

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 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 received updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Eng. - LC3 and KPI's (condition of bridges, roads and response time); budget amendment is due to revenue and fluctuation of expenditures; disaster planning; contract construction (current information can be found on the website); County Home Rd. to be closed tomorrow but that could change; winter season graphs and statistics; availability of material; sign repairs are close to being finished from Derecho; debris removal; and chart of operational goals.

Supervisor Zumbach asked about the Waubeek bridge, road embargoes, roundabouts and if Ketels followed up with Klima Tiling's offer.

Chairperson Walker shared with Ketels the high praise that Farm Bureau members have for him and his department.

Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Dir. - can begin to plan an open house for the new LIFTS building; ordered 3 buses (funding through ECICOG); budget is on target but lacking in revenues; no plans to fill vacant position at this time; following CDC guidelines and transporting residents to vaccination sites; all LIFTS staff members that wanted vaccinated have had first shot; and a lot of work going into alternative fuel buses (Electric Bus Group).

Lisa Powell, Human Resources Dir. - Federal law passed related to additional pay/leave for COVID (effective April 1) as well as additional COBRA insurance coverage; vaccines are now available for county employees through Public Health; Wellmark data costs re: COVID; budget on target however, budget amendment necessary due to advertising costs; Linn County was nominated as CBJ's "coolest place to work"; working on implementing Dayforce and making progress (secured funding for extending support and customizing new timekeeping system); HR staff attended a virtual conference yesterday; will be hiring an HR Intern this summer; training sessions scheduled; Wellmark renewal numbers are in and being reviewed; and working on five policies related to AFSCME contract renewal. Also working on a Telework Policy.

Discussion continued regarding the need to prepare employees when reopening the buildings and to provide proactive training to employees prior to reopening.

Chairperson Walker encouraged a robust Telework Policy.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. - budget is on target; LC3 activities (been on hold with meetings and will start again in the near future); FY 22 KPI's will be the same as FY 21; Harris Building public use policy has been put on hold until Fall; Supervisor redistricting (required to appoint a local five member commission to draw precincts by May 15); legislation that is wrapping up; distribution of money to non-profits that are COVID impacted; response to Derecho cleanup; construction projects winding down (Comm. Serv. Bldg.; Mental Health Access Center; and Public Service Center). New construction projects include the new Secondary Roads Dist. 1 Shop, Morgan Creek & Wanatee cold storage buildings and 30-40 misc. Derecho repair projects have been identified.

Discussion continued regarding the American Rescue Fund money and stringent requirements. Auditor Miller has expressed concerns from the State Auditor about issuing donations to nonprofits. Gage stated that if distributed to nonprofits, the statute wants local jurisdictions to help COVID impacted nonprofits.

Discussion continued regarding Indian Creek debris cleanup as well as other sites, including private property. Gage stated that seven sites have been identified. If there are more sites, constituents should contact Garret Reddish of the Secondary Road Dept.

Adjournment at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

