

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 9:00 A.M.

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

Vice Chairperson Running-Marquardt called the meeting to order.

Motion by Running-Marquardt seconded by Scheetz to approve minutes of June 9, 2025 as printed.

The Board received updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Engineer – Working with Ted Garnett regarding GAPM survey metric (action plans are in place); budget is on track with no concerns; Secondary Road Headquarters; one heavy equipment operator opening due to a retirement; Ely Rd. bridge rehab project and other construction activities; MidAmerican Natural Gas Pipeline along C St. Rd. (payment of invoice is being researched); Seal Coating operations will be starting up soon and will continue for the next several weeks; and continue having conversations with the IDOT, Four County Quarry and Data Center on the southwest corner of Linn County (Maple Grove Rd.).

Supervisor Running-Marquardt noted that the beam signing ceremony was a well-attended event and they showcased some of the great work they have been doing in his department.

Lisa Powell, Human Resources Director – Learning Institutes will continue over the summer; bringing policies to the Board for some alignments (paid leave in Management Manual; Emp. Recognition; FMLA; Promotions & Transfers); July 1 wage, benefit and contract changes; staff member completed labor law poster requirements audit; Belongings and Involvement Group meet today; continue to make good strides with the job description project; software "code" training; employee recruitment/interviewing assistance to department heads; management training this week and in August; Employee Recognition Breakfast July 16th at Red Cedar Lodge in Wanatee; Health Benefits consultants will be doing an RFP this year; and labor relations.

Cara Matteson, Sustainability Director – grants update (not selected for the Collaborative Brownfields grant); Urban beehives are located at the Community Services Bldg.; watershed meetings with internal stakeholders and partner outreach; and requesting a budget carryover.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt highlighted the water quality initiatives and the possibility of public/private partnerships. She stated that Matteson's background and her expertise is incredible, and she appreciates the time that she spends on so many different areas. Projects would not be possible without her expertise.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir. and Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir. – budget and online training; FY25 budget amendments explained (two more to go this fiscal year); FY25 audit and year end team meeting; quarterly goal setting (implementing GASB 101 on sick leave).

Adjournment at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors