

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 8:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

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

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., gave an update on the GovSense project noting a delayed
go live date which is now September 1st.

Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor, gave an update on Ceridian Team project noting that
clocks have been received and go live is scheduled for October 1st.

The Board discussed school opening/partial opening/closing, and its impact on
employees. Chairperson Rogers added that the Board Support Team has met regarding
this issue. They are figuring approximately 50 employees would be impacted at a cost
of \$400,000.

Steve Estenson, Risk Mgr., on behalf of the Employee Development Committee,
discussed training opportunities for online/zoom interactions with departments.

Sharon Gonzalez, Treasurer, gave an update on Q-matic and the issues she is currently
experiencing.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Oleson to approve minutes of July 22, 2020 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir. - budget update; Child & Youth Development:
received two new grants; Family Service Workers are doing porch meetings; applied for
stipend funds through DHS; issues with new playground and refrigeration; General
Assistance: overflow shelter has shifted to cooling center; Ryan White: did a pickup
for food cards for their clients; examining potential of covering phones for clients
and expanding data package coverage; Home Health: staff continue limited service;
Options: recalled eight from furlough; starting first phase of reopening; Access
Center: three weeks behind schedule; working with five organizations to create a
policy and procedures document; Juvenile Detention: community based programming has
restarted; received \$5,000 grant; East Central Region: Governor allocated \$30 million
for mental health regions but not sure how it is going to look; LCCS: construction is
wrapping up.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - construction activity has picked up; Wapsi Scenic
Overlook is in progress; Cedar Valley Trail paving due to let in September; Morgan
Creek Park redevelopment is getting back on track (late start); management plans are
getting closer; Pinicon Ridge Dam Modification has online video option to view
opening; signage project; all programs are operating at some level; reopened Wickiup
Hill for appointment only; Squaw Creek will be renamed.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - unspent money from ECICOG due to COVID;
economic downturn and doing the best they can to contain and control spread of disease
in the community; drastic growth in cases recently; remain open for business with a
focus on immunizations; investigating STI's; Public Health should be in front line of
pandemic; read statement issued by the Board of Health.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - difficult to work with their clientele due to
COVID; program updates; Conservation Reserve Program signup; completing field visits;
Indian Creek Watershed soil analysis; busy with rain garden project; Central City
water retention project; Center Point application and review of sites; outreach
continues for Eastern Iowa Airport regarding a grant; potential grant application from
ECICOG; storm water runoff in subdivisions and street flooding; nine weed commissioner
complaints; worked with Secondary Road Manager regarding long term maintenance to
eliminate noxious weeds.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. - HelpDesk statistics, budget update; three staff vacancies (in
process of making offer and interviewing others); KPI's; open projects; patches and
hot fixes; conversion work on a number of projects; security monitoring; working to
cut down on levels of spam received in mailbox (replacing current product).

Adjournment at 9:54 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Amanda Hoy, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors