

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019 8:03 A.M.

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

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order.

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

Mikki Scott, Health Solutions, gave a wellness program update noting that they have
extended the deadline to complete the first step to try and increase participation.

Jo Dillion, Iowa Shares, gave an update on the charitable giving campaign.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., gave an update on the GovSense financial system
implementation.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Walker to approve minutes of October 21, 2019 as
printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir. - LC3 activities; budget update; Child & Youth
Development - building move to take place November 12th & 13th; a 5th classroom in the
new building will need furnished; Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT: working on child care
crisis; Ryan White/Home Health: case managers are serving 57 individuals each;
Options: Phase 1 construction to be completed in November; LCCS Core: changes to the
General Assistance ordinance are going well; received Emergency Food & Shelter grant;
event held by the Continuum of Care on the cost of homelessness; gearing up for
approval of Fillmore building being changed into an overflow shelter for the winter;
Juvenile Detention: PREA Audit corrections were accepted; expanding ADDY program into
Johnson County; LCCS: attended first meeting for Heritage Area Agency on Aging Board
of Directors; working with Kristie Clark now that the CEO of the Region is located in
Dubuque County; will be attended NACo Legislative Conference in February/March; Erin
Foster has accepted position as the Access Center Director.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - Wetland Improvement project at Wickiup Hill is
complete; continuing to work on Hwy. 100 and Cedar Valley Nature trails; Pinicon Ridge
and Squaw Creek park management plans; working on a number of wetland designs; Morgan
Creek Park development moving forward; close to starting the master plan signage;
Pinicon Ridge Park dam modification; strategic plan has been drafted; fall flooding
events; Wickiup Fall Fest was held last weekend; Wings 2 Water effort; will be turning
water off to parks this week.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - upcoming move to the Harris Bldg.; sexually
transmitted infections are a growing trend and they are working to perform contact
tracing on new cases; working with seven active TB (tuberculosis) cases; in process of
onboarding Four Oaks and Catherine McAuley Center for my care community; Healthy Homes
staff presented to HACAP Family and Community Health Alliance and Women, Infants and
Children (WIC) staff on the CLPPP program; update on data system.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation - cover crop effort has grown; deadline pushed back
to accommodate producer's efforts; targeted outreach to landowner's in flood plain
areas; urban conservation project application sign up; green infrastructure conference
held on September 19th; Grant Wood Elementary interested in rain garden project;
approached by City of Ely for assistance with a subdivision experiencing bad erosion;
working with IDNR for source water protection plan; participated in soil health
training event; discussed soil conservation and employment opportunities at Kirkwood
per their request; attended Wings 2 Water kickoff; will assess 3 miles of Morgan Creek
in the next month.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. - Helpdesk statistics; budget and staff vacancies; KPI overview;
move preparations for Public Health; busy with conversion work; project reporting;
October is National Cyber Security month.

Adjournment at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors