

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 4:12 P.M.

The Board met in joint session with the Linn County Farm Bureau, 1323 Boyson Rd., Hiawatha, IA. Present: Chairperson Walker, Vice Chairperson Rogers, Supervisors Oleson. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Other County staff present: Steve Tucker, Finance Dir.; Dawn Jindrich, Budget Dir.; Les Beck, Planning & Development; Brad Ketels, County Engineer; Dennis Goematt, Conservation Dir. and Dan Gibbens, Conservation Deputy.

Tim Keegan, Farm Bureau County Action Committee Chair welcomed everyone and the following topics were discussed:

New Representation/Districting - Supervisor salaries going from 5 to 3 and plans for representing rural citizens.

Conservation Bond - Dows Ground - Supervisor Oleson stated that the county has a standing offer from Pat Baird for 40 acres. Dennis Goematt, Conservation Dir., stated that the Conservation Board has identified about \$25 million in projects for the bonds proceeds.

Budget - Dawn Jindrich, Budget Dir., stated that the countywide levy will be about the same as last year due to a decision to level out the mental health surplus.

Planning and Zoning - Prospect Meadows - Supervisor Oleson stated that four diamonds will be open by Memorial Day with four additional to follow. Perfect Game has tournaments booked all summer. Oleson added that the county cannot use the Eminent Domain Policy for recreation.

Livestock - adoption of Master Matrix policy for 2019.

Secondary Roads - Brad Ketels, County Engineer, stated that they will be changing their 6 mile grid to a 3 mile grid for paved roads; Supervisor Walker stated that he initiated the closure of Ely Rd. at the request of the University of Iowa researchers.

Legislative Priorities - Supervisor Walker advocated for the state to continue to allow local control by the local government.

Adjournment at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors