

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve accounts payable checks dated 10/29/25 #71019366 to 71019427 in the amount of \$184,052.77; and ACH in the amount of \$727,611.79; for a total of \$911,664.56 and to approve voids totaling \$131.76.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to amend agenda item from Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign a Quit Claim Deed to Ryan S. Stephenson & Rebecca A. Rudnick to Rudnicki.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to amend agenda item from A Resolution Authorizing the Vacation of Excess Road Right-of-Way and Conveyance of the Vacated Right-of-Way on Sutton Road Alley to Ryan S. Stephenson & Rebecca A. Rudnick to Rudnicki.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve the amended consent agenda as follows:

Resolution 2025-10-168
 A RESOLUTION TO VACATE EXCESS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CONVEYANCE OF THE VACATED RIGHT-OF-WAY ON SUTTON ROAD ALLEY
 WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors desire to vacate a portion of excess road right-of-way and Quit Claim unto the adjoining property owners, more particularly described as follows.
 A portion of the Original Town of Paris located in the SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 20, T. 86N., R. 06W., more particularly described as follows: All that portion of the alley lying between Lot 6 and Lot 7, Fractional Block 1 of said Town of Paris. Said vacated area = 2,178 sf or 0.05 acres more or less, subject to easements and restrictions of record use.
 WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 306.12 and 306.13 of the Code of Iowa, notice was published in the Cedar Rapids Gazette, a copy of said notice being attached hereto, and
 WHEREAS, all adjoining landowners, all utility companies and the Iowa Department of Transportation have been notified by certified mail pursuant to Chapter 306.12 of said vacation, quit claim deed, and the hearing thereon, and
 WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors pursuant to the aforesaid notice held a hearing on the proposed vacation and quit claim deed of the aforementioned right-of-way, and
 WHEREAS, it being deemed in the best interest of Linn County to vacate said right-of-way, and convey said vacated right-of-way to adjoining property owners listed below, and
 WHEREAS, the vacation and quit claim deed is subject to easements of record at time of the public hearing including a utility easement, and

No.	Property Owner	Legal Description
1	Ryan Stephenson & Rebecca Rudnicki	PARIS & W120' S99' SW SW 20-86-6 LOT 7 BLK FR1

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the subject section of road be ordered vacated and closed and do hereby Quit Claim unto the adjoining property owners, all our right, title, interest, estate, claim and demand, the vacated property listed above subject to the right of utilities to continue in possession of any easement existing at the time of vacation. See Exhibit "A" attached.
 in Linn County, Iowa, be and the same is hereby vacated and conveyed, and shall no longer be deemed public road right-of-way and authorizes chair to execute the quit claim deed on behalf of Linn County.

Resolution 2025-10-169
 A Resolution approving a Final Plat for MONTGOMERY ADDITION.
 The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2025-10-169 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective October 29, 2025.
 MONTGOMERY ADDITION (Case # PF25-0003) to Linn County, Iowa, containing two (2) lots, numbered lot 1 and lot 2 has been filed for approval, a subdivision of real estate located in the SW SE of Section 03, Township 82 North, Range 08 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows:
 Beginning at the most northerly corner of Lot 2, Seizer's Fourth Addition to Linn County, Iowa; thence S70°04'04"E, 331.07 feet to the Northeast Corner of said Lot 2; thence S0°29'19"E along the east boundary of said Lot 2, a distance of 303.76 feet to the northwesterly right of way of U.S. Highway 151; thence S59°35'22"W along said right of way, 25.20 feet to the southwesterly boundary of said Lot 2; thence N49°28'24"W, 476.51 feet to the Northwest Corner of said Lot 2; thence northeasterly 139.49 feet along the southeasterly right of way of Selzer Road and the arc of a 391.30 foot radius curve, concave northwesterly, chord bears N30°20'55"E, 138.75 feet, to the point of beginning.
 Said parcel contains 1.966 acres, subject to easements and restrictions of record.
 The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at www.linncountyiowa.gov.

Resolution 2025-10-170

A Resolution approving a Residential Parcel Split for DUROW FIRST ADDITION...

The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2025-10-170 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective October 29, 2025.

DUROW FIRST ADDITION (Case # PPS25-0016) to Linn County, Iowa, containing two (2) lots, numbered lot 1 and lettered lot A, a subdivision of real estate located in the SE NE of Section 31, Township 86 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows:
Commencing as a point of reference at the E 1/4 Corner of said Section 31;
thence S89°39'13"W along the south line of said SE 1/4 NE 1/4, 207.61 feet to the Point of Beginning;
thence S89°39'13"W along said south line, 453.49 feet;
thence N08°18'54"W, 197.19 feet;
thence N77°47'45"E, 136.23 feet;
thence N26°36'45"E, 236.90 feet;
thence S88°30'58"E, 243.32 feet;
thence S00°04'05"W, 426.67 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 3.78 acres which includes 0.35 acres of road right of way.

The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at www.linncountyiowa.gov.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a 28E Agreement between Cedar Rapids Community School District and Linn County Child Development Center (LCCDC) regarding a statewide voluntary four-year-old preschool program. LCCDC will provide preschool services for 27 students, effective August 1, 2025, through June 1, 2026.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Quit Claim Deed to Ryan S. Stephenson & Rebecca A. Rudnicki of Linn County, Iowa's interest of vacated right-of-way a portion of the Original Town of Paris located in the SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 20, T. 86N., R. 06W., more particularly described as follows: All that portion of the alley lying between Lot 6 and Lot 7, Fractional Block 1 of said Town of Paris. Said vacated area = 2,178 sf or 0.05 acres more or less, subject to easements and restrictions of record or use.

Jason Zbornik and Anna Patty, Czech-Slovak Protective Society (CSPS) Hall, gave a presentation in support for their grant application to the fiscal year 2026 Linn County Legacy & Community Attraction Fund. The challenges they are facing include outdated infrastructure, accessibility and safety. As such, they will modernize performance and gallery technology, enhance safety and accessibility and improve operational efficiency. CSPS received a \$150,000 matching grant from Hall-Perrine Foundation and are now requesting \$10,000 from Linn County Legacy & Community Attraction Grant.

Supervisor Scheetz thanked Zbornik and Patty and said it is a wonderful organization in the heart of Newbo, adding that he has been attending their events since childhood.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked them for the presentation, and she has seen how their work has provided cultural benefits and preserved the legacy of CSPS.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to open a public hearing to consider the establishment of a proposed emergency medical services district for parts of Bertram, Franklin, Linn, and Putnam Townships in Linn County, Iowa.

Todd Taylor, Auditor, presented a letter of certification to Lisbon-Mt. Vernon Ambulance Service (LMVAS) noting that the submitted petition met the required guidelines. Taylor has received no public comment.

Jake Lindauer, Service Dir. of LMVAS, stated that this isn't just about LMVAS, this is to support all EMS within the district, including EMS provided by the fire departments who will continue to provide services to the community. The biggest need to provide quality care within the district is staffing, as EMS has been largely staffed by volunteers over the years. Calls for service have more than doubled in the past decade while volunteerism has also changed. The plan is to add full time staffing, hoping to provide a high level of care with paramedic staffing, and relieve volunteers allowing them to provide care in a setting more meaningful to them and they are not bogged down with the day to day things like reports. Equipment would be another update, and facilities are always an ongoing assessment. This would be paralleling with Johnson County and the cities of Mt. Vernon & Lisbon, with the plan to be serving over 3,100 families total. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., highlighted next steps including within 10 days the Board will need to consider a resolution to formally establish the district and appoint an engineer to approve a preliminary plat report. The engineer has 30 days to complete that report. Once the Auditor receives the report, another public hearing will be scheduled. At that public hearing, the question of whether the district approves or disapproves the tax levy goes to the voters in that district, as well as nominating candidates to serve as trustees. The ballot would include 3 write-in spaces, with the top 5 vote getters being presented to the Board of Supervisors to then choose 3. The proposed election would most likely be March of 2026.

Supervisor Scheetz questioned since the district spans across multiple counties and cities, who conducts the set election and Gage responded that he has been working with the County Attorney, and the belief is that there will be separate elections. One in unincorporated Linn County, one or two in the cities of Mt. Vernon and Lisbon, and a separate one in the small named area of Johnson County. The Linn County Auditor will administer the elections in Linn County, Mt. Vernon and Lisbon. It is unclear if Mt. Vernon and Lisbon will be considered separately or together. Those 3 or 4 districts would then enter into a 28E Agreement to jointly administer the overall district.

Scheetz then questioned what would happen to the overall resolution if the Johnson County Board of Supervisors says no to establishing the EMS district and Gage responded that he believes that the geographical location of the district would be excluded going forward.

Supervisor Meisheid inquired what if one of the 3 or 4 voting districts fails and Gage responded that the code says if the election fails, then the resolution is invalidated. However, this process anticipates one district, not multiple, so his office is still trying to work through how that would move forward. Worth County, Des Moines County, and Mediapolis have all previously adopted this.

Meisheid expressed appreciation to Gage and Lindauer for all the work that has been put into this.

Myrt Bowers, 203 Old Lincoln Hwy, Mt. Vernon, spent decades as a registered nurse in Cedar Rapids and saw the need for an ambulance service. Bowers helped in establishing the ER Medical Director and their standards and helped with acquiring the Air Ambulance. She shared that Ted Beuter began the Sheriff's Rescue 57 service because he saw that ambulance care was needed at the scene. Paramedic service means immediate care can begin at the scene, which means the ER service can help the paramedic treat the patient at the scene. It sets the hospital staff into a system to be ready for the incoming patient, which helps save lives. Bowers is very proud of LMVAS and the fire department and encourages the Board to vote yes on the EMS service. She referenced an incident in Martelle 2 years ago in which LMVAS responded to a toddler in respiratory distress, intubating the child and subsequently saving their life.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to close public hearing.

Luke Maloney, Building Official, discussed a Second Consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article IV, Mechanical Systems. He stated there have not been any changes or comments received.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve upon Second Consideration an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article IV, Mechanical Systems.

Maloney then discussed a Second Consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article V, Plumbing. He stated there have not been any changes or comments received.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve upon Second Consideration an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article V, Plumbing.

Maloney finally discussed a Second Consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article III, Electrical Installations. He stated there have not been any changes or comments received.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve upon Second Consideration an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article III, Electrical Installations.

Public Comment: Kirsten Running-Marquardt, 3515 Field Stone Pl. SW, spoke regarding Myrt Bowers and wanted the opportunity to honor Bowers for her community work sharing that she established the first ER in Cedar Rapids, worked with the first Area Ambulance service, and ran Meals on Wheels for many years on top of being a registered nurse. Bowers is a champion for the entire county and has dedicated her life to the people of this county.

Nelson Baethke, 1276 Ivanhoe Rd, Mt. Vernon, referenced a letter sent by Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) about an amicus brief that they are preparing for the Supreme Court regarding a lawsuit that involves Shelby & Story counties whose zoning efforts regarding CO2 pipelines have been challenged. They are seeking support from other counties to try to defend their right to implement zoning ordinances to protect their citizens. Baethke would like the Board to consider supporting their efforts. Baethke also supports the aforementioned efforts for the EMS district.

Garrett Goldfinger, NextEra, is the lead developer on the Duane Arnold Nuclear restart opportunity. This week NextEra announced Duane Arnold will be resuming operations in 2029. The economic benefits of this decision to Linn County are significant with over 800 jobs being created over the project's construction period and approximately 400 well-paying permanent jobs at Duane Arnold to support operations. The total economic impact to Linn County over the construction and 25-year operating period is estimated at \$8.2 billion. Utility customers in Iowa will not bear any cost associated with the power purchase agreement. Central Iowa Power Cooperative will purchase the remaining power from the plant.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) to discuss a draft agreement as authorized by state law to be kept as confidential record pursuant to Iowa Code 22.7(65) and to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(c).

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

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

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

Adjournment at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors