

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, JULY 28, 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 July 22 & 23rd, 2025 as printed.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to open Public Hearing on the Status of Funded Activities (SOFA) for the Linn County Conservation Tree Replanting Program, funded in part through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided by the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

Alyssa Comer, ECICOG, stated that the purpose of this hearing is to consider the status of funded activities for the Linn County Tree Replanting Program, as assisted by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (Contract #20-DRI-020). Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

a. For a general description of accomplishments to-date, a CDBG Disaster Recovery Tree Replanting contract in the amount of \$200,000 was awarded to Linn County from the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the replanting of trees in various parks throughout Linn County. A release of funds was issued on April 12th, 2024. Linn County Conservation used in-house labor to plant in Buffalo Creek Park in the Fall of 2024. For the Pinicon Ridge Park replanting, a pre-construction meeting was held on April 18th, 2025, and planting began on May 14th. Watering continues weekly throughout the fall planting period. Parks remaining to be planted in are Wanatee Park, and Morgan Creek Park. Linn County Conservation is in the procurement process for the planting of these parks.

b. For a summary of funding of the activity and source of funds, and total funds spent thus far by source, as of July 25th, 2025, a total of \$14,051.06 has been invoiced for project service delivery and newspaper publications, and \$104,973.13 for project costs.

c. For a general description of remaining work, Wanatee Park and Morgran Creek Park are left to be planted. Linn County Conservation is currently in the procurement process for these parks. Other remaining work on the project includes required monitoring and site visits conducted by the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

d. For a general description of changes made to the project budget, performance targets, activity schedules, project scope, location, objectives or beneficiaries, the project is currently on schedule to be completed before September 2026.

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

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to open Public Hearing on a proposal to convey County-Owned real property located in the 1600 Block of Bryant Rd SW, Mount Vernon, Iowa, to the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented proof of publication. There was no oral or written objections. This is a right of way in Mount Vernon and they are developing a trail and additional buildings. The county obtained this property through Alliant with the intent to give to Mount Vernon.

Chris Nosbisch, Mount Vernon City Administrator, explained that there is a ¼ mile stretch that is under construction currently with upcoming paving in August. They are also working on a voluntary annexation for Irish Lane.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt asked if there has been any feedback from the people of Mount Vernon and Nosbisch responded no. Mount Vernon owns just under 9 acres and the goal is to complete the trail section.

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

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve and authorize the Chair to adopt Resolution 2025-7-114.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF LINN COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY BY QUIT CLAIM DEED AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAID DEED WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.361 authorizes and empowers the Linn County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") to dispose of an interest in real property; and WHEREAS, Linn County, Iowa (the "County") is the title holder to certain real property (the "property") located along the former trolley corridor in the 1600 Block of Bryant Rd SW, Mount Vernon, Iowa, legally described as:

Plat of Survey #2386 Parcel A, as disclosed by the Plat of Survey recorded on December 2, 2019, in Book 10518, Page 692, records of the Linn County, Iowa Recorder

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa, desires to obtain whatever interest the County may have in the property; and

WHEREAS, the Board published a notice of the time and place of the public hearing on the proposal to convey the property in the Cedar Rapids Gazette on July 19, 2025, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.305; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the above-described notice and Iowa Code Section 331.361, the Board conducted a public hearing on July 28, 2025, on its proposal to convey the property to the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa, at which time any interested person had the opportunity to appear to file a written or oral objection to the proposal.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

The Board determines that there is no further public use by the County for the property.

The Board determines that it is in the best interest of the County to convey the property to the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa, by quit claim deed.

The Board hereby authorizes the Chairperson of the Board to execute the quit claim deed conveying the property to the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa, and all other documents required to finalize the conveyance of the property.

Sonia Evans, Budget & Finance, presented an Opioid Settlement Participation Form on behalf of Linn County for the New Opioid Settlement with Purdue Pharma L.P. pertaining to a lawsuit that was settled recently. Linn County is eligible for funding for approximately \$450k over 16 years.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve and authorize Chair to sign an Opioid Settlement Participation Form on behalf of Linn County for the New Opioid Settlement with Purdue Pharma L.P.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt discussed a Resolution Designating Voting Representatives for the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC). It names the Elected Officials and others that are affiliates of ISAC and designates that Linn County is part of ISAC and are voting members. She feels comfortable moving forward with the resolution as presented.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to amend motion to rescind motions setting public hearings for August 4, 2025 at 10 a.m. for an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, pertaining to creating an Exclusive Use (EU-2) zoning district and associated application standards for nuclear power generating facilities and nuclear waste storage and for a request to change the rural land use map designation of 3.48 acres, located at 3301 Lewis Bottoms Road, Palo, Iowa, from Renewable Energy Overlay in the Agricultural District (RE-AG) to Agricultural (AG).

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve amended motion to rescind motion setting public hearing for August 4, 2025 at 10 a.m. for an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, pertaining to creating an Exclusive Use (EU-2) zoning district and associated application standards for nuclear power generating facilities and nuclear waste storage.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., added that an item was left on the agenda mistakenly and this motion corrects that agenda item.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to rescind motion awarding bid and authorizing the Chair to sign a contract with Linn Cooperative for an estimated 30,000 gallons of LP gas to be delivered to the various Secondary Road Department locations in the amount of \$57,000 effective September 1, 2025, through May 1, 2026.

Public Comment: Brandy Meisheid, 5892 Nickel Plate Rd., stated that her sister was married on Saturday. She wished congratulations to Rachel and Matt Manternach.

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 Luke Swanson to the Mechanical Board of Appeals for a three-year term, ending December 31, 2027.

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Adjournment at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors