

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Garret Reddish, Asst. County Engineer – Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) overview; budget update; Secondary Roads Headquarters progress update; one personnel vacancy; new hire for Asst. Engineer 1 begins in early November; QTS data center road use agreement in final review stage; MidAmerican Natural Gas Pipeline is complete; Covington Rd. and N Center Point Rd. bridge projects are wrapping up; Matsell Park Rd. bridge project construction to begin soon; Burnett Station Rd asphalt paving project approaching completion; significant upgrades to take place on Maple Grove Rd and Linn-Johnson Rd due to data center traffic volume.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt asked about vegetation and Reddish discussed tree agreements and safety.

Carter Baldwin, LIFTS Dir. – successfully filled 3 of 4 vacant driver positions; budget update; submitted application for the Medicaid waiver program; addressing safety initiatives to minimize incidents in parking lots.

Supervisor Scheetz stated that he did a LIFTS ride along last week and acknowledged Baldwin and his staff for the great work they do.

Chairperson Meisheid shared her tremendous appreciation for his staff with all the vacancies they have had.

Cara Matteson, Sustainability Dir. – KPI's overview and provided explanation of the 3 water studies and the differences between each; spoke at Women of Faith event; presented at Cedar River Academy at Taylor Elementary School; presented to the board that Linn County is starting a water plan for the Middle Iowa WMA; IDNR grant for sign installation and Nature Conservancy identified priority oxbow locations within Indian Creek; highlighted upcoming meetings she will be attending; budget update.

Chairperson Meisheid stated that there is a lot going on right now with water and she thanked Matteson for all she is doing.

Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir. – budget update; fully staffed; fall budget amendment is in the works.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir. – October 27th is fall budget amendment discussion; discussed preliminary budget calendar; budget year initiatives; Budget Public Forum is November 24th; Eide Bailly FY25 audit is November 3-6th; quarterly goal setting.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt expressed her appreciation for both Jindrich and Bearrows. They have both been recognized nationally and in the state for the rare and excellent work they do which is also reflected in Linn County's AAA bond rating for creating fair and reasonable budgets. The citizens are very appreciative of that.

Adjournment at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors