

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Running-Marquardt called the meeting to order.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Exec. Dir. – budget update; General Assistance: traffic is down due to availability of ERA2 in the community; difficult clients are creating a strain on the staff; Overflow Shelter is averaging 80 individuals per night; EPA grant was secured to pilot rental rehabilitation grants for energy efficiency; Juvenile Detention: staffing continues to be a challenge; decline in numbers but needs are higher; Access Center: 24/7 started the beginning of December; changed to a different data management program January 1; Child & Youth Development: all grants have been reauthorized and are almost fully staffed; will work with the State of Iowa for quality assurance this spring; Ryan White: RFA grant was submitted to the state to request ongoing dollars to support the program; Options: nursing position filled; attendance has normalized; ECI/Decat: state is going through a realignment; will be attending NACo Legislative Conference in Washington DC.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. – in planning mode and recapped upcoming trail, park and campground projects; bird preserve; Pinicon Ridge Mountain Bike Trail design and boat concession dredging; recent snow event was welcomed by their avid cross- country ski enthusiasts; Morgan Creek Shop update; weather-related closures.

Dustin Peterson, Veterans Affairs Dir. – budget update; two veterans received county benefits to relieve financial burdens brought on by unexpected life events; assisted 79 local veterans; next available appointment is five weeks from now (winter months are the slower period of the year); attended Iowa Association of County Commissioners and Veteran Service Officers quarterly Executive Board meeting last week; asked to assist on the Association's Legislative Liaison; recent increase in organizations willing to help veterans with disability claims; four staff members will attend training in Des Moines in April; National Association of Veteran Service Officers' national training will be held in May; 3,274 Linn County veterans received federal benefits.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. – budget update; fully staffed; KPI's; statistics; network maintenance last week; security updates.

Jason Siebrecht, GIS Mgr. – highlighted 2023 accomplishments in his department.

Adjournment at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Matt Warfield, Deputy Auditor

APPROVED BY:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors