

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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 September 22, 23 & 24, 2025 as printed.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve claims dated 09/12/25 for payroll deduction Check Nos. 71019010 to 71019015 in the amount of \$10,566.39, ACH in the amount of \$22,882.91, an EFT wire in the amount of \$29,413.36 and a Ceridian ER Funds Trust Wire in the amount of \$2,328,498.39, for a total of \$2,391,361.05.

Supervisor Scheetz discussed proposed 28E Agreement between Linn County and the Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance, formerly known as the Mental Health and Disability Services of the East Central Region. He gave a refresher of changes that have been made to the Behavioral Health System noting that it used to be shaped by regions and counties were required to join the regions. A law passed in the legislature in 2023 that changed it to a state driven system where the state funds, manages and controls the system. Regions went away June 30, 2025 and Disability Access Points (DAP) were another piece of it that the state took over. In Linn County, the Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance is informally known as the Disability Access Point (DAP). He will be making a motion to not join the DAP due to the way the system is now designed being a state driven system and the governing board of the DAP does not have any authority or influence and can't make any decisions without the approval of the state Health and Human Services. Scheetz doesn't think it makes sense for the Board to enter into an agreement to take on liability for Linn County to have no ability to shape policy at the DAP. He reiterated to those in Linn County that this doesn't mean they don't care about the services that the DAP will provide. The state is still required to provide those services to Linn County residents. The DAP will still provide critical services. The DAP is not the region, and it is a state-run system ran by Health and Human Services, and it doesn't make any sense when they have an option to not be a part of the legally binding agreement for Linn County to do so. The Asst. County Attorney and the county's Finance Director are in support of not signing the 28E.

Discussion continued regarding whether there are any repercussions by not signing the 28E and the option of a 28E agreement down the road. Scheetz also highlighted that regarding the next agenda item that the Board chose to protect their Linn County employees during the transition June 30th, and the DAP is looking to move away from having different employers and going to a single employer of record in July of next year.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that she feels comfortable not signing the 28E agreement and moving forward.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that she appreciates Scheetz bringing this forward along with the opinion of their Asst. County Attorney and Finance Director. She also is in favor of not moving forward with this agreement.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to not sign a proposed 28E Agreement between Linn County and the Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance, formerly known as the Mental Health and Disability Services of the East Central Region.

Jody Bridgewater, East Central Region Disability Access Point, presented an updated Exhibit A - List of Linn County Employees as part of the Linn County Employees Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region of Iowa and Linn County regarding reimbursement from MH/DS of the East Central Region for County Employees for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. She stated that they had a retirement in July, and a new staff member started today as well so with the completion of the hires she wanted to bring forward this updated Exhibit A for approval.

Supervisor Meisheid clarified that what the Board is signing today is essentially a new team roster and has the positions the Board previously approved and Bridgewater stated that is correct except for 1 due to a retirement. Meisheid also asked for clarification that this is effective through June 30, 2026 and Bridgewater confirmed.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that she appreciates Bridgewater being at the meeting and noting that they are honoring all the great service they are doing along with balancing the interest of people in all of Linn County. She would like to keep an eye on funding and make sure the funding is available for reimbursement even after people leave since some expenses carry on after that date.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the updated Exhibit A - List of Linn County Employees as part of the Linn County Employees Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region of Iowa

and Linn County regarding reimbursement from MH/DS of the East Central Region for County Employees for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Discussion: Supervisor Running-Marquardt added that Supervisor Scheetz has put in a lot of time and effort along with attending a lot of meetings regarding this topic and she sincerely appreciates the work he has done.

VOTE: All Aye

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve payroll authorizations (detail is available upon request).

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to reappoint Phil Brecht as a trustee for the 3rd Fire District, term expires December 31, 2027.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to reappoint Brent Oleson to the Linn County Conservation Board, term expires December 31, 2030.

Adjournment at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors