The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.

Present: Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Walker. Absent: Vice Chairperson Oleson (personal business). Board members voting “AYE” unless otherwise noted.

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

Garth Fagerbakke, Facilities Mgr., discussed the Mass Notification System.

Joi Alexander, Communications Dir., discussed awareness of First Amendment Audits.

Lisa Epp, Asst. County Attorney, discussed legal ramifications.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Exec. Dir. – LC3 activities; budget update; Child & Youth Development; in process of furnishing 5th classroom and sensory rooms; Ryan White/Home Health: advisory meeting held yesterday; aides are training on laptops for transition to all electronic records; application submitted for ongoing grant funding; Options: HCBS compliance went well; LCCS Core: update on the overflow shelter; Access Center: meeting with the Region last week went well; examining different funding options; Juvenile Detention: mental health training 101; LCCS: Phase 2 of construction has ended with Phase 3 beginning in preparation for DHS to move by March 23rd; will attend NACo conference.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. – continuing to work on overlook shelter; working on Hwy. 100 and Cedar Valley trails; park management planning work; working on a number of wetland designs; Pinicon Ridge dam modification; Morgan Creek Park development starting as soon as conditions allow; close to starting master plan signage; working towards solution with Squaw Creek name; starting work on Dows; cross country trail grooming has started; working on social media; finishing up hazard tree removal; interviews for Nature Center Manager; Conservation Board would like a joint meeting with the Board as a field trip; Conservation Board annual report to be released.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. – reaccreditation is progressing well; Learning Institutes continue; Workforce Development survey; recent additions to My Care Community; Cedar Rapids and Marion are actively working on Safe Routes to Parks policies; food safety inspections; Air Quality program update presented to Large Industrial Users Meeting; issue with the third floor reception area at Harris Bldg.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. – Helpdesk statistics; budget and staff vacancies; KPI overview; project reporting; Aumentum tickets; Learning Institutes continue; critical service provider is still under review; fiber being installed in new LIFTS building; Microsoft critical patch released; third floor conference room phone is working; researching wifi in the Public Service Center and will do a site survey.

Adjournment at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors