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

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

The Board received updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Engineer – Key Performance Indicators reviewed; budget on track; planning for winter materials (salt, sand, mix); personnel (new hires to start Oct. 19); discussing a GIS Specialist position to be dedicated to the Secondary Road Dept.; County Home Rd. paving project (plan to open early Nov.); Jordan’s Grove Rd. bridge replacement project (plan to open early Nov.); Winslow Rd. paving starting soon; operations were adjusted due to the Aug. 10 storm (debris removal); N. Center Point Rd. grading finished up; built retaining wall along County Home Rd. and general rock overlays. Wollenbeck Rd. bridge deck had some serious issues and was handled in-house.

Supervisor Oleson asked if Ketels is working on tackling spring problem spots on roads. Ketels stated that they took a more proactive approach last year and plan to continue with that approach.

Tom Hardecopf, LIFTS Director – Building remodel is still in process; FY21 & 22 bus replacements; budget is on target (lack of fare collection is reflected in the revenue); one staff member vacancy and two on FMLA; continuing with trainings; gradual increase in rides from group facilities but challenged with social distancing; and not having phones after the Aug. 10 storm caused a tremendous hardship for his department and stressed the need for a backup plan.

Chairperson Rogers stated that the Board recognizes that not having phones for that length of time impacted them significantly and will do what they can to address this issue.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Director – Monthly budget report (on track); audit schedule (Nov. 16-19); staff is working diligently and extra hours on new software conversions (number one priority); BUILD grant for Tower Terrace Rd. was not awarded; CARES Act application ($2.8 million); and Conservation needs to start spending funds from the third Land & Water Legacy Bond issue (on agenda tomorrow). Concerned about reduction of LOST revenue due to COVID-19 (online shopping tax does not go to the fund).

Sara Bearrows, Budget Director – FY 22 budget calendar has been distributed; and the budget forum has been scheduled for November 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors