

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 9:00 A.M.

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. Hollenbeck 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 will be prepared for whatever is thrown at them.

Chairperson Rogers asked about plans for weather events during the weekends (snow and
ice). 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,

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

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors