

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 9:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Rogers, Vice Chairperson Meisheid and Supervisor Running-Marquardt. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve minutes of January 10, 2025 as printed.

The Board received updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Eng. – Quarterly Key Performance Indicators explained in detail; continue to work on GAPM metric results; budget is on target and preparing for FY26 budget presentation; one vacancy in District 1; construction projects and crews are busy with tree and brush removal.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that she appreciates Ketel's communication regarding a road issue that leads to the Bloomsbury Farms.

Carter Baldwin, LIFTS Dir. – one vacancy; upcoming training and meetings; Key Performance Indicators; updating tablets; receiving a new bus from the City of Cedar Rapids and the Cedar Rapids Transit Director is retiring.

Cara Matteson, Sustainability Dir. – collaboration with ECICOG for a Collaborative Brownfields Grant; submitted an IDNR Tree Grant; met with Greater Cedar Rapids Comm. Foundation and the Nature Conservancy; Iowa Geologic Survey meeting; follow up discussion of On-Road structure information; sustainable initiatives at Linn County-owned facilities; office remodel and open house; partner outreach; asked to be a part of EcoFest and will present at the local Sierra Club chapter; met with Public Health regarding the county's Cancer Plan and connected with Iowa Cancer Consortium.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that regarding all data collection, it's important for her to know what Linn County will do with the data before they spend the time and resources to gather the information.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt congratulated Matteson for receiving the RICognition Award for Land Use and Economic Development (ranking "Gold Status" for both).

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy and Admin. – budget on target; no vacancies; Key Performance Indicators; Policy & Procedures updates; Courthouse Security; competitive quotations threshold increased; quarterly goal setting; ADA training coming up; capital projects and construction progress including the Overflow Shelter, Jail Isolation Cells and Secondary Roads Headquarters; Witwer Grant applications and Library contracts and Legislative Priorities.

Adjournment at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E. TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor  
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors