

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 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.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of January 11, 2021 as printed.

The Board received updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Eng. - LC3: Quarterly key performance indicators (KPI's) reviewed. Personnel: Two vacancies (Acct. Tech. and Dist. 2 Road Maint. Supervisor). Construction: 5 year plan presentation will be scheduled with the Board in February. Winter Season: Mild winter so far (same as last year). Derecho clean up: Getting close to the end of the project and working on replacing signs.

Supervisor Rogers stated that in years past when there was a snow/ice event, typically when road crews went out it was reacting to Sheriff's requests. He asked if they are being more proactive prior to the Sheriff's requests.

Ketels stated that they are definitely being more proactive rather than when the conditions present themselves and reported by the Sheriff's Office. He also explained their policy (priority route and standard routes).

Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Dir. - Remodel still in progress; Buses to be ordered will be funded through ECICOG and IDOT; Budget on target and not collecting fares; one open vacancy and will not fill until back to normal ridership; will assist with rides to vaccination appointments; looking at alternative fuel buses (forming a committee to access initial needs); in need of a third lift at the shop for the wash bay (should have funds in the budget); starting discussions for ordering fitness equipment (funding through a donation); working on scheduling sessions with Terry Whitson; and resource brochure is now available.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir. and Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir. - They are two-thirds of the way through department FY 22 budget requests; updated valuations reflects a 2% increase countywide; departments are mentioning that they have not had the opportunity to update their KPI's (have been told they are needed by March 31); GovSense is very frustrating and there is a lot of work that remains (now know would not have chosen this vendor). Discussion continued regarding Jindrich's cause for concern regarding this governmental software product. LC3 activities may be delayed and can be reprioritized.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. - Budget: portions overspent due to COVID expenditures and bringing new supervisor on line; PSC vestibule is functional; when reopening county buildings, leaning towards an "all or nothing" approach (open by appointment only was not feasible); a full opening of the buildings will still require masks and social distancing; the Community Service Building remodel is winding down; the Mental Health Access Center is close to fire inspection and then looking to a temporary occupancy permit; Fillmore roofing project had numerous concerns (punch list is on hold); County Attorney and Law Library remodel; and legislative priorities to come before the Board tomorrow. LC3 activities continue.

Discussion continued regarding a possible request for a grace period for property tax payment deadline (legislative or a governor's action).

The Board received and placed on file objections from Tom, Laura and Marty Robinson to a proposal for an industrial-scale solar panel complex near Coggon.

Adjournment at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

