

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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.

Public Comment: Anthony Arrington, 1311 34th St SE, CR, stated that he is speaking on the Behavior Intervention position on today's agenda to create that new position in the Sheriff's Office. He is speaking on behalf of himself and advocates for social justice. This is a good thing, and they appreciate the funding from the opioid settlement funds. Diversion programs are important for the community. They connect individuals to community-based organizations and prevent the negative consequences of jail such as loss of jobs and difficulty with housing. They have reduced racial and economic barriers, which is very important, especially today. There isn't much information about how they will implement this position and what the particulars are, but he assumes that will come. Arrington thanked the Board personally and on behalf of the advocates for social justice for allowing this important position. The more they work collectively like this, the better the county will be.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve minutes of November 17 & 18, 2025 as printed.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz approve claims dated 11/21/25 for payroll deduction Check Nos. 71019651 to 71019655 in the amount of \$13,045.92, ACH in the amount of \$63,980.94, an EFT wire in the amount of \$27,903.14 and a Ceridian ER Funds Trust Wire in the amount of \$2,314,419.55, for a total of \$2,419,349.55.

Chairperson Meisheid read a letter recognizing Lincoln Prins as Veteran of the Month for November 2025.

Garret Reddish, Asst. County Engineer, discussed establishing bridge weight restrictions and the Linn County Engineer erecting and maintaining appropriate signs. There is one bridge being added to the list, otherwise all the other bridges are the same as the previous resolution.

Reddish introduced Jon Larson as their new Asst. County Engineer.

Clarification was made in regard to a resolution that was not included on today's agenda item. The Board will approve said resolution on Wednesday.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that they are focusing on that area for the safety of roads and bridges. She appreciates the care and inspiration that is shown.

Chairperson Meisheid thanked Reddish for clarifying the questions she had.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to establish bridge weight restrictions and authorize the Linn County Engineer to erect and maintain appropriate signs.

Col. Riniker presented a Vacancy Form request for a Behavior Intervention Specialist for the Sheriff's Office. This position will help to eliminate some of the people that are in the jail as low level offenders, which is not an ideal place for them. They want to get people the help they need with additional resources such as this position.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt added that this position and a good diversion program is a really good investment and use of opioid funds that will help to save taxpayers' dollars in the long term as well. She thanked Riniker for his work on this along with several others including the Opioid Settlement Committee.

Supervisor Scheetz also expressed his appreciation. He explained the change with the East Central Region when the state took over July 1st and since then they have identified 22 people that would have otherwise been diverted through this program. He is really appreciative that they took this upon themselves to find a solution. This will have incredible positive impacts, and it shouldn't have been cut by the state in the first place.

Chairperson Meisheid added that she appreciates her colleague's comments and is also supportive. She did highlight that this is a one-year deal for now.

The Board will approve on Wednesday.

Dave Thielen, LCCS Dir., presented a waiver of liability for the installation of cameras in the Winter Weather Shelter. This waiver gives permission for Anaheim to install cameras. They worked with the County Attorney to review this document. Anaheim will work with Facilities to identify spots to install the cameras as there are a lot of blind spots in the building. Thielen added that the Housing Fund for Linn County will be purchasing the cameras for Anaheim to use.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt asked that Thielen advise IT that this camera installation is in the works.
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Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to authorize the Chair to sign a waiver of liability for the installation of cameras in the Winter Weather Shelter.

Charlie Nichols, Planning Dir., presented four resolutions to set public hearing dates for ordinance amendments amending provisions in the following: Chapter 105, Article VI, Property Maintenance Code; Chapter 105, Article II, Construction Regulations; Chapter 105, Article VII, Housing Code; and Chapter 12, Article II, Fire Code. These are all building code updates from the 2021 version to the 2024 version to stay in line with the state building codes. The Building Board of Appeals has reviewed and recommends approval for all of them.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to adopt Resolution 2025-11-174

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO ADOPT
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
BY AMENDING PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 105, ARTICLE VI, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE
WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning and Development Department presented the Linn County Board of Supervisors with a proposal to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article VI, Property Maintenance Code and,
WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby finds that it is desirable to hold a public hearing to consider the proposal to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article VI, Property Maintenance Code, and that Linn County should publish a notice thereof as required by law.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the proposal to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article VI, Property Maintenance Code on December 8, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Formal Board Room of the Linn County Public Service Center located at 935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at which time any interested person may provide public comment on the proposed ordinance, and after hearing any and all public comments, the Board may proceed with the approval of the proposed ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors directs the publication of a notice of public hearing in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.305.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to adopt Resolution 2025-11-175

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO ADOPT
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, LINN COUNTY, IOWA BY AMENDING
PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 105, ARTICLE II, CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS
WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning and Development Department presented the Linn County Board of Supervisors with a Proposal to an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article II, Construction Regulations and,
WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby finds that it is desirable to hold a public hearing to consider the proposal to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article II, Construction Regulations, and that Linn County should publish a notice thereof as required by law.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors directs the publication of a notice of public hearing in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.305.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to adopt Resolution 2025-11-176

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO ADOPT
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
BY AMENDING PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 105, ARTICLE VII, HOUSING CODE
WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning and Development Department presented the Linn County Board of Supervisors with a proposal to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article VII, Housing Code and,
WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby finds that it is desirable to hold a public hearing to consider the proposal to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article VII, Housing Code, and that Linn County should publish a notice thereof as required by law.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the proposal to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 105, Article VII, Housing Code on December 8, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Formal Board Room of the Linn County Public Service Center located at 935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at which time any interested person may provide public comment on the proposed ordinance, and after hearing any and all public comments, the Board may proceed with the approval of the proposed ordinance.

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Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to adopt Resolution 2025-11-177

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO ADOPT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, LINN COUNTY, IOWA

BY AMENDING PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE II, FIRE CODE

WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning and Development Department presented the Linn County Board of Supervisors with a proposal to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 12, Article II, Fire Code and,

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby finds that it is desirable to hold a public hearing to consider the proposal to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 12, Article II, Fire Code and that Linn County should publish a notice thereof as required by law.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the proposal to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 12, Article II, Fire Code on December 8, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Formal Board Room of the Linn County Public Service Center located at 935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at which time any interested person may provide public comment on the proposed ordinance, and after hearing any and all public comments, the Board may proceed with the approval of the proposed ordinance.

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Jessie Black, Admin. Spec., presented funding allocations for the fiscal year 2026 Linn County Legacy & Community Attraction Grant noting that they received 15 applications for a total of \$221,100 this year.

Board members express their appreciation to Black for the hard work she put into this.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Public Comment: Jason Wright, 6921 Kiowa Trace NE, CR, Exec. Dir. of the History Center, stated that he will not be able to attend Wednesday's meeting. He expressed his sincere appreciation to the Board noting how important this money is to them.

Chairperson Meisheid announced that the public budget forum will now be held on December 1st at 5 p.m. and not today.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve payroll authorizations (detail is available upon request).

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

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

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

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

Adjournment at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E. TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor

By: Amanda Brown, Deputy Auditor

Approved by:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors