

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 8:02 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Chairperson Walker, Vice Chairperson Rogers (via phone until arriving at 8:55 a.m.) and Supervisor Zumbach. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order.

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

Ted Garnett, People Statements, presented information highlighting GAPm (Generally Accepted People Metrics) Culture Survey.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of August 23, 2021 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - COVID incidents are surging in the community; highly encourages people to get vaccinated and wear a mask; explained breakthrough cases; FDA approval of Pfizer vaccine; Board members will be in contact with Human Resources to discuss potential employee leave due to exposure, quarantining, etc.; herd immunity.

David Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir. - Child & Youth Development: receiving an additional \$8,000; successful night out with the neighborhood; General Assistance: stop gap program regarding evictions moratorium; homeless count (76); status on new homeless shelter; Options: retirement the beginning of August and reviewing management structure; other possible revenue stream options; Access Center: looking to expand hours. Dawn Schott also added to the discussion regarding Juvenile Detention: numbers remain low; notified that funds are being cut due to pandemic approximately \$300,000; staff morale is low; Early Childhood Iowa: received some funding; closure of Kids Inc had an impact on them; East Central Region: meeting yesterday about potential funding; outreach activities to school districts continues.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - thanked the Board for meeting with the Conservation Board last month; highlighted projects and trails that are in progress; park and camping activities have been strong; applying for tree grants; applied for COVID relief funding opportunities; strategic plan.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - discussed saturated buffer initiative.

Tamara Marcus, Sustainability Program Mgr. - Communication: public engagement events have been held for greenhouse gas inventory with final event on August 31st; Assessment: inventory published and receiving positive feedback; Equitable Adaption: AmeriCorps members start next month; fact finding group around utility scale solar; engagement with other municipalities regarding sustainability.

Adjournment at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisor