

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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 October 13, 14 & 15, 2025 as printed.

Lacey Schroeder, Prog. Dir., Uptown Marion Main Street; Jessie Thurn, Exec. Dir., Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group and David Ernst, The District: Czech Village and New Bohemia, gave PowerPoint presentations highlighting projects completed with fiscal year 2025 Main Street funding and outlined proposed use of fiscal year 2026 funding.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt added that she is very supportive of the Main Street Programs and has worked with economic development and on the policy side as a former legislator. She understands how critical it is to have local matches as part of the program and appreciates all the work that has gone into it. Running-Marquardt also acknowledged Ernst's work as well as stepping up with the transition. They are all doing important work that adds to the high quality of living for the residents.

Supervisor Scheetz echoed Running-Marquardt's comments. He thanked Ernst for spearheading this. It is important for them to think about how they dole out dollars to the district with the overall structure and process. Scheetz appreciates the honesty given the challenges they are facing.

David Thielen, LCCS Dir., presented a Vacancy Form request to fill an open Senior Account Clerk position in Linn County Community Services - Core Services and to increase the position's weekly hours from 30 to 40 noting that he spoke to Board members individually a month ago. The increase in hours is due to the Behavioral Health realignment and the increase in the contracts and number of transactions that are being processed. The workload is more than what his staff can fit within their capacity. This is temporary through June, and then they will put a formal offer through the budget process, if needed.

Supervisor Scheetz stated that his preference is that the increased cost for this position be absorbed through Thielen's budget.

Chairperson Meisheid stated that she was not supportive of this at first but since her concerns were addressed, she will now support it.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve a Vacancy Form request to fill an open Senior Account Clerk position in Linn County Community Services - Core Services and to increase the position's weekly hours from 30 to 40.

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 John Burke to Fire District 7 for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

Adjournment at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors