

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 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, Oleson
(leaving at 9:45 a.m.) and Walker. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Harris called the meeting to order.

The Board received updates from the following Department Heads:

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - Projects underway: Buffalo Creek Dam mitigation, East Blue Creek Bridge, Grant Wood Trail, Pinicon Ridge Trail Bridge, Wickiup Hill wetland enhancement, Pinicon Ridge playground and restroom replacement. Projects under design: Wapsi Pinicon River scenic overlook (different venue than what the Linn County Fair Board has available), Pinicon Ridge Plains campground shower house and storm shelter, water distribution system, Morgan Creek Park master plan. Closing on Thursday for 35 additional acres to Morgan Creek Park. There is a Resolution on the Board's Agenda tomorrow regarding GO Land and Water Legacy Bonds.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Dept. Dir. - Expressed his gratitude for the TAVConnect community care coordination software funding; celebrated Public Health week; grateful for moving forward with building project; Sexual Health Alliance of Linn and Johnson County; Integrated HIV/HCV Program (grant will expand outreach efforts); Linn County Worksite Wellness (extended deadline to complete worksite wellness assessments); Cedar Rapids Wellbeing Advisory Committee (participating in strategic planning to transition from Blue Zones to Healthy Hometown); Quality Improvement Training (part of the QI training); Opioid Use Disorder Steering Committee; invited to be a participant in panel discussion with Mt. Mercy and gave media interviews; receiving real time data from emergency room visits from one of the two hospitals; Secretary of Housing was in town last week (talked to him and had lunch).

Opioid Epidemic discussion continued including the Board being solicited by other agencies to join in on class action lawsuits. Supervisor Walker asked that if litigation comes up in the Steering Committee discussions to keep the Board apprised.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation Dept. Head - Moving forward with EQIP program (primarily cover crop applications, including the county farm); spring layout and construction activities (series of waterways); three participants received cost share for spring installation of various practices; providing tech support to applicants approved last year but installing this spring; looking at mid contract management activities; conservation tech assistance; working with Cedar Rapids Storm Water Dept. for bio-retention cell project plans; meeting conservation and Cedar Rapids Comm. School Dist. re: Morgan Creek pond and wetland plans; continuing to work on the Iowa Partners for Conservation Grant; met with Coe College grounds maintenance superintendent re: additional rain garden. Supervisor Oleson left the meeting at this time.

Don Tyne, Veterans Affairs Dir. - All staff are certified Veteran Service Officers; attended Veteran Affairs Resource meeting and have an event in Coggon.

Supervisor Rogers asked if the changes in leadership at Veteran Affairs has had an impact on Linn County's Veteran Affairs office. Tyne responded that it disrupts the direction that the national office is going and gave examples.

Phil Lowder, I.T. Dir. - Statistics for March; budget is at 67%; now have one staff vacancy; KPI Overview; he subscribes to several feeds about cyber security events. Issued an advisory to state and local government for high risk of ransom ware. Projects: Aumentum; IT Managers meeting with Recorder's Office; working on GEMS update; midway through a camera server update; completing desktop inventory; and the GIS department is working on the census project.

Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir. - Working on DHS Lease (Iowa Bldg.) which is due in March. He would like to have permission to work with Darrin Gage and engage OPN to do a space study at the Community Services Bldg. (CSB). Linn County pays \$292,000 annually in rent for DHS and possibly looking to locate them at the CSB. Budget & Finance have indicated that there is funding available to hire OPN. Options is requesting that the vending machines in the lunchroom be removed. They are asking consumers to provide their own snacks and lunches as a learning experience. Worked on bids for Conservation, Road Dept., Health Dept., Facilities and continue training with Terry Whitson.

Supervisor Houser asked Hutchins to look into state reimbursement if DHS is located in a county-owned building.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. - CSB space plan (cost will be included in next FY). OPN designed the building and did a study for Veteran Affairs. Case management space is available now and a chain reaction would occur. Going to Labor/Management meeting on May 1st regarding Assistant position and could post on May 2 (person could start before July 1 as there is funding available). KPI's; Learning Institute. Water and Land Legacy Bond Public Review Board met (four vacancies). Supervisor District bill passed; food inspection fees bill has a chance of moving on; house passed five budget

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bills; Harris Building Neighborhood assoc. meeting tomorrow night. O'Brien Building improvement project (kick off meeting with Martin Gardner).

Supervisor Walker reminded Gage that the Board's summer intern will need a laptop. Gage indicated that IT has several unused laptops because of the closing of Case Management.

Walker also thanked Gage for his efforts in keeping the neighborhood association informed regarding the Harris Building.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve Claims #70601871-#70601897 in the amt. of \$327,243.57.

Public Comment: Supervisor Walker stated that the Board will be hosting 26 high school students tomorrow for the first annual Future Leaders of Linn County Day. Their hope is that it will be educational; they will get a taste of local government and hopefully inspire them to consider public service in their near future.

Adjournment at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors