

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019 8:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Oleson (via phone until 8:12 a.m.).
Absent: Chairperson Walker (personal business). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

The Board met with Elected Officials and department Heads to discuss County-related issues including:

Rhonda Betsworth, Auditor's Office, presented a Paycheck Calculator Tool.

Garth Fagerbakke, gave a construction update on the Harris Building and the O'Brien Building.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., gave a construction update on converting the Public Health Building to a Mental Health Access Center and moving DHS to the Community Services Building.

Supervisor Oleson arrived at this time.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Exec. Dir. - LC3 meeting with Terry Whitson; budget update; Leah Coffman started March 25th; Stacey Lietz starts April 1st as Cheryl King's replacement; Susan Liddell retired March 25th and her replacement Terri Godwin started March 25th; Juliane Pauly retired last month. Child & Youth Development: Family Transformations program credentialing site visit is April 15-17th; surprise DHS compliance visit went well. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT: Families First Act (major overhaul of the nation's foster care system with possible implementation by July 2020). Ryan White/Home Health: Ryan White file audit completed on March 5th. LCCS Core: working on development of the Fillmore Building into a day center. Juvenile Detention: numbers of juveniles being housed from other counties is running high; PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Audit to take place in April/May; staffing issues continue.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - challenging winter with lots of frost in the ground still. Highlighted the current and upcoming trail projects; Conservation partners meeting April 4th; looking forward to campgrounds opening within the next two weeks; education staff had bear week over spring break.

Larry Hlavacek, Health Dept. - strategic plan and KPIs; started LC3 this month; budget update; several staff vacancies; requesting that the Board authorize and pay for a temporary staff member to scan and box up records (septic and wells for the county).

The consensus of the Board is that this staff request should have been done through the offer process of the budget. It was suggested that Hlavacek speak with Fagerbakke and Gage regarding available space for these records at the new building.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - cover crop practice is lagging due to weather; annual Invasive Species meeting; will work with County Attorney's Office to create protocol for weed complaints; meeting at Maquoketa Watershed Management Authority; revising KPI's; Emery Davis started yesterday as a Soil Health Coordinator.

Supervisor Oleson asked Gallagher about water data for Prospect Meadows as well as the Dow's property baseline numbers.

Don Tyne, Veterans Affairs Dir. - Commissioner Kelly Driscoll's term ends in July; electronic changes in forms are affecting his office; Learning Institute; updating KPIs.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. - Helpdesk statistics; staff member retirement in April; KPIs; Aumentum ticket status; Tyler Project - completed preliminary conversion of data delivery and working on final completion of data; Learning Institutes scheduled for the quarter; working with the State DOT on connection point at Community Services Building for the Treasurer's Office; replaced old switching gear at major buildings; starting wireless infrastructure review at the Public Service Center.

Supervisor Oleson asked for Lowder's thoughts on RSM as a Project Manager and Lowder responded that they are a great partner and are persistent with pressing Thomson Reuters and Tyler. It has been a good relationship. Lowder is disappointed that they were pushed to a third party for the data extraction.

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Adjournment at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors