

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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, Oleson  
(arrived at 8:22 a.m.) and Walker (arrived at 8:06 a.m.). Board members voting "AYE"  
unless otherwise noted.

The Board met with Elected Officials and department Heads to discuss County-related  
issues including:

Mikki Scott, Health Solutions, gave an update on the first quarter Wellness Rewards  
Program metrics and upcoming screenings.

Lisa Powell, Human Resources, discussed bidding and promotions.

Supervisor Oleson arrived at this time.

Rhonda Betsworth, Auditor's Office, presented a document regarding procurement cards.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of October 22, 2018 as  
printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Exec. Dir. - Child & Youth Development: issues with Four Oaks  
contracts. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT: community assessment results; prioritizing  
future budget cuts. Ryan White/Home Health: numbers continue to grow; proposal for  
additional Case Manager. Options: everything is going well. LCCS Core: Abilities in  
completed Action Expo; continue to look for a winter overflow shelter. Juvenile  
Detention: renewed contract with Johnson County for three beds per day; population has  
been high; several part time positions are open. Presentation by Public Health on the  
TAV Health System; have proposal for the Community Services Bldg. space needs  
assessment; meetings continue for the Access Center.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir., and Daniel Gibbins, Deputy Dir. - highlighted  
projects including: East Blue Creek Bridge, Grant Wood Trail surfacing, Pinicon Ridge  
playground and restroom replacement; Plains Campground shower house and storm shelter;  
Morgan Creek Park infrastructure; Cedar Valley Trail paving. Other activities: three  
separate flood events at Pinicon Ridge; Wings to Water program; received third place  
award for wildlife habitat; Conservation Board has moved the next set of bonds  
forward.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - staff illnesses; influenza vaccinations; wood  
appliance change-out program; new building; interest in the old building once new  
building is complete; Grants to County water collection and testing program; hydrogen  
sulfide monitoring; Opioid Steering Committee; TAV Connect; Food Safety Advisory  
Council; Idle Free Linn; meet and greet with elected officials went well.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - finalizing infiltration based practices; working  
with Secondary Roads on stabilizing an outlet on a waterway project; EQIP sign-up  
deadline was October 19<sup>th</sup>; performed three field reviews this month.

Don Tyne, Veterans Affairs Dir. - number one veteran population is Vietnam war; worked  
with constituent to locate a deceased veteran.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. - Helpdesk stat's; budget; one staff vacancy; KPI's; Aumentum  
stat's; October Helpdesk highlights released; will be advocating for two factor  
authentication at budget time.

Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir. - located HESCO barriers; toured facility for Iowa  
Prison Industries; working with Auditor's Office on p-card program; CSB space needs  
assessment; Learning Institutes continue; assisted county departments with various  
purchases.

Les Beck, Planning & Development Dir. - Dow's Farm Phase 2; staffing; staff  
recognitions; Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities Wind Farm Suitability Study;  
Food Systems Council strategic planning effort; Iowa APA state conference and Our  
Woodland Legacy Symposium.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. - FY19 budget stat's; KPI's and product  
improvement's; Harris building construction update; O'Brien building demo started  
yesterday; will be meeting with DHS regarding CSB space assessment; Water and Land  
Legacy Bond public review board meeting approved 13 projects (three vacancies on the  
board); finishing up the revised travel and p-card policies; Complete County Committee  
for 2020 census.

Public Comment: Stacey Walker, Supervisor, stated that the NAACP is hosting a forum  
for candidates running for office tonight. He will be attending to share his vision  
for Linn County and encouraged his opponent to attend.

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Adjournment at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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By: Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

JOHN HARRIS, Vice Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors