

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025 10:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Meisheid and Supervisor Scheetz. Absent: Vice Chairperson Running-Marquardt (personal business). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Meisheid called the meeting to order.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Scheetz to approve minutes of August 12 & 13, 2025 as printed.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve claims dated 8/15/25 for payroll deduction Check Nos. 71018763 to 71018767 in the amount of \$12,922.57, ACH in the amount of \$62,551.85, an EFT wire in the amount of \$55,521.56 and a Ceridian ER Funds Trust Wire in the amount of \$2,573,648.43, for a total of \$2,704,644.41.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Scheetz to open public hearing on a request to grant an Electric Line Easement to Interstate Power and Light Company.

Lisa Epp, Asst. County Attorney, stated that this is a standard easement for a power line relating to a trail.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Scheetz to close public hearing.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Scheetz to adopt Resolution 2025-8-124

AUTHORIZE GRANT OF EASEMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, is empowered under §331.361, Code of Iowa, to dispose of the interest of Linn County, in real property, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, has title in real property legally described as: The South Ten (10) feet of Lot 14, AP 372 to the Town of Hiawatha, Linn County, Iowa, as described in the Tax Sale Deed recorded on June 2, 1983, in Book 1849 Page 190 as Document number 18486 in the office of the Recorder in and for Linn County, Iowa. Located in the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section Thirty-Two (32) Township Eighty-Four (84) Range Seven (7) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Linn County, Iowa.

WHEREAS the Interstate Power and Light Company, an Iowa Corporation, desires a grant of an easement with respect to the above-described parcel, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, has pursuant to §331.361, Code of Iowa, conducted a public hearing upon the proposal to said easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, this date met in lawful session and determined that the above-described easement shall be granted to Interstate Power and Light Company, an Iowa Corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, hereby authorize to execute said easement granting the above-described easement to Interstate Power and Light Company, an Iowa Corporation.

Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir., presented a change order proposal between Linn County and TNT Tuckpointing & Building Restoration, LLC to complete the cleaning and painting of all remaining steel lintels on the east, south, and west elevations, as well as tuckpointing and caulking the top cornice on all four elevations of the Courthouse in the amount of \$57,238.00. They were able to move some funds around and increase the budget to include additional items for the project.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that she talked to Darrin Gage this morning and appreciates their work on this project.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Scheetz to approve a change order proposal between Linn County and TNT Tuckpointing & Building Restoration, LLC to complete the cleaning and painting of all remaining steel lintels on the east, south, and west elevations, as well as tuckpointing and caulking the top cornice on all four elevations of the Courthouse in the amount of \$57,238.00.

Todd Taylor, Auditor, presented a Vacancy Form request for a temporary Account Technician for the Auditor's Office noting that this is a continuation of the process after their funding carryover request was approved by the Board last week.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Scheetz to approve a Vacancy Form request for a temporary Account Technician for the Auditor's Office.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., discussed proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Contract for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Services between East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) and Linn County, to extend grant performance period and allocate additional project delivery funding for a grant related to new housing. This amendment acknowledges that the timeline is changing and administrative fees are increasing.

Supervisor Scheetz stated that he appreciates the clarification and Meisheid echoed his comment.

Nichols also discussed a Joint Funding Agreement between the US Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior, and Linn County for a Linn County contribution of \$3,660 in federal fiscal year 2026 for the continuing support, operation, and maintenance of a stream gaging station on the Cedar River at Blairs Ferry Road in Palo, Iowa. This agreement has been in place since 2010, and the price has been rising steadily. The data that is provided is valuable as the discharge rate of the Cedar River and the height are provided to the National Weather Service forecast. They do recommend for approval. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Nichols also discussed a Notice of Termination of Farm Tenancy to Carson Farms, LLC and Picket Fence Family Farms, LLC for leased real estate commonly known as the Dows Farm. A one-year lease is signed for farm development and farm ground at Prospect Meadows that is through March 1st of next year. In order to cancel the lease for the following year, notice needs to be sent by September 1st. At this point, the developer has not nailed down when work will continue next year. There is flexibility to develop any part of the parcel they see fit.

Supervisor Meisheid thanked Nichols for his communication with them as to how things progress moving forward.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Scheetz to approve and authorize the Chair to sign and serve a Notice of Termination of Farm Tenancy to Carson Farms, LLC and Picket Fence Family Farms, LLC for leased real estate commonly known as the Dows Farm.

Mike Tertinger, Planning & Development, discussed a proposed Temporary Use Permit for an outdoor materials storage and laydown yard located at 5608 76th Ave, Fairfax, Iowa currently in operation, until December 31, 2025. This is for Alliant Energy but not necessarily related to QTS. They were already in operation when it was discovered, and they now know this is a requirement. Planning and Development along with the Technical Review Committee are recommending it for approval. Alliant is aware that they would have to re-apply for next year. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Scheetz to approve a five-day, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License, for the period of August 28th through September 1st, for THRIVE Brain Cancer to hold an event held at Bass Farms, 840 Bass Lane, Mount Vernon, Iowa.

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

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 Supervisor