

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018 9:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Chairperson Harris, Vice Chairperson Houser, Supervisors Rogers and Walker.
Absent: Supervisor Oleson (personal 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 - attended funeral for previous County Engineer Jerry Nelson; handled snowstorm event.

Brad Ketels, Asst. County Engineer - Operations Superintendent position has been posted; majority of projects have been let for upcoming construction year; staff is finishing the last session of Core Values.

Board members thanked Gannon for his years of service and the foundation he set for the future of the Roads Dept.

Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Dir. - no update on RTA; budget is ok; fully staffed; Learning Institutes continue; submitted KPI's; will need advice from Board once logo is finalized for branding of the buses.

Terry Bergen, Mobility Coordinator, presented a PowerPoint regarding his Transportation Gap Funding Project.

Supervisor Rogers stated that he would be supportive of using Mental Health surplus dollars to fund this project (\$5,000).

Hardecopf added that the DOT is interested in using this as a pilot project.

Steve Tucker, Finance Dir. - reviewed monthly report; will be attending GFOA conference along with others from the county; sat in on a conference call regarding worker's comp. third party administration. There are no issues from a financial standpoint (Supervisor Rogers disclosed that his wife was part of the conference call). Working on Prospect Meadows (urban renewal area approved, public hearing is upcoming, need to issue bonds); working with committee regarding Tyler and possible replacement of Aumentum and GEMS with upcoming site visit on April 26th; working on legacy bonds for Conservation that were approved last November.

Dawn Jindrich, Budget Dir. - attending same meetings as Tucker; final budget amendment information is due by April 18th; will present at MEDCO meeting today; will lose all, if not some, of the backfill money; working on compensation study figures with Lisa Powell; voiced frustration with attending labor management meetings and being put in the middle.

Garth Fagerbakke, Facilities Mgr. - Public Service Center - Risk Management area is complete; terrazzo repairs complete; vendor is working on a quote and implementation plan for the mass notification system. Correctional Center - plumbing repairs; LED bulb change out; changing out sinks and toilets in victor block. Courthouse - fiberglass piping is still on hold. Supervisor Houser asked how long they have been working on it and Fagerbakke stated about two years which is too long. Juvenile Detention Center - carpet quotes are due 4/17/18. Secondary Roads - collected samples last week to test for mold (no mold found), found rotted wood and recommend new siding on the south facing side of the building; working with IT on network improvements. Health/Child Development - value engineering is complete for Harris Building. O'Brien - assisted with RFP for remodel of the building. Facilities - fully staffed; will need budget amendment for utilities; transitioning from winter to spring activities and HVAC spring maintenance.

Joi Alexander, Communications Dir. - website - meeting with departments on survey results for website redesign; researching other websites for layout examples; logo - brand standards guide is in progress; will meet with departments one on one about standards of the new logo and implementation.

Discussion continued regarding all county departments using the same logo and previous challenges in accomplishing uniformity. Supervisor Rogers suggested that all departments are to use Linn County's official logo and they can choose to have their own logo as well.

Alexander continued: April is National County Government month; the Board video has been launched on the website; will meet with Steve O'Konek regarding PIO changes and/or improvements; Future Leaders of Linn County event on April 25th (32 students); Harris Building ground breaking in May; State of the County; Learning Institutes continue.

Lisa Powell, Human Resources Dir. - discussed KPI's.

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Supervisor Rogers asked if the 84 applicants for the Deputy Sheriff positions was related to the marketing outreach. Powell responded that this is the first time the Sheriff's Office used the recruiting process with Human Resources along with the social media interactions and commercial.

Adjournment at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors