

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 8:00 A.M.

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

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

COVID-19 updates - Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir., highlighted the community spread and uptick in cases in Linn and Johnson counties (76 additional cases in a week); public incident command will be deactivated by the end of the month; working with EMA, health centers and hospitals for preparation of vaccines.

Steve Estenson, Risk Mgr. - audit process with each department has been completed.

Chairperson Rogers discussed the possibility of a contingency plan for the workforce since they are unsure what the upcoming school year will look like.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., highlighted that stickers are going to be placed on the floors, larger signs have been placed and the phone system has been simplified as the county prepares to reopen next month.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir. - she does not have an update on the Q-matic system and go live is still tentatively July 15th.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir. - GovSense - configuration will be completed by July 1st, end user training in the month of July and August 1st go live. Ceridian - currently configuring the system and October 1st go live.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir. - working with HR on recall plan for Options staff; budget update; General Assistance: Director returning from maternity leave today; Ryan White: staff continue to work from home; Home Health: continue to provide services via phone and internet; still providing mental health phone calls for support and education; Access Center: construction continues to move forward; partnership with Mt. Mercy nursing programs for vitals; secured two additional grants for a total of four; Juvenile Detention: numbers have been down; Early Childhood Iowa: funding still being provided; DECAT: majority of programs are still operating under revised guidelines; LCCS: construction on the building continues; overseeing Veteran's Affairs program due to retirement.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - Wapsi Scenic Overlook is close to putting roof on; Morgan Creek Park redevelopment contractor in place; progress updates on existing trails; developing prototypes for signage project; developed best practices guideline for pandemics; operations almost back to normal.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - preparing to transition back to normal operations and open clinic in July; focus on immunizations; investigating COVID cases in the county; fielding lots of calls; blood levels in kids; CR Wastewater Treatment Plant; Jones County Board of Health inspections; food safety; employee retirement; increase in website traffic.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. - office is back to normalcy; budget status; three staff vacancies; KPI's; open projects; support for remote access users; GIS mapping for COVID.

Adjournment at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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By: Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors