

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 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.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of June 2 & 7, 2021 as printed.

The Board received updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Engineer - 2020 year in review (new product); \$4 million under contract for projects; participating in Kirkwood intern program; in the process of reviewing job descriptions and policies/ordinances; entrances on Wilder Dr.; dust control applications in progress; and County Home Rd. project progressing. Ketels was asked to follow up on County Home Rd. roundabouts and Klima Tiling. Discussion continued regarding Sutton Rd. (Paris area) dust control.

Lisa Powell, Human Resources Dir. - County COVID Paid Leave policy expires June 30; Health Solutions added points for the COVID vaccine; LC3 activities (Resource Acquisition and the Hiring Heroes project teams presenting today and tomorrow); HR intern on board; reviewing applications for Analyst position; employee development (several training sessions planned); EAP aggregate usage report; and Labor Relations (draft policies). Discussion continued regarding the work from home policy (three days a week). Powell was asked to add an exception clause to allow more flexibility.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. - commented on the benefit of suicide training and programs put in place at the Mt. Vernon School Dist.; budget on target; reopening of county buildings yesterday (uneventful); American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: 1) Linn County receiving \$44,034,983 (and there are other funding opportunities). 2) Committee members developing framework and recommendations for the Board for distribution of funds. 3) Additional accountant in Budget & Finance will be tasked with compliance and monitoring of the funds.

Supervisor Rogers addressed neighborhood concerns around the Fillmore Building (there is a contingent of homeless people in and around the building even though the shelter is closed). He has brought this to the attention of David Thielen and Ashley Balius. He is also working with the city of Cedar Rapids regarding another shelter on a permanent basis to address the homeless population. Discussion continued regarding American Rescue funds helping to supplement and expedite the process.

Adjournment at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors