

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
MONDAY, JUNE 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.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve minutes of June 25, 2025 as printed.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve claims for accounts payable check dated 6/29/25 #71018286 in the amount of \$100.00 and to approve voided check totaling \$100.00.

Erin Foster, Mental Health Access Center Dir., presented a contract between Iowa Primary Care Association (PCA) and Linn County for fiscal year 2026 funding for the Linn County Mental Health Access Center. The old behavioral health system sunset today and the PCA is taking over all contracting for Mental Health and Substance Abuse services. This contract is for the triage, peer services and Linn County's portion of the Access Center. The contract does not include all their services since the other services provided are billable and those contracts will be presented to the Board next week for the specific services they provide to the Access Center. This contract is for roughly \$1.3 million, noting that the original request was closer to \$1.6 million, and they have removed any growth that they wanted to add to this year's funding request. PCA will revisit the contract and amount for calendar year 2026 to see if there is room in their budget to justify additional positions.

Discussion continued regarding the funding breakdown that was negotiated.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that the work Foster has done has been astounding. She thanked those that have been involved advocating for the contract. People come to the Access Center to be provided with quality care in a time of crisis. She looks forward to the possibility of upcoming amendments to the contract and thanked everyone once again for their hard work.

Supervisor Scheetz noted that this has been a turbulent process with a lot of moving pieces. He has confidence in Foster being in charge and navigating the county through this. It is a very important service for the area, not just Linn County. He thanked Running-Marquardt and others for their work on this.

Supervisor Meisheid also thanked everyone for their work on this contract.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to authorize the Chair to sign a contract between Iowa Primary Care Association and Linn County for fiscal year 2026 funding for the Linn County Mental Health Access Center.

Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir., presented an Order Form between Linn County and RenoDry to install a RenoDry Dehydration System in the Jean Oxley Public Service Center for an amount of \$57,000. This is the same system that is being installed at the Courthouse just a separate contract.

Supervisor Meisheid asked how this will benefit the Public Service Center (PSC) and Fischer responded that the PSC is the county's oldest building with a lot of limestone with the foundation. Water has come through the east wall foundation in the past and this is a way to protect the foundation.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that she spoke with Fischer and Darrin Gage and this system will increase the life of the PSC and save the county money down the road.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve an Order Form between Linn County and RenoDry to install a RenoDry Dehydration System in the Jean Oxley Public Service Center for an amount of \$57,000.

Tracy Houdeshell, Deputy Treasurer, presented a Resolution to Approve Financial Institutions as Depositories for Linn County Funds noting that the county has not done a resolution for a couple of years. The resolution is for institutions that have presence in Linn County to accept public funds (checking account, savings account, money market account, etc.). They pledge collateral to secure Linn County's funds. There have been changes since the last resolution including bank names and deposit limits.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Luke Maloney, Building Official, discussed setting a public hearing date of July 7, 2025, at 10 a.m. for an ordinance amending Chapter 105, Article III of the Linn County, Iowa Code of Ordinances, pertaining to the Linn County Electrical Code. They are switching to the new version of the National Electrical Code to stay in compliance with state law. The Electrical Board of Appeals does recommend approval.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to set public hearing date of July 7, 2025 at 10 a.m. for an ordinance amending Chapter 105, Article III of the Linn County, Iowa Code of Ordinances, pertaining to the Linn County Electrical Code.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to open public hearing on a proposed ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, pertaining to Variances/Special Exceptions and Accessory Dwelling Units

Stephanie Lientz, Planning & Development, discussed the proposed ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, pertaining to Variances/Special Exceptions and Accessory Dwelling Units due to recent state legislative changes. Proposed changes for the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) include: revising language related to the allowed size of the ADU; removing the requirement that either the ADU or associated single-family detached dwelling, whichever is larger; removing the requirement that the ADU or an associated principal dwelling be owner occupied and allowing a mobile/manufactured home to be used as an ADU in any zoning district where a single-family dwelling is allowed. Proposed changes for Variances/Special Exceptions include the state adding a practical difficulty standard, which Linn County already has, and a variance standard is a necessary hardship. They are taking the opportunity to update standards, combine some standard and remove any duplications. Proof of publication was presented and there were no oral or written objections.

Supervisor Meisheid asked if everything being changed is being driven by state code and Lientz responded that is correct.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to close public hearing.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve upon First Consideration an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, pertaining to Variances/Special Exceptions and Accessory Dwelling Units.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to open public hearing on a request to change the rural land use map designation of a property located at 1212 Stoney Point Road, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from Critical Natural Resource Area (CNRA) to Metro Urban Service Area (MUSA).

Mike Tertinger, Planning & Development, discussed a request to change the rural land use map designation of a property located at 1212 Stoney Point Road, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from Critical Natural Resource Area (CNRA) to Metro Urban Service Area (MUSA) noting that this request and the next two run together. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved these items on July 16<sup>th</sup> and Planning & Development recommend approval as well. This was triggered by a property owner that is combining two parcels into one. Proof of publication was presented and there were no oral or written objections. They did receive one inquiry during the process but that is it.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to close public hearing.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to open public hearing on a request to rezone .26 acres located at 1212 Stoney Point Road, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from Rural Residential 1-Acre (RR1) to Urban Services Residential (USR).

Tertinger stated that this is associated rezoning for the case, and they have approval from everyone. Proof of publication was presented and there were no oral or written objections.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that this request is changing from RR1 to USR and asked what else is changing. Tertinger responded that RR1 districts were created with a one acre minimum and USR puts a cap on residential lot size with a maximum now instead of a minimum.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to close public hearing.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve upon First Consideration a request to rezone .26 acres located at 1212 Stoney Point Road, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from Rural Residential 1-Acre (RR1) to Urban Services Residential (USR).

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to open public hearing on the fiscal year 2025 fourth proposed budget amendment.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., presented proof of publication and there were no oral or written objections. This is a last minute amendment to cover expedited ARPA expenditures and Mid-American inspection pipeline fees which the county will receive reimbursement for.

Board members thanked Bearrows for her work on this.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to close public hearing.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve the fiscal year 2025 fourth proposed budget amendment and adopt Resolution 2025-6-99

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| Expenditures cannot exceed the following fiscal year 2025 appropriations by organization: |                              |                       |
| 1                                                                                         | BOARD OF SUPERVISORS         | \$ 41,683,261         |
| 2                                                                                         | AUDITOR                      | 3,743,113             |
| 3                                                                                         | RECORDER                     | 1,774,968             |
| 4                                                                                         | TREASURER                    | 4,169,561             |
| 5                                                                                         | COUNTY ATTORNEY              | 6,125,209             |
| 6                                                                                         | IT                           | 4,661,051             |
| 9                                                                                         | RISK                         | 413,336               |
| 10                                                                                        | CIVIL SERVICE                | 19,636                |
| 11                                                                                        | HUMAN RESOURCES              | 1,119,373             |
| 12                                                                                        | FACILITIES                   | 3,182,291             |
| 13                                                                                        | FACILITIES - BOARD BUILDINGS | 1,445,262             |
| 14                                                                                        | FINANCE & BUDGET             | 863,557               |
| 15                                                                                        | SUSTAINABILITY               | 169,289               |
| 16                                                                                        | PURCHASING                   | 523,161               |
| 21                                                                                        | SHERIFF                      | 31,832,148            |
| 24                                                                                        | MEDICAL EXAMINER             | 1,002,650             |
| 27                                                                                        | COURT EXPENSE                | 73,500                |
| 29                                                                                        | JUVENILE JUSTICE             | 213,479               |
| 30                                                                                        | DHS - STATE WELFARE          | 297,257               |
| 33-35                                                                                     | LCCS/YOUTH SERVICES          | 18,134,735            |
| 36                                                                                        | VETERAN AFFAIRS              | 659,866               |
| 37                                                                                        | PUBLIC HEALTH                | 8,693,512             |
| 40                                                                                        | PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT       | 1,898,055             |
| 42                                                                                        | LIFTS                        | 2,241,163             |
| 45                                                                                        | SOIL CONSERVATION            | 243,733               |
| 46                                                                                        | CONSERVATION                 | 16,219,435            |
| 61                                                                                        | ENGINEER                     | 27,561,967            |
| 65                                                                                        | CIP                          | 8,678,709             |
| 86                                                                                        | BONDS                        | 6,269,695             |
|                                                                                           |                              | <u>\$ 193,912,972</u> |

Bearrows also presented a Resolution Approving the Appropriation of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. This resolution sets the appropriations that begin tomorrow with previously approved budget amounts and is a yearly occurrence at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to adopt Resolution 2025-6-100  
Expenditures cannot exceed the following fiscal year 2026 appropriations by organization:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Attorney               | \$ 6,733,432          |
| Auditor                | 3,434,605             |
| Board of Supervisors   | 24,848,956            |
| Board Buildings        | 1,527,262             |
| Capital Projects       | 2,165,427             |
| Civil Service          | 20,283                |
| Conservation           | 15,054,022            |
| Court Expense          | 68,500                |
| Engineer               | 20,970,579            |
| Facilities             | 3,393,555             |
| Finance and Budget     | 907,323               |
| Human Resources        | 1,161,057             |
| IT                     | 4,911,152             |
| Juvenile Justice       | 214,442               |
| LCCS                   | 18,993,354            |
| LIFTS                  | 2,304,885             |
| Medical Examiner       | 872,650               |
| Planning & Development | 1,927,574             |
| Public Health          | 8,504,810             |
| Purchasing             | 407,805               |
| Recorder               | 1,802,886             |
| Risk Management        | 439,070               |
| Sheriff                | 33,323,980            |
| Soil Conservation      | 292,092               |
| State Welfare          | 297,257               |
| Sustainability         | 173,787               |
| Treasurer              | 4,455,721             |
| Veteran Affairs        | 775,265               |
| Debt Service           | 6,267,524             |
| Total                  | <u>\$ 166,249,255</u> |

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve Retail Tobacco License for the Troy Store, 5913 Main Street, Troy Mills, IA.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve the Employment Change Roster (detail is available upon request).

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to enter into a closed session to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(c), and Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of real estate.

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 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors