The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Rogers, Vice Chairperson Oleson and Supervisor Walker. Board members voting “AYE” unless otherwise noted.

The Board received updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Engineer – Continue to work with Terry Whithitson on the Learning Institute; taking advantage of free online training and hope to continue after the pandemic; anticipate decrease in road use tax as well as LOST revenue; staffing (one vacancy); temporary hires have been made (mowing & survey); spring thaw of 2020 was a complete opposite of 2019; including calcium chloride on rock overlay roads to tie down the rock (20% complete); dust control in process as well as crack filling and mowing; bridge replacements and paving projects; and Monarch Research Project (coordinate activities).

Supervisor Oleson wanted to do a shout out to a Secondary Roads Foreman for being proactive by taking pictures of a conflicting situation with a constituent.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Director – Budget is on target; fully staffed; GovSense software status (Go-Live August 1); Tyler property tax system has transitioned to support; and LC3 activities (product KPI’s will be published).

Lisa Powell, Human Resources Director – Voluntary Pre-Retirement Paid Leave Opportunity has proved to be popular (8 so far); addressing Mental Health issues during these trying times (working on Mental Health campaigns); extended Teleworking through August 31 (Managers need to come into the office on a regular basis to support their staff); would like to carry forward unemployment funds into FY 21 ($69,000); LC3 activities (continued virtual Learning Institutes); GAEM culture survey; HR staff are all back to work in the office; May see an HR Manager position request in the FY 22 budget cycle; VA Dir. retirement and recruitment; Public Health recommends that Linn County not resume in person training or gatherings (Recognition Breakfast, Health & Safety Fair, etc.). The Wellness Program Portal will have a new look July 1.

Discussion continued regarding making accommodations for gatherings (choose larger spaces, etc.).

Darrin Gage, Director of Policy & Administration – continuing work on KPI’s (policy improvement); Harris Building (a number of small items remain and having retainage discussions with contractor); Mental Health Access Center project moving along; Fillmore Building roofing project and Abbe Center space expansion; Crossroads Mission and house demolition; LIFTS renovation project (bus overhead door installations are too low); CR Lumber building (making accommodations for Elections absentee ballot processing center); Legislation and tracking bills (back in session tomorrow); and building reopening work plan and update to the Board tomorrow.

The Board canvassed results of the June 2, 2020 Primary Election. Results are as follows:

Nominee Certification – Linn County, Iowa

[Prepared per Code of Iowa section 43.55]

Nominees to appear on the General Election Ballot for Linn County Offices are listed below.

Democratic Party

Office/Name

Board of Supervisors District 3 Brent C. Oleson
Linn County Auditor Joel D. Miller
Linn County Sheriff Brian D. Gardner

Republican Party

Office/Name

Board of Supervisors District 3 Louis J. Zumbach
Linn County Offices for which there is not a nominee are listed below.
Democratic Party

• None.

Republican Party

• Linn County Auditor
• Linn County Sheriff

Adjournment at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors