

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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 Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve minutes of November 26, 2025 and December 1, 2025 as printed.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve accounts payable checks dated 12/03/25 #71019707 to 71019795 in the amount of \$280,784.26; and ACH in the amount of \$1,491,122.09; for a total of \$1,771,906.35 and to approve voids totaling \$273.22.

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

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a contract between Linn County and Rabe Hardware to replace three geothermal heat pumps at Linn County Conservation, 10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville, Iowa at a cost of \$49,826.48.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir., for looking into getting a portion of the County's money back on rebate.

The Board recessed at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. to review the following proposed fiscal year 2027 budgets. Also present: Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir., Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir., Phil Lowder, IT Dir., and Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir.

IT Department – Jindrich stated that the budget is over guidelines by \$154,686 due to increasing contractual costs. She went over the reasons for the increase in those costs.

Lowder presented his budget in detail including IT industry trends and his Key Performance Indicators (KPI's). A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the increased costs of the telecommunications provider.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve IT's preliminary FY27 budget appropriations in the amount of \$5,158,958.

Purchasing Department – Jindrich stated that the budget is over guidelines by \$1,000 due to an increase in education and training costs for the annual conference attended by the Purchasing Director.

Hutchins stated that his department no longer delivers for outside entities such as the City of Cedar Rapids and the Clerk of Courts Office. He also discussed the reasoning for an increase in postage from departments.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt expressed her gratitude for Hutchins developing the department and being a peer leader for counties across the state of Iowa. She appreciates the leadership that he has shown and that he is willing to look outside the box.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve the Purchasing preliminary FY27 budget appropriations in the amount of \$402,812 and revenues in the amount of \$1,000.

Hutchins then discussed his department's KPI.

Adjournment at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED BY:

BRANDY Z. MEISHEID, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors