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**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, September 3 2019

10 a.m.

Formal Board Room—Jean Oxley Public Service Center
935 2nd St. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

Call to Order

Public Comment: Five Minute Limit per Speaker

This comment period is for the public to address topics on today's agenda.

Minutes

Discuss and decide on meeting minutes.

Approve and authorize Board to sign a letter in support of an appeal to the Iowa High School Athletic Association retroactive to August 27, 2019

Discuss and decide on professional services for the Fillmore Building renovation

Public Comment: Five Minute Limit per Speaker

This is an opportunity for the public to address the board on any subject pertaining to board business.

Payroll Authorizations

Discuss and decide on Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations).

Claims

Discuss and decide on claims.

Correspondence

Appointments

Adjournment

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August 27, 2019

Mr. Tom Keating
Executive Director
Iowa High School Athletic Association
PO Box 10
Boone, IA 50036

Re: Appeal to the Board of Control and Director

Mr. Keating:

I write to you on behalf of the Linn County Board of Supervisors. I along with my colleagues have known the Todd family for many years. As I am sure you are aware, the Todd family has contributed greatly to our community here in eastern Iowa. It has been our privilege to get to know the Todd family over the past several years.

It has been brought to our attention that your Board will hear an appeal from this family, asking that their son Adam be allowed to compete in the cross country program at his high school until his academic eligibility is completed. We understand that administrative rules as currently written, prohibit Adam from competing in this sport primarily for two reasons: the eight semester rule, and his age. We also know that you are aware of the current state and federal provisions that allow individuals with special needs to stay in high school up to two years after they graduate, participating in classroom activities and other extracurriculars.

Finally, we are aware that you have the power to grant exceptions to these administrative rules for extraordinary circumstances. From one governing body to another, we understand that in some cases, the rules do not always work out the way they were intended; and in all practicality, rules can never anticipate all future challenges. It appears the rules may not have been written to anticipate the unique needs of each individual student with special needs. As you can imagine, we face similar situations with some regularity here in Linn County, however we have made it a goal to make special exceptions when they are warranted, and have in many instances, worked to change our county code when it has become abundantly clear that it is necessary. This is all part of the work of being a responsible and responsive governing body.

It is our deepest hope that you will see the merit in granting an exception to Adam Todd, a young man who has faced unthinkable challenges in his life, but has found joy, friendship, and great value in cross country competition. Adam Todd is the best of us and his case is representative of the challenges facing the entire special needs community. I trust that you will keep this in mind as you deliberate.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Stacey Walker in black ink.

Stacey Walker, Chair

Handwritten signature of Ben Rogers in black ink.

Ben Rogers, Vice Chair

Handwritten signature of Brent Oleson in black ink.

Brent Oleson