

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018 8:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Chairperson Harris, Vice Chairperson Houser, Supervisors Rogers (arriving at 8:33 a.m.), Oleson and Walker. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Harris called the meeting to order.

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

Mikki Scott, Health Solutions, introduced Linn County's new account manager, Jenna Reishus, and provided an update on the Wellness Rewards Program. They will be looking for feedback on the program in the upcoming months.

Les Beck, Planning & Development, stated that there are a lot of LC3 projects in the works.

Jason Siebrecht, GIS, provided a demonstration of the Linn County Geographic Information System internet portal.

Joi Alexander, Communications Dir., discussed the website redesign noting that the website surveys are complete and their next phase is meeting with departments individually with a goal of condensing pages on the web. A logo was selected a few weeks ago and they are working with the designer to update it and create a style guide. Once the style guide is in place, they can move forward with implementing the logo.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir. - Options: monitoring budget closely. General Assistance: Rusty Goins is retiring July 6th; Ashley Balias will oversee General Assistance starting in May; Thielen will oversee Ryan White and Home Health; attending HIV training through the Iowa Dept. of Public Health in April. Child and Youth Development: awarded an additional \$10,000 to the Linn County Nurturing Parent Program. Supervisor Rogers added that May 18th is the ground breaking for the new Harris Building. Early Childhood Iowa & DECAT: met with DHS Region Director to discuss feasibility and options regarding the management of DECACT funds in Jones County; upcoming contract renewals. Juvenile Detention: part of interview team for Asst. Dir. and hired Dan Williams. LCCS Core: strategic planning for LCCS programs continues; two LCCS Board positions open; community resource sheets updated; Elder Meals Study Committee continues to meet. MHDD: layoffs are completed and the department officially closed March 9th; Maggie Beavers will retire March 29th.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - Linn County Water & Land Legacy meeting to be held April 19th to discuss final list of projects; offer was made for land adjacent to Morgan Creek Park with a closing date the middle of April; discussed KPI's.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - Health Equity Report; Opioid Use Disorder Steering Committee; SSB 1169 passed the Senate Ways & Means Subcommittee; Board of Health position statements; food waste education grant; Centers for Disease Control has a new Director; Board of Health reception canceled this year.

Don Tyne, Veterans Affairs Dir. - two of his staff is out of state for training; attended Iowa Home Base meeting last night; discussed KPI's.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - EQIP: sign up program; cover crops; state cost share funding plans; Conservation Technical Assistance: field visits; working with City of Ely (storm water management and drainage); reviewed development project plans; working with Linn County Conservation and Cedar Rapids School District on Morgan Creek watershed; received grant (5 year \$300,000) and will work with Lisa Powell on job description; attended annual Weed Commissioner meeting.

Phil Lowder, I.T. Dir. - helpdesk statistics; budget is on target; two staff vacancies; discussed KPI's. Jason Siebrecht, GIS Coord., also discussed KPI's.

Supervisor Walker left the meeting at this time for other county business.

Lowder continued: Aumentum (patches, fixes and tickets); April meeting is with the Recorder's Office.

Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir. - discussed KPI's; new employee started this month; Learning Institute; presort services were implemented March 1st.

Chairperson Harris left the meeting at this time for other county business.

Hutchins continued: working with Joi Alexander on implementation of the new logo; purchases and bids for various departments.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. - budget is on target; equipment has been ordered for Communications Specialist; discussed KPI's; Legislative: lease purchase bill,

deappropriations bill; county supervisor district plan, mental health bill; Harris Building is nearing the completion of valued engineering (over 100 items on the list); Gage is confident they will meet the target of \$2.4 million; dispatch contracts went out about a month ago and haven't received any of them back. He will contact Major Riniker to follow up with the four cities. Working on job description for Policy & Admin. Specialist; Supervisor Walker identified a summer intern to work in their office; O'Brien building renovation: proposals for architectural design are due April 6th with a selection made on April 18th.

Les Beck, Planning & Development Dir. - Dows Farm Concept Plan public open house on April 12th; high water mark/flood commemoration; Hazard Mitigation Plan; two training sessions on April 5th for online Code of Ordinances; 28E agreements for building services terminated by Ely and Palo; working to fill boards and commissions; interviewing for Project Manager; working on Office Manager job description; Squaw Creek Park; Hercules' Haven meeting with owners.

Adjournment at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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By: Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors