

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Zumbach called the meeting to order.

Motion by Zumbach, seconded by Rogers to approve minutes of September 25, 2023 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir. – budget update; General Assistance: ERA2 is slowly coming together (possibly launching this week); Juvenile Detention: phone issues the last several weeks; dealing with unexpected death of a staff member; Access Center: outreach continues; Child & Youth Development: NAEYC was on site for accreditation two weeks ago; ECI/DECAT: networking event will be held on October 24th; Home Health: Medicaid challenges with authorizations and difficulties with EVV through Carebridge.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. – has been a stellar year and recapped those park and trail projects; received bids for Pinicon Ridge Campground expansion; bird preserve; first solar array was installed at Pinicon Ridge Park; upcoming closing of campgrounds (dependent on weather).

Dustin Peterson, Veterans Affairs Dir. – budget update; helped two veterans last month with emergent needs; assisted 135 veterans; Linn County Suicide Prevention Coalition event on October 28th; Cedar Rapids RoughRiders hosting Honor and Respect Military Night on November 17th; rolled out appointment reminder texts for their customers; two new commission members were appointed last week; staff and Commissioners will attend Fall School next month; Making Connections event to be held at ImOn Ice Arena October 28th; 3,249 Linn County veterans received \$5,302,884 in federal benefits.

Tamara Marcus, Sustainability Dir. – Food Symposium registration form is ready to go live; Trunk or Treat with energy saver kits in Palo; Greenhouse Gas Inventory report was released; working on decommissioning project; disaster preparedness template being released this week to pilot organizations; working on IRA funding opportunities; AmeriCorp member is leaving and two new members started 9/25; upcoming energy saver kit outreach event; continues to train her new employee.

Adjournment at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

LOUIS J. ZUMBACH, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors