

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve minutes of October 28 & 29, 2025 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Brian Gardner, Sheriff, shared that with recent retirements of long serving Deputy Sheriffs there is movement and promotions amongst the staffing; will be communicating with local EMS and fire departments that Sheriff's Rescue 57 will be down one deputy for about two years while new deputies undergo the required training to become a Rescue Deputy; recently had Deputy Sheriff testing with 37 applications.

Supervisors Meisheid, Running-Marquardt and Scheetz all expressed appreciation for the service of the retiring Deputy Sheriffs.

Carolyn Siebrecht, Recorder, discussed how recording is up from the previous year; Policy & Procedures for 28E Committee is reviewing policies; clarified VA requests about whether to accept requests for children's birth certificates that allowed them to prove entitlement, free copies will be given; checking if they can redact personal information on applications for open records; discussed genealogy records and entitlement; DNR liaison committee had their quarterly meeting this month and discussed the DOGE report and what would happen if the DNR regionalized existing duties of the Recorder; Recorders Association remains opposed to combining the Recorder's Office with the Treasurer's Office; shared upcoming meetings.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt expressed her thoughts that it doesn't make sense to combine the Recorder's and Treasurer's Offices and create inefficiencies in government.

Brent Oleson, Treasurer, recently hired a new universal clerk to replace a previous clerk position; discussion continued regarding the 3 metal gates in their office including recent repair issues, staff concerns and getting estimates to replace the gates.

Supervisor Meisheid appreciates that he explored all possible avenues; she addressed funding and if CIP funds can be utilized.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt added that her concern is if other offices with gates have similar security measures in place.

Oleson continued with his update: data centers construction jobs are driving their numbers up; seeing an uptick in processing transactions for people from other counties and people whose primary language is Spanish; doing extra staff training and providing extra direction to staff.

Discussion continued regarding bilingual staff in the Treasurer's Office and a joint contract for translation services; Oleson shared his request for a 4% raise for the County and provided factors that led to that amount.

Todd Taylor, Auditor, the launch of the 2025 City/School Elections happened on time and everything is going well so far, they are working on some troubleshooting and to make sure that everyone votes; will do media reports later.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt shared that her son registered to vote and voted for the first time. She asked how someone could clarify where they vote and Taylor responded that they can call 319-892-5000 or go to the Linn County website.

Supervisor Scheetz voted on his way here and felt that it was quick and staff was pleasant.

Taylor reiterated that it's a beautiful day and to get out and vote! He has a huge team of very dedicated people working hard to get everything right. They have equipment that speeds things up and over 280 are people working this election.

Public Comment: Brandy Meisheid, 5892 Nickel Plate Rd., Coggon, today is their day to vote. They cannot vote in this building today and will have to look up their polling location. She also voted this morning and expressed thanks to all the poll workers as she had a wonderful experience at her polling location with super friendly and professional service.

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Adjournment at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors