

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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 11/5/25 #71019428 to 71019516 in the amount of \$275,629.81; and ACH in the amount of \$1,475,474.29; for a total of \$1,751,104.10

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve Consent Agenda as follows:

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a contract with The Gazette for design, printing, and distribution services for the fiscal year 2025 Linn County Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) in the amount of \$6,500.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an amendment to the Healthy Families Nurturing Parenting Program Contract between Linn County Board of Supervisors and Linn County Early Childhood Iowa. The amendment adjusts the performance measure goal from serving 130 children to 60, in alignment with program model guidelines. Contract: LINNECI-26-104.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an amendment to the LCCS Child Development Center Contract between Linn County Board of Supervisors and Linn County Early Childhood Iowa. The amendment increases their award by \$10,000. Contract: LINNECI-26-101.

Approve a request from Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) for financial support in the amount of \$500 to contribute towards the filing of an amicus brief before the United States Supreme Court.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt discussed an amended MOU and Infrastructure Funding Agreement (IFA) among the East Central Iowa Workforce Development Board (ECIWDB) and other partners regarding cost sharing, service access, service delivery, and other related matters. This is a statutorily required committee and the document is regarding technical clean up. Both Darrin Gage and Lisa Epp looked it over and gave their approval.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve the amended MOU and Infrastructure Funding Agreement (IFA) among the East Central Iowa Workforce Development Board (ECIWDB) and other partners regarding cost sharing, service access, service delivery, and other related matters.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented a Resolution to Create the Lisbon - Mount Vernon Emergency Medical Services District for the portions of unincorporated Linn County that it encompasses. The cities of Mt. Vernon, Lisbon, and Johnson County will be acting similarly. The County Attorney recommends the 4 separate districts enter into a 28E Agreement that will jointly govern one benefitted district. The resolution appoints Snyder and Associates to prepare the preliminary plat. Their professional services agreement will be brought before the Board next week.

Supervisor Meisheid expressed her support and emphasized how important it is to give the residents the chance to vote on this.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to adopt Resolution 2025-11-171 to Create the Lisbon - Mount Vernon Emergency Medical Services District.

**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE LISBON - MOUNT VERNON AREA
BENEFITED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2025, the Linn County Board of Supervisors ("Board") received a petition concerning the establishment of a proposed benefitted emergency medical services district for parts of Bertram, Franklin, Linn, and Putnam Townships in Linn County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Auditor's Office, serving in its capacity as county commissioner of elections pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 47, verified the petition meets the requirements set forth in Iowa Code Section 357F.2 for a valid petition for a public hearing concerning the establishment of a proposed benefitted emergency medical services district; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2025, pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 357F.2 and 357F.4, the Board adopted Resolution 2025-10-144, setting the date for a public hearing concerning the establishment of a proposed benefitted emergency medical services district and authorized and directed the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2025, the Board held the duly noticed public hearing and invited all interested persons to present written or oral comments concerning the establishment of the proposed benefitted emergency medical services district ("district"); and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 357F.5 requires the Board after, and within ten (10) days of, the public hearing, to either establish the district by resolution or disallow the petition; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the public interest to create the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 357F.6, upon establishing a district, the Board must appoint a competent, disinterested civil engineer to prepare a preliminary plat and report including the outline of the district and related matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The Board establishes the Lisbon- Mount Vernon Area Benefited Emergency Medical Services District consisting of parts of Bertram, Franklin, Linn, and Putnam Townships in Linn County, Iowa.
2. The Board appoints Snyder & Associates to prepare a preliminary plat and report in accordance with Iowa Code Section 357F.6.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of November 2025.

Gage presented the Witwer Trust Fund grant allocations for FY26, noting that \$80,000 is available (not taxpayer dollars). Precedence has previously been set for the Board to direct the funds to one program.

Kim Guardado, HACAP Food Reservoir, spoke regarding the government shutdown and Linn County residents currently enrolled in SNAP benefits which are being paused. Linn County has over 22,000 individuals that are enrolled in SNAP. Partial benefits may be released at an undetermined date later this month. The economic impact that brings to their community results in \$5.8 million dollars over the course of a year. For every meal that HACAP provides, SNAP provides 9 meals so they can't fill the gap themselves. Cedar Rapids designated \$25,000 and will be voting on that later this month and HACAP has asked more community partners for assistance. The Governor also designated \$140,000 in matching funds to their program.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt discussed the urgent need to feed hungry citizens in their community and what they can do on their part, utilizing the Witwer grant. She supports using the entire amount to feed hungry people in their county through HACAP and she requests citizens consider donating or volunteering at HACAP.

Supervisor Scheetz spoke to his long relationship with HACAP throughout his career, and acknowledges the people who utilize HACAP are some of the most vulnerable in their society. He is grateful that the Governor provided a match program and is also in support of utilizing the entire amount of the Witwer grant to fund HACAP. Since the Witwer money comes from a family that ran grocery stores, he can't think of any better recipient of their annual funds.

Supervisor Meisheid shared that she is also grateful for Governor Reynolds match program and she can think of nothing better than taking advantage of that match program and offering the entire amount to HACAP. She also expressed appreciation to the Witwer family and how this is a testament to what they did every day in feeding the people of their community.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve the following Witwer Trust Fund grant allocations for fiscal year 2026: HACAP - \$80,000.

Luke Maloney, Building Official, discussed Third and Final Consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article IV, Mechanical Systems. There have been no oral or written objections since the second reading.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve upon Third and Final Consideration Ordinance 9-11-2025 amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article IV, Mechanical Systems.

Maloney then discussed Third and Final Consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article V, Plumbing. There have been no oral or written objections since the second reading.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve upon Third and Final Consideration Ordinance 10-11-2025 amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article V, Plumbing.

Maloney finally discussed Third and Final Consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article III, Electrical Installations. There have been no oral or written objections since the second reading.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve upon Third and Final Consideration Ordinance 11-11-2025 amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article III, Electrical Installations.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., discussed Second Consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 107, pertaining to exempting rezoning land to Exclusive Use zoning districts from the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) scoring system. He stated that there have been no comments received since the second reading. This is updating language to reflect how LESA with Exclusive Use zoning has been applied in the past.

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 107, pertaining to exempting rezoning land to Exclusive Use zoning districts from the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) scoring system.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) to discuss three draft ordinances that are authorized by state law to be kept as confidential records pursuant to Iowa Code 22.7(65)

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 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors