

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: John Zakrasek, 531 Lawndale Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids, stated that he has familiarity with nuclear plants and he supports the ordinance. He submitted an extensive comment document with research on post plant closure including a Host Community Agreement (HCA). The foundation for HCA's resets with a broken promise from the federal government. The Department of Energy (DOE) is responsible for disposal and the dedicated nuclear waste fund. The DOE is contractually obligated and they failed to meet the deadline. It is unknown how the unspent fuel will be handled in the future. The DOE should fulfill this obligation and put in the ordinance with flexible terms.

Matt Warfield, 4128 Lexington Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, stated that he has the pleasure of serving as the Deputy Commissioner of Elections for Linn County. He is speaking about the travel policy that is being discussed and decided on today. Warfield is speaking on behalf of his employees that struggle with the existing policy. The travel his staff does usually is outside the scope of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and outside of their scheduled work hours, so they don't get compensated for that additional time they are spending towards county activities. He's asking the Board to consider that this policy as written is incomplete. Warfield understands viewing these policies from a custodial standpoint and honoring taxpayer dollars. They put a lot of resources into the employees of Linn County, and it pains him to see the county kicking one of the supporting legs out just to save a few dollars by not paying employees for the time they spent committing to the county.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve claims for accounts payable checks dated 8/27/25 #71018818 to 71018874 in the amount of \$204,079.26; and ACH in the amount of \$598,419.48; for a total of \$802,498.74; to approve voids totaling \$895.00.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve Consent Agenda as follows:

Receive and place on file Linn County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Resolution 2025-8-133

A RESOLUTION TO VACATE EXCESS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ON SCOTLAND AND ROWLEY ROAD
WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors desire to vacate a portion of excess road right-of-way, more particularly described as follows.

A portion of the NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 22, T. 85N., R. 06W., more particularly described as follows: All that portion of Scotland and Rowley Road that lies along the south and east lines of said NW 1/4 NW 1/4 and lying 33' east of the current centerline of Scotland and Rowley Road. Said vacated area = 20,862 sf or 0.48 acres. more or less, subject to easements and restrictions of record or use.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 306.12 and 306.13 of the Code of Iowa, notice was published in the Cedar Rapids Gazette, a copy of said notice being attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, all adjoining land owners, all utility companies and the Iowa Department of Transportation have been notified by certified mail pursuant to Chapter 306.12 of said vacation and the hearing thereon, and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors pursuant to the aforesaid notice held a hearing on the proposed vacation of the aforementioned right-of-way, and

WHEREAS, it being deemed in the best interest of Linn County to vacate said right-of-way, and

WHEREAS, the vacation is subject to easements of record at time of the public hearing including a utility easement, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors that the subject section of road be ordered vacated and closed, and the vacated property listed above, subject to the right of utilities to continue in possession of any easement existing at the time of vacation. See Exhibit "A" attached.

In Linn County, Iowa, be and the same is hereby vacated, and shall no longer be deemed public road right-of-way.

Resolution 2025-8-134

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPERTY USE REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO REMOVE BRUSH FROM A DRAINAGE DITCH ON A PARCEL OWNED BY LINN COUNTY

WHEREAS, Scott Jensen, owner of Cedar Rapids Tank Wash, requested permission to remove brush and trees from a drainage ditch on Linn County-owned property located in the 200 Block of 50th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa, and legally described as:

Lot C, Auditors Plat No. 463, Linn County, Iowa

WHEREAS, the purpose of this request is to alleviate recurring overflow caused by the brush and trees, and to improve the flow of water in the drainage ditch, and;

WHEREAS, Scott Jensen offered to perform the brush and tree removal work himself, and;

WHEREAS, the Linn County Risk Management Department approved this request, and provided a Hold Harmless Agreement, attached hereto as Attachment A and made part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Linn County Board of Supervisors determines that the trees and brush on the aforementioned property may be removed as proposed, and authorizes Scott Jensen to perform the work with the understanding that:

Hold Harmless Agreement (Attachment A) shall be signed by Scott Jensen and returned to the Linn County Risk Management Department prior to commencing work.

Resolution 2025-8-135

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMIT ON 35TH AVENUE

WHEREAS, portions of 35th Avenue are in the City of Marion and Linn County, and
WHEREAS, it is good engineering practice to provide uniform, consistent speed limits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, meeting in regular session, and upon recommendation of the Linn County Engineer that the public would be better served and safety enhanced by changing the speed limit as follows:

35 mph on the county portions of 35th Avenue from Highway 13 west to the City of Marion in section 28-84-6.

The Board of Supervisors declares these signs to be legal, valid and enforceable and directs the County Engineer to erect said signs in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

Resolution 2025-8-136

A Resolution approving a Final Plat for INTERSTATE GRAIN ADDITION...

The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2025-8-136 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective August 27, 2025.

INTERSTATE GRAIN ADDITION (Case # PF25-0010) to Linn County, Iowa, containing four (4) lots, numbered lot 1, lot 2, Outlot A and lettered lot A has been filed for approval, a subdivision of real estate located in the SW SW 15-85-08 of Section 15, Township 85 North, Range 08 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of Section 15, Township 85 North, Range 8 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian; thence N0°20'51"W along the west line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 15, a distance of 676.60 feet; thence N88°44'51"E, 467.00 feet; thence S0°20'51"E, 676.60 feet to the south line of said Southwest Quarter; thence S88°44'51"W, 467.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains 7.253 acres, subject to easements and restrictions of record.

The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at www.linncountyiowa.gov.

Approve a 60-month lease agreement in the amount of \$231.62 per month with Gordon Flesch Company for a copier for the Auditor's Office.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Linn County Children's Mental Health Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2026 Provider Agreement between Linn County and Resilient Mind Therapy and Neuro feedback. The amount varies from \$85 to \$180 depending on services provided, effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Award bid and authorize the Chair to sign a contract with Terracon for Soil Borings for an amount of \$64,000 for the Secondary Road Department.

Award bid and authorize the Chair to sign a contract with Rolling Hills Consulting Services for Cultural Resource Evaluation for an amount of \$2,994 for the Secondary Road Department.

Award bid and authorize the Chair to sign a contract with Rolling Hills Consulting Services for Phase 1 Archaeology Survey for an amount of \$5,994 for the Secondary Road Department.

Award bid and approve purchase order PO803 in the amount of \$34,915 to Xcessories Squared for various road signage posts for the Secondary Road Department.

Supervisor Scheetz read Proclamation: Recovery Month.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Running-Marquardt to adopt said Proclamation.

Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir., presented a Vacancy Form for a full-time Public Health Nurse for the Public Health Department noting that this was part of a budget offer that was previously approved by the Board.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt added that there are several different funding sources for this position including a grant from the state.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that this position was funded through the offer pot. She is still on the fence about this due to the funding sources and how they might work in the future.

Dwivedi also discussed a Vacancy Form for a full-time Communicable Disease Public Health Nurse for the Public Health Department noting that this is due to a vacancy.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that she does not have as many concerns with this position and it allows for growth in what Dwivedi is requesting.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt added that yesterday Dwivedi and his staff gave an amazing update on a measles incident that took place in Linn County. The presentation is on their website and she suggested that people view it as it was a very important incident.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., and Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor, continued their discussion from Monday on revisions to the Travel and Travel Reimbursement Policy (Policy PM-014).

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that she is in support of the last piece added to the policy regarding enforcement. Department Heads, Elected Officials and designees are responsible for enforcing this policy.

Discussion continued regarding exceptions made to the policy and an explanation of Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) was given.

Supervisor Scheetz stated that he is in support of this revised policy as well as it is important to have a policy in place.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that she is also supportive of the revised policy from a professional and personal standpoint. They have constituents and also employees that they work with and try to do their best for both. They make decisions that are necessary to spend taxpayers' money wisely and she feels this is a fair way to honor both pieces of the puzzle.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve the revised Travel and Travel Reimbursement Policy (Policy PM-014).

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., discussed the ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, pertaining to nuclear energy generation and nuclear material storage. He highlighted that the Host Community Agreement (HCA) end date was extended. There were two public comments received regarding concerns about the HCA.

Discussion continued regarding the long term Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requirements and balance of the trust fund.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that the long-term storage ball has been dropped, and she would love it if federal partners would lean into that.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that this is something they are considering and thinking about as they all have children here. There are certain things the Board has authority over as Supervisors and some things they don't such as nuclear. They are trying to do the best they can pushing the balance of the ordinance and the HCA. The HCA has the ability to address things to allow a nuclear plant in the community. The application fees in the ordinance and moving forward with the HCA allows the county to take in as many safety considerations as they can and to not be burdened with the cost. She expressed her appreciation for the comments they have received.

Supervisor Scheetz stated that he is in support as well.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve upon Second Consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, pertaining to nuclear energy generation and nuclear material storage.

Public Comment: Rod and Debbie Courtney, CRUSH Recovery Center, stated that they are the founders of CRUSH. He is also a person of long-term recovery since 1983, and it has not been without its challenges. The response to the opioid epidemic was rampant and a lot of work had to be done. In November of 2016 they lost their son to a fentanyl overdose, and they were called to action. They thanked the Board for recognizing September as recovery month. Every step forward deserves to be celebrated. He recognized those very special people present in the meeting today and also those who have been amazing partners. Recovery does not happen alone, and this proclamation reminds them that recovery is real, and it happens every day in the community. There is still work to be done. On behalf of CRUSH, they thanked the Board for standing with them.

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Adjournment at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors