

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 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, Walker and Oleson (arriving at 8:27 a.m.). 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, provided an update on the Wellness Rewards Program and reported on the feedback they have received to enhance next year's program.

Gloria Witzberger, Child Development Center, gave a presentation on the Cash for Kids Program.

Les Beck, Planning & Development, and Lisa Powell, HR Dir., gave an update on LC3 projects that are in the works.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to go into Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(k) to discuss information contained in records in the custody of Linn County, Iowa that are confidential records pursuant to Iowa Code Section 22.7 (50).

VOTE: Rogers - Aye Houser - Aye Walker - Aye Harris - Aye

Motion by Houser, seconded by Walker to go out of Closed Session.

VOTE: Rogers - Aye Houser - Aye Walker - Aye Harris - Aye Oleson - Aye

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir. - Options - continues to meet with management to address financials; RFP for nursing services; possible implementation of adult daycare program; bumping has negatively impacted budget. Early Childhood Iowa & DECAT - less funding; Four Oaks discontinued contract (DECAT will staff). Child & Youth Development - National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation; HACAP Head Start federal review; upcoming Child and Adult Care Food Program review. Juvenile Detention - numbers were high in March and April; Mt. Mercy University ran a story on the Detention/Diversion program. LCCS Core - finishing up strategic plan; Community Services now has a Facebook page; collaborating with Don Tyne to ensure needs are being met.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - introduced new Conservation Deputy Daniel Gibbins; campgrounds are full; trails are busy; highlighted projects including: Buffalo Creek Dam; East Blue Creek Bridge; Grant Wood Trail surfacing; Pinicon Ridge playground and restroom replacement (Riverside Area); Wapsipinicon River Scenic overlook; Plains Campground shower house and storm shelter; Pinicon Ridge water distribution system; Morgan Creek Park horizontal park infrastructure; master plan signage; Highway 100 trail. Discussed increasing janitorial services at Wickiup Hill building.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - thanked the Board for the Harris Bldg. groundbreaking; Senate File 2390 (Food Bill) is now a law; House File 2377 (Opioid Bill) is now a law; Solarize Cedar Rapids and Linn County is a NACCHO Promising Practice; met with stakeholders; met with Linn County Medical Examiner's Office regarding sharing information; Friends of Linn County Public Health; Opioid Use Disorder Steering Committee; Public Health and UWECI grant funding; WayPoint Services added to TAVConnect; Linn County Worksite Wellness Committee; Mental Health Support for nuisance (hoarding) cases; update to Air Quality Ordinance.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - Conservation Technical Assistance & Planning - provided assistance for waterway projects; CRP - provided participants with Mid Contract Management information; CTA - oversight of Prospect Meadows. Education & Outreach - Eastern Iowa Green Infrastructure Conference is in October of 2018; finalizing program for summer Conservation Tour for legislators in July; met with Conservation and Cedar Rapids School District regarding proposed Morgan Creek pond and wetland plans; assisting Central City with review submittal of sponsored project; Iowa Partners for Conservation grant - reviewing and modifying proposed Soil Health Coordinator job description.

Don Tyne, Veterans Affairs Dir. - submitted list of names of candidates for the commission opening; networking with other departments; working on Stand Down; will be attending event in Coggon; will attend ceremony on May 28<sup>th</sup>; will attend event at City Hall tonight; 20% of surveys sent out have been returned.

The Board recessed at 9:44 a.m. reconvened at 9:49 a.m.

Les Beck, Planning & Development Dir. - examining effectiveness of checklists for LC3; Dows Farm Concept Plan webpage, meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> with design consultant and the City of Cedar Rapids; high water mark signs finalized; 28E agreements with Lisbon; Ande

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Hendricks promoted to Office Manager; Permit Specialist job opening; working with HR on Project Manager position; Building Official job opening; upcoming Zoning Secretary announcement; Land Use map amendment; Historic Preservation Commission event on May 20th at Center Point Depot; attending County Zoning Officials Spring Conference; GIS created an inspection application for their office.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. - three notable variances in budget; Policy Admin. Specialist position closes next Thursday; working on products for Learning Institutes; provided Public Health example of ordinance process; Harris Building update - most of the trees were taken down; O'Brien building project; legislative update - debriefing with Larry Murphy and Gary Grant on June 6<sup>th</sup>; some unsolicited land offers will be coming to the Board soon; conference call with Iowa Legal Aid and Mechelle Dhondt regarding an expungement clinic.

Adjournment at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors