

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019 8:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Chairperson Walker, Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Oleson (arrived at 8:06 a.m.). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order.

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

Mikki Scott, Health Solution, gave an update on the Wellness Rewards Program, the coaching program and program enhancements and next steps for the next fiscal year.

Supervisor Rogers asked the Department Heads to give a round robin update for their individual departments.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of April 22, 2019.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - campgrounds have been opened for the season. Highlighted the current and upcoming projects including trails, parking, playground, scenic overlook and signage. Education program is working on new mission statement; nature Easter egg hunt held; looking at new day camps; EcoFest held; Kids to Parks proclamation; Conservation partners meeting held April 4; Pinicon Ridge featured in a Travel Iowa promotion.

Emery Davis, Soil Health Coord. - planning field days for late summer; sent letters to introduce himself to people in the Indian Creek Watershed area.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - NRCS realignment; finalizing EQIP contracts; additional signup through end of June for middle Cedar River Watershed; Emergency Watershed Protection Program available in Linn County; Slough bill signup complete; Conservation Reserve Program signup; assisting Johnson County with development of a ranking system for their Stormwater Quality Improvement Plan; performed site visit for potential rain garden; reviewed and signed off on infiltration design plan for proposed communications tower; submitted budget amendment.

Don Tyne, Veterans Affairs Dir. - completed VA Spring School; training budget is overspent due to certifications; helped coordinate veteran suicide training on May 7; speaking at nursing homes on Memorial Day and upcoming training.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. - Helpdesk statistics; current budget status; one staff vacancy due to retirement; KPIs.

Supervisor Rogers asked how the county can ensure that their data backed up on servers is secure and Lowder responded that they back up to physical tapes (looking at using a cloud provider).

Supervisor Walker asked Lowder for an update on the financial software and Lowder responded that last week there were on site demo's by two vendors. They filled out scorecards of each vendor and the consultant is reviewing those cards and will make a decision.

Adjournment at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors