

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 9:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Zumbach, Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Running-Marquardt (via phone). Board members voting “AYE” unless otherwise noted.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir. – meeting with Terry Whitson and discussing GAPm scores; budget update; fully staffed; working with NextEra and Cupertino Electric to achieve compliance regarding prescribed third party testing inspections and reports; NextEra hoping to commission phase 1 by the end of this month; front office remodel is in planning phase; zoning staff met with a developer interested in constructing a 40 acre utility scale solar project; Ely Fringe Area Plan update has begun; Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; verdicts were rendered in both Shelby and Story County court cases challenging each county’s zoning ordinance regulating the placement of liquid carbon pipelines; wind ordinance update (planning a field trip to a wind farm in the future); permit update.

Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir. – KPI’s; two personnel vacancies; retirement of Steve Nunemaker; Asst. Facilities Mgr. job description has been reviewed and first round of interviews have begun; EMA building 4 and 3 are in process; EMA began moving in December 18th; will be requesting a meeting of stakeholders to decide the direction and scope for the remaining buildings and grounds; Overflow Shelter is open and operating with new signage, new fence and gates; ADA door opening changes have been made; prepared and submitted 9 Capital Improvement Plan requests; preparing FY25 budget; continued discussion with Siemens on open projects and options for resolving holdups; visiting buildings and listening to customers and staff on area improvements that can be made.

Steve Estenson, Risk Management Dir. – still waiting on funding for one FEMA project; highlighted various county buildings with repairs still needed because of the Derecho; COVID projects were submitted with the Medical Examiner being the most costly.

The Board received and placed on file a thank you letter from the Linn County Fair for their financial support.

Adjournment at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

LOUIS J. ZUMBACH, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors