

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 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 (arriving at 8:45), 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 met with Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss County-related issues, including:

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., presented a Customer Satisfaction in Human Resources PowerPoint.

Auditor Joel Miller gave an overview of Securing the Human Training which is offered by the State of Iowa and encouraged everyone to take this free, online course.

Becky Shoop, Deputy Auditor, gave an update on House File 2240 which is legislation that allows employers to no longer provide Notice of Deposits (NOD's) to employees.

Steve Estenson, Risk Manager, gave an update on the Worker's Compensation Third Party Administrator, Sedgewick.

Joi Alexander, Communications Dir., gave an update on the new county logo and branding.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented information regarding new legislation that allows county's to publish Resolution summaries with Board of Supervisor minutes with certain criteria.

Gage also gave an update on the Community Services Building Space Assessment.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Houser to approve minutes of July 23, 2018 as presented.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Exec. Dir. - Conducting performance evaluations of all directors. OPTIONS: Impact of tier rate and watching revenue streams; DCAT: closing down FY18. East Central Region: Judicial Mental Health Advocate is working closely with a client regarding payment issues moving through court system and terminated meetings with Mechelle Dhondt. Child & Youth Development: Reaccredited through NAEYC. Ryan White: Transitioning away from paper and staff have been given smart phones. Juvenile Detention: Dawn Schott was named to the Iowa Children's Mental Health Board. LCCS Core: Working with directors to look at current KPI's and measuring accurate outcomes. Working with Access Center Workgroup regarding a project manager (no response to RFP).

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - East Blue Creek bridge replacement (asbestos issue); Grant Wood Trail contractor has been selected and parking will be handled internally; ordered a new pedestrian/snow mobile bridge for Pinicon Ridge Park; Wickiup Hill wetland on hold; scenic overlook is on track; on track to continue progress to connecting to Central City water supply within Pinicon Ridge campground; design consultant working on relocating Morgan Creek park access; Master Plan signage; engineer working on Hwy. 100 trail Phase 1; trail design work from Center Point to Urbana; closed out FY 18 strong in terms of lodge/shelter/campground usage and FY 19 started off the same way. It is gratifying to see the number of kids at Wickiup Hill; gearing up for operation re-leaf (phasing out); recognizing volunteers and Board of Supervisors are invited to the event; and working with Human Resources on a couple positions within the department that do a lot of things beyond their current job description and would like to elevate them.

Logo discussion continued regarding Conservation signage. Will do dual logos on stationery and will bring signage before Conservation Board for consideration.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - Meeting with stakeholders; met with medical examiner's office regarding data sharing; Youth Advisory Council (initiating community-wide dialogue); working with a local law firm to create a nonprofit named Friends of Linn County Public Health; Iowa Youth Survey (working with Cedar Rapids School Dist.); met with Foundation 2 in light of increased number of suicides; Strategic Plan progressing; excited about Harris Building progress; Opioid Data Subcommittee; Linn County Public Health was awarded Department of the Year and re-accreditation is due in early 2020.

Don Tyne, Veterans Affairs Dir. - Appreciative of Board looking at their space issues and FY 17 Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures report from Federal Govt. received and explained.

Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir. - Continuing with Learning Institute; working on a new location for LIFTS building; continue to work with Iowa Prison Industries on new logo

design; met with OPN for Community Services Building (CSB) redesign; bomb training and white powder training; FY 18 budget came in at 90%; mail route vehicle is in the shop; cooperative bid with city of Cedar Rapids for gas; and assisted county departments on various issues.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. and Sherry Timmins, Policy & Admin. Specialist - Budget FY 18 stats; KPI's and product improvements; Learning Institutes; Resolution summary procedure; series of meetings with Ted Garnett; Harris Building construction update and live webcam of construction is on line; possible Change Order is coming related to over excavation; Cedar Rapids E Ave special assessment to Linn County (adjacent to Morgan Creek Park) and necessary construction easements. Expungement Clinic progress (Sept. 22 at CSB); and O'Brien Bldg. improvement project (Aug. 29 bids due).

Adjournment at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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BY: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors