

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025 10:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Meisheid called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve minutes of April 28, 2025 as printed.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve accounts payable checks dated 4/30/25 #71017644 to 71017700 in the amount of \$200,236.45; ACH in the amount of \$511,952.97; and Wire Transfer of \$1,700.84 for a total of \$713,890.26 and to approve claim dated 4/30/25 for Payroll Settlement Check No. 63000027 in the amount of \$9,423.22

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to remove from the consent agenda: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for an interchange project at the intersection of U.S. 151 and Prairieburg Road.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve amended Consent Agenda:

Resolution 2025-4-69

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the M-ELLIS ROAD(25), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as an asphalt leveling course on Ellis Road from Cedar Rapids city limits west to Benton County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Linn County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Pelling, L.L. CO., Inc in the amount of \$584.349 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Bradley J. Ketels, Garret A. Reddish, or Curtis A. Logan, the County Engineer or Assistant County Engineer for Linn County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let on 4/22/2025.

Resolution 2025-4-70

ESTABLISH STOP REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the following intersection located in Linn County has been reviewed by the Linn County Secondary Road Department, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate to place traffic control signing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, meeting in regular session, and upon recommendation of the Linn County Engineer that the Secondary Road Department place a stop sign at the following locations.

Stop southbound traffic on Jansa Road at the intersection with Western College Road in section 33-82-7. The Board of Supervisors declares these signs to be legal, valid and enforceable and directs the County Engineer to erect said signs in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

Award bid and authorize the Chair to sign a contract between Hovden Oil, Inc and Linn County Secondary Road for delivery of Oil and DEF to all Secondary Road Shops, for the amount of \$27,336.05. Effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

Award bid and authorize the Chair to sign a contract between Linn Cooperative Oil, Co. and Linn County Secondary Road for fuel delivery to all Secondary Road Shops, for an amount of \$19,265.16. Effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Vacancy Form Request for a temporary part-time Direct Support Staff for Options of Linn County Community Services.

Statement of Election Costs for Lisbon and Robins Special Elections held on March 4, 2025, and related invoices to jurisdictions.

Supervisor Scheetz read Proclamation: Mental Health Month, May 2025.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to adopt said Proclamation.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt read Proclamation: Building Safety Month, May 2025.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to adopt said Proclamation.

Brad Ketels, County Engineer, discussed Fiscal Year 2026 Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Secondary Road Budget noting that this budget is done in conjunction with the county budget. They must submit their budget each year to the IDOT as well and it is an annual approval.

Supervisor Meisheid added that with a newer Board it helps to explain things to them one more time. Routine items for department heads are not always routine for the Board. She asked when the budget was presented to the Board and Ketels responded that it was in February of this year.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to authorize Chair to sign Fiscal Year 2026 Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Secondary Road Budget.

Ketels also discussed revision 2.0 of the 2025 Secondary Road Five-Year Construction Program with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Supervisor Meisheid asked about the differences between 2025 and 2026 and Ketels explained that it must be approved each year. They are amending 2025 but approving 2026 as well. Further amendments to 2026 would start the next fiscal year. Amendments include changes to the construction program.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to authorize the Chair to sign revision 2.0 of the 2025 Secondary Road Five-Year Construction Program with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Ketels presented Fiscal Year 2026 Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Secondary Road Five Year Construction Program. A lengthy discussion took place regarding changes to the budget and upcoming projects.

The Board asked that Ketels come back with more information on Monday about this matter.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to move approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Secondary Road Five Year Construction Program to Monday's meeting.

Erin Foster, Mental Health Access Center Dir., presented the Mental Health Access Center Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter 3 Report including EMS training and law enforcement referrals, Behavioral Health Realignment and the Access Center communication plan.

Deputy Warfield interrupted the meeting to address an emergency agenda item that has come up. There was a procedural error at a polling place last night and 7 ballots are not being counted. They are required to do an administrative recount and need to post the 24 hour notice for 11 a.m. tomorrow morning. He is requesting permission from the Board to open the ballots that were sealed yesterday.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to open the sealed ballots for CR26 from yesterday's State House District 78 Special Election.

Foster continued with her presentation.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that she appreciates the time Foster took to present them with this and keep them in the loop and Supervisor Scheetz echoed Meisheid's comments.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt noted the excellent work Foster does as well as the others in the room. This is a vulnerable time, and they have built an amazing safeguard in the community. The Access Center's address is 501 13th Street NW, Cedar Rapids and anyone in the state of Iowa can visit the facility if they need mental health services or their family is going through a crisis. The center is open 24/7 and asked that others spread the work.

Foster noted that it is everyone's goal and there is a lot of anxiety about the future in 2 months.

Foster also discussed the Linn County Mental Health Access Center Sobering Unit Request for Proposal for FY25. During the realignment, discussion included anything and everything they can do in the manner the state wants them to. The sobering unit is a little different from other services they provide. An RFP went out in March and was open for a month with 2 applicants including Anaheim and Area Ambulance. Area Ambulance is currently their EMS service provider so they must wait until that contract expires June 30th before they can move forward with signing this contract.

Public Comment – Mark Banowetz, 2188 Ivanhoe Rd., Ely stated that he's looking for clarification. He asked if services are being duplicated for Linn County with the withdrawal program and then the contract with Area Ambulance and their services.

Jena Schoenhofer, Foundation 2 Crisis Center, thanked the Board for today's proclamation noting that the number of contacts continues to increase. Any conversation about mental health can be lifesaving and changing.

Kurt Rogahn, Program Director of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), thanked the Board for their approval of the proclamation for Mental Health Awareness month. He also thanked them for providing resources to the Mental Health Access Center. He is proud of Linn County having an Access Center.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt wished Sami Scheetz a heartfelt and sincere Happy Birthday and her gift is that she will not sing happy birthday.

Adjournment at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors