

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
 CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
 WEDNESDAY, FEBUARY 12, 2025 10:00 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve minutes of February 11, 2025 as printed.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Rogers to approve accounts payable checks dated 2/12/25 #71016951 to 71017009 in the amount of \$159,121.29; and ACH in the amount of \$1,280,793.27; for a total of \$1,439,914.56 and approve voided check in the amount of \$42.00

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve consent agenda:

Receive and place on file Linn County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for July 1, through December 31, 2024.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign 2024 Certified Local Government Annual Report for the Linn County Historic Preservation Commission.

Resolution 2025-2-23  
 NAME PRIVATE LANES WITHIN PALISADES KEPLER STATE PARK  
 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa and Linn County agree that private roads within Palisades Kepler State Park within sections 13, 14 and 23-82-6 should be named for E-911 emergency response services. WHEREAS, the proposed street names have been reviewed and do not conflict with existing street names in unincorporated areas of Linn County, Iowa. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, this date having met in lawful session, that the private lanes be named Indian Mounds Rd, Campgrounds Rd and Lower Dam Rd, Linn County, Iowa. The Board of Supervisors direct the Linn County Engineer to change the base map and notify all county offices, post offices and providers of emergency services of this change.

Resolution 2025-2-24  
 AUTHORIZE ROAD CLOSURES FOR CONSTRUCTION  
 WHEREAS, construction work will begin on various Linn County projects, and  
 WHEREAS, projects on the following list are expected to be under construction during 2025

| PROJECT NUMBER             | PROJECT DESCRIPTION                                                                       |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| M-CMP 1033(25)             | Culvert replacement between Vista Rd and Wright Brothers Blvd.                            |
| M-CMP 364(25)              | Culvert replacement between Wood Grove Rd and W Mount Vernon Rd.                          |
| M-CMP 680(25)              | Culvert replacement between Campbell Rd and Springville Rd.                               |
| M-CMP 4800(25)             | Culvert replacement between Scott Rd and Barrett Rd.                                      |
| M-CMP 3185503(25)          | Culvert replacement between Stone Rd and Whittier Rd.                                     |
| M-CMP 10925(25)            | Culvert replacement between Alderman Rd and Shaw Rd.                                      |
| M-CULVERT LINING (26)      | Culvert repair between Jordans Grove Rd and Drexler Rd.                                   |
| M-CMP 610(25)              | Culvert replacement between Nugents Rd and Ammeter Rd.                                    |
| M-CULVERT LINING (26)      | Culvert repair between Covington Rd and Edgewood Rd.                                      |
| M-CULVERT LINING (26)      | Culvert repair between Covington Rd and Edgewood Rd.                                      |
| M-CMP 1651(25)             | Culvert replacement between Old Ferry Rd and Dead End.                                    |
| FM-C057(176)--55-56        | Bridge replacement on N Center Point Rd over East Branch Blue Creek.                      |
| FM-C057(175)--55-57        | Bridge replacement on Covington Rd over Morgan Creek.                                     |
| BROS-C057(168)--8J-57      | Bridge replacement on Rosedale Rd over Indian Creek.                                      |
| FM-C057(173)--55-57        | Bridge replacement on Matsell Park Rd over the Wapsipinicon River.                        |
| BROS-C057(177)--8J57       | Bridge replacement on Burlingham Rd over Buffalo Creek.                                   |
| L-BRIDGE 1032 REHAB(25)    | Bridge rehab on Lillie Rd over Indian Creek.                                              |
| L-BRIDGE 1083 REHAB(25)    | Bridge rehab on Ely Rd over Cedar River Trl.                                              |
| STP-C057(145)--5E-57       | Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) resurfacing with milling from Alburnett city limits east to HWY 13. |
| STP-S-TSF-C057(169)--5P-57 | Roundabout installation at the intersection of Covington Rd and Ellis Rd.                 |
| M-376746K(25)              | Railroad Crossing upgrade on Wright Brothers Blvd at HWY 151.                             |
| M-Midway Rd                | Regrading from E. Otter Rd to C Ave.                                                      |
| M-Fishel Rd                | Regrading from Alice Rd to E. Otter Rd.                                                   |
| M-Ross Rd                  | Regrading from Covington Rd to Dead End.                                                  |
| M-Old Ferry Rd             | Regrading from Ross Rd to Dead End.                                                       |
| M-Burt Rd                  | Regrading from Old Ferry Rd to Dead End.                                                  |
| M-Holmans Rd               | Regrading from Big Creek Rd to Smyth Rd.                                                  |
| M-Springville Rd           | Regrading from Abbe Hills Rd to Linn Ridge Rd.                                            |
| M-Ivanhoe Rd               | Regrading from Jappa Rd to HWY 1.                                                         |
| M-Heatons Valley Rd        | Regrading from Red School Rd to 1461 Heatons Valley Rd.                                   |
| M-Stegals Rd               | Regrading from Summer St to Hodgin Rd.                                                    |
| M-Hills Mill Rd            | Regrading from Buffalo Valley Rd to Upper Boulder Rd.                                     |
| M-Tower View Rd            | Regrading from HWY 13 to the East 4000 Ft.                                                |
| M-Red Bridge Rd            | Regrading from Whitney Rd to Wagener Rd.                                                  |
| M-Wagner Rd                | Regrading from Red Bridge Rd to Prairie Main Rd.                                          |
| M-Frozen Hill Rd           | Regrading at the intersection of Burlingham Rd.                                           |
| M-Dix Rd                   | Regrading from Coggon Rd to North.                                                        |
| M-Dix Rd                   | Regrading from Coggon Rd to South.                                                        |
| M-Hutchinson Rd            | Regrading from Sutton Rd to Pool Rd.                                                      |
| M-Hutchinson Rd            | Regrading from Pool Rd to Quality Ridge Rd.                                               |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the above roads and/or portions thereof, to be closed to public travel during the construction period, and further authorize and direct the County Engineer to post appropriate signs, when and as necessary to protect both the work and the traveling public, in accordance with Chapter 306 of the Code of Iowa and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Federal-aid Agreement for Traffic Safety Improvement Project (TSIP), for a single lane roundabout at the intersection of Ellis Road and Covington Road, project no. FM-TSF-C057(169)--5B-57.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Linn County American Rescue Plan Act Grant Closeout Agreement between Linn County and the Refugee & Immigrant Association.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Linn County American Rescue Plan Act Grant Closeout Agreement between Linn County and LBA Foundation for the Refugee & Immigration Association (RIA) Youth Navigator Project.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Linn County American Rescue Plan Act Grant Closeout Agreement between Linn County and LBA Foundation for the CR Dreams Program.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Linn County American Rescue Plan Act Grant Closeout Agreement between Linn County and Feed Iowa First.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Linn County American Rescue Plan Act Grant Closeout Agreement between Linn County and Horizons, A Family Service Alliance for the Meals on Wheels Program.

Approve a purchase order PO713 for \$53,571 to Stivers Ford Lincoln of Waukee, Iowa for a Ford F-350 4x4 standard cab truck for Linn County Conservation.

Approve a purchase order PO715 in the amount of \$5,086.80 to Nutrien Ag Solutions for cut stump herbicide for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Vacancy Form for a full-time Income Maintenance Worker for Veteran Services.

Set a public hearing for Monday, February 24, 2025, at 10 a.m. to rename Duck Pond Road to Boy Scouts Road.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to open public hearing on a Proposal to Convey an Easement to the City of Urbana, Iowa, to facilitate the construction of water and sewer utilities underneath the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. Proof of publication was presented. No oral or written objections.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to close public hearing.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to adopt Resolution 2025-2-25  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN EASEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAID EASEMENT  
WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors (Board) is empowered under Iowa Code Section 331.361 to dispose of Linn County's interest in real property; and WHEREAS, the Board is the owner of real property in the name of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail (CVNT); And WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, Iowa, owns real property adjacent to the CVNT; and WHEREAS, the Board intends to grant an easement within the CVNT to the City of Urbana for the purpose of facilitating the construction of water and sewer utilities, as described in the attached easement; and WHEREAS, the Board conducted a public hearing on the proposal to grant said easement pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.361. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board that the above-described easement shall be granted to the City of Urbana. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board is hereby authorized to sign the easement.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., presented a Tentative Agreement between Linn County and PPME Local #2003 effective July 1, 2025 and highlighted the following:

- Vacation and sick leave replaced with short term/long term leave
- Group insurance increases
- New section depending on future claims experience during the term of the contract, employees reserve the right to replace Wellmark Alliance Select PPO network with the Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa HMO network
- Increasing life insurance
- Preventative exams are required for Wellness Program participation
- Increase to 5 days for bereavement leave

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve a Tentative Agreement between Linn County and PPME Local #2003 effective July 1, 2025.

Powell presented a Tentative Agreement between Linn County and IBEW Local 204 effective July 1, 2025 and highlighted the following:

- Vacation and sick leave replaced with short term/long term leave
- Increase to 5 days for bereavement leave
- Increased clothing allowance to \$500
- Increased on call pay
- Step progression change

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve a Tentative Agreement between Linn County and IBEW Local 204 effective July 1, 2025

Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir., presented a Vacancy Form for a part-time temporary Custodian for Facilities noting that this is to temporarily fill a custodian role due to medical leave. Funding is in their current budget.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve a Vacancy Form for a part-time temporary Custodian for Facilities.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that she received an email asking if the Board would allow the Catherine McAuley Center to submit an amended Witwer Grant application. The Catherine McAuley Center is a contracted entity with the state of Iowa and the federal government, and their contract was broken. This left them with several families they are still serving after the termination of the contract and they are requesting to include those funds in an amended application.

Supervisor Rogers thanked Running-Marquardt for placing this item on the agenda for the Board's consideration. He highlighted that due to the federal funding freeze that the Catherine McAuley Center has had to lay off several staff members. Rogers also added that the Witwer funds are not tax dollars, they come from a Witwer Trust.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve allowing the Catherine McAuley Center to submit an amended Witwer Grant application.

Supervisor Rogers asked about the legislative funnel and Running-Marquardt responded that the final day to request bills is February 14<sup>th</sup> and the first funnel is March 7<sup>th</sup>. She also publicly thanked the Iowa Senate and House for all their hard work on the casino application followed by the Racing and Gaming Commission's approval.

Adjournment at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E. TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor  
By: Amanda Brown, Deputy Auditor

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors