

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 9:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Running-Marquardt, Vice Chairperson Scheetz and Supervisor Meisheid. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Brian Gardner, Sheriff – discussed the upcoming retirement of Colonel Doug Riniker and subsequent promotions, as well as going through the Civil Service process for additional promotions. Two new deputies were sworn in yesterday with more interviews coming. Staffing is at a comfortable level.

Supervisor Scheetz thanked Gardner for the work his office put in during the shooting incident over the holiday break on Tower Terrace Rd. He is very thankful for the work they did.

Gardner expressed how proud he is of his agency and the partnering agencies that assisted. The directly involved officers and deputies have been put on department mandated critical incident leave. He feels that all of the involved agencies worked very well together to accomplish the end goal.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt discussed the level of excellence she observed from that incident. She appreciates Gardner's ability to communicate with the public during tough situations - it says a lot for him and the county. Running-Marquardt also wanted to thank Colonel Riniker for his decades of work for the county as his retirement nears. His experience and expertise have been invaluable.

Nick Maybanks, Attorney – discussed the courthouse renovation project, the new rehabilitation prosecutor position has impacted his office's caseload in a very positive way, recently attended a county attorney conference, and gave an update on staffing including a new legal assistant. Maybanks also shared upcoming trainings that his staff will be involved with and legislative issues that his office will be advocating for. Maybanks' office has seen an increase in open records requests and they have lessened the backlog of sexual abuse cases, increasing resolutions by 55%. Maybanks then shared awards and recognitions that staff in his office have received.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt noted that Maybanks' office remains deeply committed to delivering justice on behalf of the county. She emphasized the importance of addressing the existing backlog, recognizing its significant impact on both victims and the broader community. She also extended her congratulations to all award recipients.

Supervisor Meisheid wanted to take a moment to thank Assistant County Attorney Elena Wolford for carrying her full caseload as well as the assistance she offers to the Board. She truly appreciates the effort Wolford puts in.

Supervisor Scheetz thanked Maybanks for the work that his office put in with the jail diversion program utilizing opioid funds, finding a solution that worked for the County.

Todd Taylor, Auditor – discussed finishing his first year, annual report was recently submitted, staff members recently had to work during off-days to process payroll. Taylor also discussed the ongoing EMS District case his office is working on, noting that the Real Estate Team worked very diligently to ensure accuracy. Taylor then discussed the changes in federal law regarding overtime, and working on getting the W2's out in a timely manner.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt is glad that Taylor is a leader with ISACA (Iowa State Association of County Auditors) and utilizes his experience as a legislator. The county is grateful for Taylor's contributions.

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

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

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

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

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Adjournment at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors