

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018 9:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.  
Present: Chairperson Harris, Supervisors Rogers and Walker. Absent: Vice Chairperson Houser (personal business) and Supervisor Oleson (other county business). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Harris called the meeting to order.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Steve Gannon, County Engineer & Brad Ketels, Asst. County Engineer - winter service started well; possible City of Cedar Rapids E Ave. assessment; construction program is due April 15<sup>th</sup>; dust control costs are a little higher; seal coating and the cost of new equipment. Ketels added that the 2017 traffic counts should be available by the end of January.

Supervisor Rogers asked how Gannon and Ketels felt about the public hearing assessment district meeting last night and Ketels responded that it went as expected but they were surprised with the opposition. Rogers stated that this may be a good product for them to look at and improve.

Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Dir. - will be in Des Moines Wednesday and Thursdays; Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is stagnant (will be looking for a facility in the future to house the new vehicles); Mobility Coordinator is collecting data for the Board and completing other projects; no concerns with budget; received last new bus and won't receive any more until possibly in FY19; short three drivers due to unplanned retirement (Lead Mechanic position put on hold for now); attending Learning Institutes.

Supervisor Rogers discussed the tiered rates for Options and asked what the impact would be to LIFTS ridership and Hardecopf responded that he hasn't looked into it.

Steve Estenson, Risk Management Dir. - working on OSHA and fuel storage reports; updating Drug and Alcohol Policy for job descriptions with CDL requirements per DOT changes; will move to the second floor mid-February; fitness center facilities are busy; attending Learning Institutes; minimal injuries and vehicle accidents due to change in weather.

Supervisor Harris asked how the OSHA report compares to previous years and Estenson responded that the 10 year history reflects a decline in severity of injuries.

Steve Tucker, Finance Dir. - budget in on track; CAFR is complete; Auditor's will be in the office this week to review grants and compliance issues; reviewing estimated tax credits and valuation numbers for offer pot availability; Dows property added as a debt (will bring debt service up by 6 cents); review of Prospect Meadows financials next week and next steps.

Dawn Jindrich, Budget Dir. - finishing up budgets; would like to run state report by January 15<sup>th</sup> (if valuation numbers are done); hasn't heard anything different about the backfill; offers will be reviewed January 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Board received and placed on file a letter from Willis Dady thanking the Board for their donation.

Adjournment at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors