

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 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.

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

Joi Alexander, Communications Dir., gave an update on the website redesign process  
noting that it will launch on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mikki Scott, Health Solutions, gave an update on the Wellness Rewards Program. She  
will provide a full report on results from the health screenings at February's  
meeting.

Ranell Mullins, Wellmark, presented a PowerPoint highlighting an overview of Linn  
County's health insurance plan including claims paid, trends, etc.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., discussed Management Performance Coaching and the process. HR  
and Juvenile Detention Center are piloting the program currently

The Board discussed inclement weather and at this point will remain open. Elected  
Officials can make decisions regarding their offices. The Board feels that they  
should leave it to the discretion of employees to make a decision in their best  
interest.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Exec. Dir. - Child & Youth Development: credentialing site visit  
is April 15-17, 2019; Susan Liddell is retiring. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT: County  
Attorney gave ok for a 501c3 component; prioritizing budget cuts for DECAT. Ryan  
White/Home Health: numbers continue to grow; Home Health audit completed November 30<sup>th</sup>;  
Cheryl King is retiring. Options: Wayne Clayton retired. LCCS Core: talking to GA  
Advisory about policy proposal changes. Juvenile Detention: Dawn Schott continues to  
be active on the Children's Mental Health Board. LCCS: meetings continue regarding  
building updates; LCCS Core starts Learning Institutes January 31<sup>st</sup>; Tricia Nunemaker  
has left her position; canceled trip to NACo conference due to health reasons.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. - Q1 customer satisfaction survey has been  
created and distributed; staff attended LC3 training; fragrance-free policy;  
electronic medical records; Opioids Steering Committee; new food fees going into  
effect; Business View magazine interview; presented Food Rescue Program to the Food  
Safety Council; three applications submitted for wood burning appliance changeout  
program.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir. - highlighted the following projects noting that  
many are on hold due to the weather: Buffalo Creek Dam modification & East Blue Creek  
Bridge, Grant Wood Trail, Wickiup Hill wetland enhancement; new playground selected  
for Pinicon Ridge; Wapsipinicon overlook; Plains campground shower house and storm  
shelter; water distribution system at Pinicon Ridge; Morgan Creek Park entrance; Cedar  
Valley trail paving; DNR grant for dam mitigation at Pinicon Ridge. They are working  
on bond funded projects. Operation Releaf found money for one more year in the  
spring.

Don Tyne, Veterans Affairs Dir. - holiday giving program; visiting Kennedy High School  
this week to thank them for their support; accreditation process is moving forward; US  
Air Force will be hosting a concert in March; attending Learning Institutes; reaching  
out to Congresswoman Finkenauer's staff to involve her in events in Linn County.

Vice Chairperson Rogers advised Tyne of a presentation to the Board on Monday by Olson  
Marriage & Family Clinic and the services they offer. Tyne stated that his office  
currently utilizes their services.

Phil Lowder, IT Dir. - Helpdesk stat's; project stat's; KPI's; budget on track; IT  
fully staffed; Aumentum stat's; upcoming retirement in April; attended several  
conversion meetings for Tyler with RSM; waiting on response from Thomson Reuters about  
conversion; monthly calls with Polk County who are interested in Tyler (they offered  
to assist Linn County); cyber security update.

Vice Chairperson Rogers asked Lowder if there are opportunities to partner with the  
Auditor's Office regarding cyber security and Lowder responded that yes he sees their  
offices collaborating more noting that IT does the best they can.

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Adjournment at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEN ROGERS, Vice Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors