

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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 (via phone) and Supervisor Scheetz. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Meisheid called the meeting to order.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Scheetz to approve minutes of October 1, 2025 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Brian Gardner, Sheriff, in the process of hiring civilian detention officers, many applicants; recently hired 5 deputy sheriffs and more deputy sheriff testing at Coe College on November 1; Colonel Riniker working with HR to submit an application for enhanced opioid funding to help with jail diversion and crisis intervention;

Supervisor Scheetz thanked the Sheriff for his office's work on the jail diversion program after the state cut funding.

Gardner continued on with sharing that they recently opened administrative segregation cells and it is working very well, relieving congestion in maximum security cell blocks, and allowing the cells to be used for what they're designed for.

Nick Maybanks, Attorney, discussed storage issues for paper files, exploring a digital evidence and cold storage management system; recently added two county attorneys; helped Iowa Legal Aid establish a 2 year extension on a grant for expungement clinic work; looking to collaborate with Public Health to collect monies that are owed for past fines; providing ongoing legal training for the Cedar Rapids Police Department; attended Iowa Chapter of Children's Advocacy Conference and Iowa County Attorney's Legislative meeting; Asst Co Atty Andrew Powers recently proposed a law that would modify the current intimidation with a weapon statute; proposing a bill regarding trying to criminalize assaults that constitute groping offenses; successfully prosecuted 2 murder cases since last update; highlighted current caseload among staff; office manager, Gayle Keiser, recently submitted her resignation and Maybanks acknowledged his appreciation for the 17 years of service Keiser provided. He wished her well on the next chapter of her life.

Supervisor Meisheid thanked Keiser for all she has done, and the county has been blessed to have knowledgeable employees who have stayed for so long; Supervisor Scheetz echoed Meisheid's comments and wished Keiser luck on her next endeavor.

Cortney Hayler, Deputy Recorder, celebrating customer service week and recognizing their team for the standards they hold themselves to; passports are down; new online DNR renewal system is up and active (working on details to have it run smoother); hunting season tags have started selling; real estate is showing an upturn in purchasing; vitals are slowly increasing compared to 2024; 135 books damaged in 2008 flood have been restored.

Todd Taylor, Auditor, countywide elections mailer went out this week and received far more engagement this year than in years past; satellite voting will have 4 locations; accepting absentee ballot requests until 5pm on October 20th; temporary account technician has started; 5 year anniversary of DayForce/GovSense; preparation underway for township officer training on October 13th; working on EMS district petition recently received, upcoming petition for Johnson County October 16th.

Supervisor Meisheid expressed appreciation for Taylor's concern in getting the petition right and getting it done.

Adjournment at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors