

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025 9:00 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.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve minutes of June 23, 2025 as printed.

The Board received updates from the following Department Heads:

David Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir. – Budget is on track. General Assistance: information for the Homeless Systems Manager was shared and continue to work on the Code rewrite. ECI/DECAT: Uncertainties continue around the ECI state transition and waiting for 23 contracts to be signed by HHS to go into effect July 1. Juvenile Detention: Security updates for the facility continues and Clinton County ended their one-bed contract, but Johnson County will likely be addition beds. Access Center: Funding requests continue and still waiting for licensing for Withdrawal management. Child & Youth Development: Various grants are in process. East Central Region (ECR) Mental Health: Continue to move forth with new hires, however, Jones County did not renew their staff. Options: continue to prepare for CARF accreditation and new staff members.

Pramod Dwivedi, Health Department Dir. – Thanked Thielen for \$75,000 grant partnership; Community Health Improvement Plan (information is online); contract not renewing for the inspections of transient non-community public water supply systems; HACAP is vacating two offices in the clinic; Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program; My Care Community (food assistance is highest need); air quality monitoring (witnessing reduction in good air); 99 Counties Cancer Project meeting (Meisheid attended); and continue with measles education and encourage vaccinations.

Dustin Peterson, Veteran Services Dir. – Budget is on track; served 117 local veterans in March and assisted in the submission of 83 requests for Federal VA programs and benefits; Cedar Valley Veterans Network (attended by 44 veteran jobseekers, employers and supporters; Federal VA Claims Clinic (expecting more than 700 veterans to receive services at this three-day event); mailed 236 outreach flyers to recently discharged veterans in May; awarded first recipient of Linn County Veteran of the Month on June 13; working with various county departments to develop a contact form on the county's website; staff members started noticing that there are more and more no-shows for appointments (reminders is a software issue); April Spring School clarified new accreditation reimbursement program to include state training; majority of office attending the annual conference in Louisville, KY; shared a good news story.

Discussion continued regarding celebrating veterans in a public setting.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Peterson for his participation in the good news story involving a homeless veteran. She also asked for perhaps a meeting to make sure that the (homeless that are willing to say they are a veteran), get connected back to Linn County Veteran Services.

Chairperson Meisheid gave a shout out to the Big Grove Brewery for hosting the Cedar Valley Veterans Networking events.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(k) to discuss information contained in records in the custody of a governmental body that are confidential records pursuant to section 22.7(50).

VOTE: Meisheid – Aye Running-Marquardt – Aye Scheetz – Aye

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to go out of closed session.

VOTE: Meisheid – Aye Running-Marquardt – Aye Scheetz – Aye

Adjournment at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors