

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve minutes of September 16, 2025 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Dave Thielen, LCCS Executive Dir., working on creating a DAP (Disability Access Point) and childcare budget; General Assistance budget is as expected; continuing to work on Winter Weather Shelter; East Central Region has had challenges in the transition; ECI DECAT participating in ongoing meetings with the state; Juvenile Detention working on security updates with Facilities and I.T.; new estimated date of withdrawal management for the Access Center is delayed, they received a full license.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir., progress on Morgan Creek Trail continues; Pinicon Ridge Mountain Bike Trail gravity park is done; Morgan Creek Park Wetland agreements and contracts are in place; Grant Wood Trail along Paralta Rd will be bid on; gave update on Morgan Creek Lodge construction; Trackchair is available for rent at Wickiup Hill; discussed shade shelter at Morgan Creek Park; volunteer recognition event coming up at Wickiup; campgrounds will close for the season when overnight temperatures are below freezing.

Supervisor Scheetz inquired about the Pinicon Ridge Lodges and their usage and Goemaat stated that they received all positive feedback on the lodges and are very busy.

Dustin Peterson, Veteran Services Dir., budget expenditures are within expectations; discussed number of veterans that were serviced in August and what benefits were utilized; Cedar Valley Veterans Network job fair had good attendance; next career networking event will be October 1st from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at Big Grove Brewery in Cedar Rapids; FRYfest booth had good interaction numbers; shared update on office renovations; received a recent resignation of a Veteran Affairs Commissioner; shared update on veteran previously helped by Veteran Affairs; seeing noticeable improvement on timeline for benefit claims.

Supervisor Scheetz shared a recent positive interaction with a local veteran.

B.J. Dvorak, EMA Coordinator, updating emergency plans; planning for upcoming CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Rodeo on September 27th at Lowe Park in Marion; Community Preparedness Open House on September 30th from 6:30pm-8pm at Marion Fire Station 1; another CERT Basic Training will be October 10-12 at EMA and Marion Fire Station 1;

Supervisor Running-Marquardt shared information on the CERT Team including that their primary focus is aid during disasters (can help law enforcement and the emergency management crew).

Dvorak shared that to sign up you can go to Linn County Emergency Management's webpage and send a message and they will make contact; discussed amateur radio emergency data network; applied for grant for additional CERT team equipment; rapid training is complete.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to enter into a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(k) to discuss information contained in records in the custody of a governmental body that are confidential records pursuant to section 22.7(50).

Vote: Running-Marquardt – Aye Meisheid – Aye Scheetz – Aye

Motion by Brandy Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to go out of closed session.

Vote: Running-Marquardt – Aye Meisheid – Aye Scheetz – Aye

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Adjournment at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E. TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor
By: Ana Brunscheen, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors