



**Linn
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Commissioners receive monthly health report

ALBANY — Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker took care of numerous housekeeping issues during their weekly meeting Tuesday morning.

Public Health Officer Dr. Adam Brady said there were 63 births — 36 girls and 27 boys — and 94 deaths in August. He said tobacco use was associated with 24 deaths and diabetes related to 10 deaths. Dr. Brady said there were two suicides, a 28-year-old female and a 52-year-old male.

There were no new HIV/AIDS cases reported, but there were 38 cases of chlamydia and 216 cases for the calendar year to date. There were 315 cases in the prior year and the five-year average year-to-date is 162 cases.

There were 29 animal bites compared to a five-year-average of 36. There have been 301 animal bites year-to-date compared to 247 a year ago. The average year-to-date is 143.

There were two deaths of persons more than 100 years of age.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Were told by Health Administrator

Todd Noble that Alcohol and Drug staff saw 232 individual clients last month. There were 272 individual sessions and 1,439 group sessions.

- The commissioners approved an Intergovernmental Agreement not to exceed \$119,246 with the Department of Corrections in pass-through funding from the Criminal Justice Commission's Justice Reinvestment Program to support the Drug Court and pay for a quarter-time Adult Drug Court Probation Officer.
- Approved amending an Intergovernmental Agreement with Protocol Services to provide 24/7 crisis phone services to Linn County residents. The new rate is \$9,675 per month and runs through June 30, 2025.
- Approved a contract with Salem Fire Alarm for \$223,060 to install a new fire sprinkler system at the Linn County Jail.
- Approved the purchase of a Ford

F350 pickup for \$57,879.21 for the Sheriff's Office and for a Chevrolet 3500 one-ton dually pickup for the Road Department for \$68,403.87.

- Approved a resolution to allow the Rachel Adamec, the county's Real Property Program Manager, to apply to have county-owned property at 2187 Mill Street, to be annexed into the city of Lebanon.
- Discussed county driveway regulations with Lynn Merrill, who wants to develop property near Albany into a small subdivision.
- Submitted into the meeting record a copy of the Constitution in recognition that this is National Constitution and Citizenship Day. On September 17, 1787, the U.S. Constitution was signed. Chairman Nyquist reminded all that all commissioners take oath to uphold and defend the Constitution.
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