

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 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 and Supervisor Rogers. Absent:
Supervisors Oleson and Walker (personal business). 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:

Jenna Reishus of Health Solutions gave an update on the "Lose It Linn County"
competition and the Rewards Program.

Mark Mathis, Amperage Marketing, explained the new Linn County logo that he designed
and explained the importance of branding.

Joi Alexander, Communications Dir., explained the goals of the rebranding and provided
a Brand Style Guide.

Les Beck gave an LC3 update noting that Rob Lawton workshops are scheduled for October
and November.

The Board received updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Exec. Dir. - Child & Youth Development: went through several
reviews. Early Childhood Iowa & DECAT: busy time of year to reissue RFP's and re-bid
contracts for FY 19. General Assistance: Director is retiring July 6th; Ryan White
program is going paperless; need a fulltime case manager to work on housing. Juvenile
Detention Center - four girls participating in the Gender Specific Programming and one
is "graduating" from the program. OPTIONS - keeping an eye on finances; program
continues to grow. LCCS Core - LCCS Board survey conducted; appointments made last
week and orientation; working on website updates; ordinance review & updates; updating
KPI's; and RFP is out for Access Center Workgroup.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - Buffalo Creek Dam mitigation is 2 days away from
completion (high water and weather has been an issue); East Blue Creek bridge
replacement on Cedar Valley Nature Trail and will have no detour route; Grant Wood
Trail bids received; pedestrian bridge at Pinicon Ridge contract signed; working
through wetland enhancement at Wickiup Hill; Playground/Restroom replacement at
Riverside Shelter; Wapsipinicon River Scenic Overlook grant received; Plains
Campground shower house storm shelter contract in process; Morgan Creek Park
redevelopment off of E Ave in progress; Master Plan signage project; Ament working on
first phase of Hwy.100 trail; trail from Center Point to Urbana in process; Pinicon
Ridge Park is close to flooding but camping is remaining strong and Wickiup Hill
summer programming going strong.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - busy with field review of conservation practices;
there is an uptick in the use of no till practices; field review of two potential ag
waste sites; performed site visit of potential bio reactor; busy month working with
various urban homeowners due to excessive subsurface water; two soil loss complaints
associated with spring rains; will have a presence at the Linn County Fair; providing
guidance to the city of Ely for SRF Water Resources Restoration Sponsored Project;
working with Cedar Rapids on review of storm water management standards; moving
forward on Iowa Partners for Conservation grant; Weed Commissioner duties - received
three complaints against private landowners for excessive thistle infestations.

Don Tyne, Veterans Affairs Dir. - met with IT over the last two months to develop an
IPad application for veterans to sign in and will collect data; will have a booth at
the Linn County Fair as well as Voices of Hope; and looking forward to commissioner
appointment.

Phil Lowder, I.T. Dir. - Helpdesk stats; budget; fully staffed; KPI's; had a unique
power outage issue; Helpdesk Highlights went out; Aumentum stats; busy with year-end
processing, GEMS and camera updates; and attended SOS Elections Cybersecurity
Workshop.

Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir. - moving forward with finding LIFTS a new location;
glad to see they are moving forward with architect for Community Service Building
space study (DHS lease could be affected); working on the county's branding with
vendors; and involved in various year end purchases for departments.

Les Beck, Planning & Development Dir. - Dows Farm Concept Plan (met with neighbors);
High Water Mark signs have been delivered to Conservation; attended Epic Rebirth
event; 28E Agreements for building services staffing; boards & commissions (opening
for Planning & Zoning Commissioner); ordinance updates; Linn County Wind Farm
Suitability Analysis to be conducted by (IISC) Iowa Initiative for Sustainable
Communities; and staff met with applicant of proposed nutrient composting facility.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. - Budget looks good; Policy & Admin. Specialist to start July 23rd; improving agenda and conference room request procedures; boards and commissions on website revamped; will use his FY 19 training budget to work with Ted Garnett (good time to formalize the board's administrative group as a department); Harris Bldg. excavation for foundation work mostly complete; working within the budget for the O'Brien Bldg. (will take on the look of other county buildings); negotiating the E Ave special assessment by the city of Cedar Rapids; working with the Board's summer intern on an expungement clinic to be held on Sept. 22nd at the Community Service Building (will be paid from SET task force budget); and Pioneer Cemeteries will be a project he will assign to new staff member.

Adjournment 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors