

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019 8:00 A.M.

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

Vice Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

Jerry Witt, Linn County Assessor, Caleb Howard, Deputy Assessor and Jason Siebrecht,
GIS Coord., gave a presentation on the Board of Review process improvements as a
result of a collaboration with the GIS Department.

Mikki Scott, Health Solutions, gave the Fiscal Year 19 Wellness Rewards Program
Results and an update on Fiscal Year 20 health screenings.

Jessica Peterson and Erin Bishop, Amperage Marketing & Fundraising, presented the Linn
County Communication Plan.

Joi Alexander, Communications Mgr., explained the Communication Plan goals and
strategies to streamline the process.

Bradley Phillips, Human Resources, presented an LC3 update including a new poster with
the county's mission statement and each of the core values.

The Board recessed at 9:00 a.m. and reconvened at 9:05 a.m.

The Board received updates from the following Department Heads:

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - Wetland Improvement project at Wickiup Hill near
completion; opened new playground at Pinicon Ridge Park; scenic overlook at Pinicon
Ridge contract awarded; continuing to work on Hwy. 100 and Cedar Valley Nature trails;
Morgan Creek Park development moving ahead; working on a number of wetland designs;
master plan signage on hold until winter; consultant working on Pinicon Ridge dam
modification; strategic planning moving ahead (adopt plan by end of December);
campgrounds remaining strong this summer; and submitted a community tourism and
attraction grant for Morgan Creek Park project.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - Linn County Opioid Action Plan; moving ahead
with strategic plan/performance improvement; launching the new performance management
system; looking forward to moving to the new Harris Building; Grants to county program
is up and running; launching another workforce development survey; staff was busy at
PrideFest; safety inspection statistics; wood burning appliance change out program;
H2S monitoring project for the city of Cedar Rapids; and complimented the county's GIS
Program.

Don Tyne, Veterans Affairs Dir. - developed a Suicide Prevention Coalition; attends
Stepping Up meetings and Local Homeless Coordinating Board.

Phil Lowder, I.T. Dir. - HelpDesk statistics; budget and staff vacancies; KPI
overview; project reporting; Aumentum update; and Learning Institute started in
August. The parking lot cameras have been recording since August 9th.

Supervisor Rogers stated that 60 Minutes featured a story on ransomware and asked
Lowder to give an overview and confidence level of Linn County's backup system. They
also discussed sending an email with a link to test county employees to understand the
county's vulnerabilities.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation Dept. Head - Indian Creek Watershed soil health
partnership and Soil Health Coordinator interviews/survey; program updates (cover
crops, no till applications and environmental quality incentives); and outreach
activities.

Adjournment at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors