

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 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 and Walker. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Harris called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Olson, 2319 William Court NW, Cedar Rapids, thanked the Board for their consideration on an issue called ban the box. If the Board makes their final consideration of ban the box they will join over 30 states and over 150 cities and county municipalities that have adopted this tool as a way to finding a solution. He has worked very hard on ban the box. They need an alternative to the way they have been doing things in the past and how people are reintegrated back into society. This will restore people's human dignity. Employment is very important to everyone because it gives them dignity. When Olson was growing up, he was told that everyone deserves a second chance. He thanked the Board again noting that they are doing the right thing. He hopes that it filters over to other jurisdictions.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Engineer - providing weekly updates to the Board; Mary Lukes has joined their team to replace Valerie Roll; new Operations Superintendent is Jerad Kelley; District 1 Foreman position is now vacant; researching chloride replacement for rock on different projects; Spencer's Grove and Sawyer Rd. projects are in progress; reviewing snow routes; roadside committee; 28E discussion with Central City.

Chairperson Harris addressed a concern with Big Bend Rd. near Bertram. Ketels or the Foreman will follow up with the Board by the end of the week.

Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Dir. - no update on RTA; Mobility Coordinator handling a variety of projects; budget is ok; fully staffed; Learning Institutes continue; potential of receiving two new buses in FY19; FTA triennial review showed no findings for their service; Move It Linn County bike ride tomorrow night.

Steve Estenson, Risk Management Dir. - received federal reimbursement from the flood of 2016; permit activity (fireworks, property use, hold harmless) is picking up; reviewing emergency action plan; working on third party administrator for worker's comp.; six employees off work due to injury (high number); open vehicle claims (county not at fault); will be speaking at a symposium.

Steve Tucker, Finance Dir. - monthly operations update; reviewed KPI's; bond issuance financing timetable (Land and Water Legacy bonds and Prospect Meadows bonds); property tax software (additional on-site visit).

Garth Fagerbakke, Facilities Mgr. - Public Service Center - Siemens is working on a proposal for the mass notification system; installation of rest room panels is delayed. Supervisor Rogers asked about the cones in the parking lot and the status of fixing the cement and Fagerbakke responded that they will have to raise or lower the concrete. Correctional Center - LED bulb change out is 90% complete; completed change out of the sinks and toilets in victor block. Courthouse - fiberglass piping is still on hold. Juvenile Detention Center - contract was approved and carpet has been ordered. Secondary Roads - need to repair wall and siding on south side of the building; IT needs to order equipment for the network improvements. Health/Child Development - working with design firms and contractors on completing system designs that were changed due to value engineering. Sheriff's Office - finalizing change orders and close out paperwork. O'Brien - working on building design with architectural firm. Facilities - fully staffed (three out on medical leave); budget status; transitioning from winter to spring activities.

Chairperson Harris stated that in the next few weeks he would like to discuss the mass notification system at the 8 a.m. all management meeting.

Joi Alexander, Communications Dir. - Future Leaders of Linn County event held on April 25th; FEMA drill on May 15th; Harris Building groundbreaking on May 18th; State of the County on May 30th; website redesign - a third of the way through meeting with each department; logo redesign - brand style guide in progress; worked with Les Beck on Dow's Farm project (created web page); highlighted April being National County Government month on Twitter.

The Board received and placed on file a thank you letter from Freedom Foundation regarding LIFTS transportation service.

Supervisor Houser stated that he received a call from Dorothy Mullins who voiced some suggestions about ADA issues at the Courthouse. He contacted Linn County's Facilities Director and Darrin Gage regarding the issues. Houser wanted to let her know that they are addressing issues contained in the voicemail.

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Adjournment at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors