

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 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.

The Board received updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Engineer – quarterly Key Performance Indicator’s (KPI’s); budget update; two staff vacancies; Covington Road turn lanes project is complete; Matsell Park Road bridge replacement project was recently awarded; roadside cutting project and Covington Road Bridge replacement project are underway; seal coat season is in progress. Ketels added that this is the time of year that the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) is conducting traffic checks (every 4 years).

Carter Baldwin, LIFTS Dir. – five staff vacancies; Federal Triennial Review last month with no significant findings; Iowa DOT Transit review completed; application submitted to the Iowa Dept. of Human Services to authorize LIFTS to provide Medicaid waiver rides.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt asked Baldwin to provide a summary of the process for Medicaid reimbursable rides to the Board members and to carbon copy the Board during the process in case there are any sticking points.

Baldwin continued with his update: presented to 1,000 Friends of Iowa group as part of the Cedar Rapids Transportation Academy; will be presenting to the Iowa Public Transit Association (IPTA) to share their experiences using Linn County’s scheduling software.

Cara Matteson, Sustainability Dir. – reviewed KPI’s; Workplace Learning Connection (WLC) connected a junior from Linn Mar High School with Linn County; highlighted several partner outreach opportunities including meeting with the Mount Vernon Sustainability Committee; Marion Fireworks and Fireflies event; Iowa Groundwater Association Board; attend monthly watershed meetings; ICON; budget update.

Discussion continued regarding trying to find their own funding for water quality and different studies for Linn County

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Matteson for her scientific work and helping to guide the Board in the right direction.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir. – fully staffed; completed online budget documents. She gave a presentation of the online budget document highlighting various criteria.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that she appreciates Bearrows taking the time to highlight the budget information and thanked Bearrows and staff for putting this together.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt confirmed that Linn County has a AAA bond rating noting that it is one of the best in the state. It signals the amazing work that Budget and Finance do, and Linn County should be very proud.

Adjournment at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors