

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, JULY 7, 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 30, July 1st & July 2nd, as printed.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve claim dated 7/3/25 for payroll deduction checks #71018287 - #71018292 in the amount of \$10,516.39, ACH in the amount of \$22,988.93, an EFT wire in the amount of \$28,591.33 and a Ceridian ER Funds Trust Wire in the amount of \$2,236,307.78, for a total of \$2,298,404.43.

Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor, presented a Resolution Fixing Township Compensation. The code of Iowa requires that the Board pay township clerks and trustees noting that the rate has been the same since 2020. There was a change made to add per diem for meetings due to new IPERS guidelines. Turnover has been high for the last several years with clerks and trustees and a recent situation regarding a clerk submitting more hours than others, so they are recommending a limit on hours. This resolution does not change the pay rate; it defines what a meeting is for the purpose of pay. Darrin Gage and Lisa Epp are reviewing the resolution.

Discussion continued regarding the length of meetings and what the hourly limit should be.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Betsworth and staff for their work on this along with the township clerks and trustees who keep things running. They appreciate all the work that is done to keep the community together.

Supervisor Scheetz thanked Betsworth for the presentation and background information she provided.

Supervisor Meisheid thanked all the local individuals who serve the community. She invited others listening to today's meeting to consider working as a township clerk or trustee.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to open public hearing on a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 105, Article III of the Linn County, Iowa Code of Ordinances, pertaining to the Linn County Electrical Code.

Luke Maloney, Building Official, recapped the updates to the ordinance that he discussed at a recent Board meeting.

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 Chapter 105, Article III of the Linn County, Iowa Code of Ordinances, pertaining to the Linn County Electrical.

Public Comment: Kirsten Running-Marquardt, 3515 Fieldstone Place SW, CR, stated that she had a reflective weekend with her birthday and the 4th of July. She thought about things she's appreciative of with her colleagues and all of the staff at Linn County. The level of excellence in serving Linn County is something she is grateful for. Watching the news this weekend took her back to the flood of 2008. She highlighted the devastation in Texas with the lives lost and missing people. She is sending love and prayers to the Texas community and asked others to do the same. If people would like, donations can be made to the American Red Cross and the World Central Kitchen (donate.wck.org). She asked for a moment of silence for those families and communities.

Supervisor Meisheid expressed appreciation for Running-Marquardt's comments and wished her a happy birthday on Sunday.

Supervisor Scheetz also thanked Running-Marquardt for her comments and wished her a super happy birthday.

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

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to appoint Chris Meader to the Board of Adjustment to fill an unexpired term, ending December 31, 2028.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt added that at some point they will need to address the new laws that have changed requirements for people who are appointed.

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Adjournment at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors