

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 10:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Meisheid and Vice Chairperson Running-Marquardt. Absent: Supervisor Scheetz (other county business). 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 Meisheid to approve accounts payable checks dated 11/12/25 #71019523 to 71019590 in the amount of \$176,901.34; and ACH in the amount of \$1,242,233.08; for a total of \$1,419,134.42.

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

Receive and place on file the Linn County Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2025.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a quote between Linn County and Hunter Quality Contracting LLC to remove trees, brush, and vegetation within a drainage ditch on a parcel owned by Linn County in the 200 Block of 50th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to open public hearing on the fiscal year 2026 proposed budget amendment.

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., explained that the decrease in revenue for Public Health is due to timing between two fiscal years, not due to DNR fees. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

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

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to adopt Resolution 2025-11-171.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Expenditures cannot exceed the following fiscal year 2026 appropriations by organization:

Attorney	\$ 6,733,432
Auditor	3,461,605
Board of Supervisors	27,429,956
Board Buildings	1,527,262
Capital Projects	17,155,427
Civil Service	20,283
Conservation	18,459,022
Court Expense	68,500
Engineer	24,923,225
Facilities	3,453,555
Finance and Budget	907,323
Human Resources	1,173,210
IT	5,246,152
Juvenile Justice	214,442
LCCS	18,841,470
LIFTS	2,304,885
Medical Examiner	872,650
Planning & Development	1,953,294
Public Health	8,541,155
Purchasing	407,805
Recorder	1,878,191
Risk Management	455,450
Sheriff	33,523,980
Soil Conservation	297,092
State Welfare	297,257
Sustainability	173,787
Treasurer	4,484,721
Veteran Affairs	775,265
Debt Service	6,267,524
Total	<u>\$ 191,847,920</u>

Tracy DeJong, Deputy Assessor, presented the County's 2025 Family Farm Tax Credit Allowances and Disallowances.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve the County's 2025 Family Farm Tax Credit Allowances and Disallowances.

Sonia Evans, Budget & Finance, presented the Linn County Opioid Settlement Committee recommendations for the Fall 2025 Linn County Opioid Settlement Funds Grant.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt expressed appreciation to both Evans and the committee for the work they did putting this list together.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve the Linn County Opioid Settlement Committee recommendations for the Fall 2025 Linn County Opioid Settlement Funds Grant.

Evans presented nine organizations to enter into memorandums of agreements for Linn County Opioid Settlement Funds Grant awards.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to authorize the Chair to sign memorandums of agreement with the following organizations that are approved for Linn County Opioid Settlement Funds Grant awards: ASAC - \$70,000; Community and Family Resources - \$30,000; Community Resources United to Stop Heroin of Iowa - \$50,000; Eastern IA Health Center - \$55,000; Housing Fund for Linn County - \$94,000; Linn Co. Mental Health Access Center - \$30,000; Linn County Sheriff's Office - \$62,000; Mercy Medical Center - \$16,000; The Safe Place Foundation - \$12,000.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., discussed Third and Final 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. 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 12-11-2025 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.

The Board canvassed votes of the November 4, 2025, City/School Election 1st Tier. Results are on file at the Auditor's Office.

Public Comment: Nelson Baethke, 1276 Ivanhoe Rd., Mt. Vernon, presented a copy of a letter from the Adams County Board of Supervisors to the Iowa Utilities Commission protesting the use of eminent domain for a private entity to construct CO2 pipelines. Baethke encourages the Board to consider what other action Linn County might be able to take and hopes they put together a similar letter. He would appreciate anything they can do to protect citizens from the toxic CO2 pipelines.

Kirsten Running-Marquardt, 3515 Field Stone Pl. SW, Cedar Rapids, stated that Linn County has previously sent two letters regarding opposition to eminent domain and an ordinance was put in place. She can try to find those letters for Baethke. The Board is looking at what other counties are doing and that's why they have joined the group effort amongst counties in the state.

Adjournment at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors