

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 9:00 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.

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Engineer - received request to vacate Old Dubuque Rd. this morning; damaged material; Secondary Road Assessment interest (added to website); provided LOST funding information to the Gazette and Supervisor Zumbach last week; dust control; monitoring detours with the construction activity; started placing rock overlays; CERES is finishing up debris removal; near completion with signage that was damaged due to Derecho; upcoming new policies for roadside management; revising some policies for entrances.

Tom Hardecopf (via phone), LIFTS Dir. - discussed wooden chips/tickets; waiting on installation of final garage door; order for three buses through ECICOG has been delayed; budget status; one staff vacancy; status quo for COVID precautions; provided 250 vaccination rides; all staff that chose to get vaccinated are fully vaccinated; Electric Bus Work group continues to meet; unable to host a night at the ball game this year for the ADA Celebration but will do a movie night at the Kernels July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Lisa Powell, Human Resources Dir. - ARPA provides for a 6 month COBRA subsidy and are required to pay for eligible former employees; Public Health offered a COVID vaccine clinic; met with Health Solutions to add COVID vaccine to the portal; premium discount incentive for completing the Wellness Program beginning in July 2021; no budget concerns; losing a staff member the end of May and will have an opening; project teams will be presented June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>; hired HR intern; lots of upcoming training opportunities in person and Zoom; Wellmark and Delta renewal to the Board next week; recommending voluntary short term disability plan; AFSCME contracts are completed; bringing draft policies to the Board this month for Transfers, Layoff and Furloughs and Performance Evaluations and Insurance.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir. - monthly budget update; no vacant positions; looking to add an accounting position as soon as possible with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money coming; upcoming land and water legacy bond issue; working on continuing disclosure document; GovSense system project; hosted training session for GovSense users; Learning Institute June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir. - working on budget documents and KPI's from departments; public hearing for the budget amendment is tomorrow.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. - discussed ARPA and potential short and long terms plan; budget status; Board Support Team meeting this afternoon about re-opening of the building; CERES debris hauling will be complete Thursday (self-haul aspect at Wickiup Hill has slowed considerably and plan to close Sunday).

Adjournment at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors