areas and will be starting a veteran's newsletter;  
explained definition of a veteran and how much active duty must be served to qualify.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - upcoming project that would be similar to Polk  
County that Cedar Rapids is taking the lead on; would like to secure \$20,000 to be  
used as incentive match for watershed (ARPA funds); fall cover crop installation went  
really well; site visit last month; assisting Planning and other representatives with  
drafting document for SILT regarding Dow's Farm; solar project.

Adjournment at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors