

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026 10:00 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.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve the minutes of January 9, 2026 as printed.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve accounts payable checks dated 01/14/26 #71020116 to 71020172 in the amount of \$104,318.13; and ACH in the amount of \$581,354.46; for a total of \$685,122.59 and voids totaling \$648.37.

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

Receive and place on file the Recorder's Quarterly Report (2nd Quarter) for October 1, through December 31, 2025.

Resolution 2026-1-7

A Resolution approving a Residential Parcel Split for Gruber Addition.

The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2026-1-7 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective January 14, 2026.

Gruber Addition (Case # PPS25-0004) to Linn County, Iowa, containing three (3) lots, numbered lot 1, lettered lot A and Outlot A has been filed for approval, a subdivision of real estate located in the NW NW of Section 11, Township 83 North, Range 08 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 83 North, Range 8 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian; thence N0°34'24"W along the west line of said Northwest Quarter, 33.82 feet to the north right of way of Old Ferry Road; thence S89°33'15"E along said right of way, 115.07 feet; thence N0°03'27"W, 76.84 feet to the southeasterly right of way of Iowa Primary Road No. 100; thence N45°29'40"E along said right of way, 1055.46 feet; thence N49°00'36"E along said right of way, 200.28 feet; thence N47°16'56"E along said right of way, 93.33 feet; thence N47°43'55"E along said right of way, 77.23 feet; thence N43°53'14"E along said right of way, 79.63 feet; thence N50°00'20"E along said right of way, 50.17 feet; thence N41°00'16"E along said right of way, 50.11 feet; thence N42°12'42"E along said right of way, 50.09 feet; thence N41°25'02"E along said right of way, 41.38 feet to the east line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence S0°28'44"E along said east line, 1148.49 feet to the Northeast Corner of Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 2957; thence N89°33'15"W, 50.01 feet to the Northwest Corner of said Parcel A; thence S0°28'44"E, 140.10 feet to the Southwest Corner of said Parcel A; thence S89°50'15"W along the south line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, 1292.61 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains 19.622 acres, subject to easements and restrictions of record.

The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at www.linncountyiowa.gov.

Resolution 2026-1-8

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING WORK COVERING THE

LINN COUNTY SECONDARY ROAD ENGINEERING BARN DEMOLITION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Linn County entered into a contract with D.W. Zinser Co., Inc. ("Contractor") for the Linn County Secondary Road Engineering Barn Demolition Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, Martin Gardner Architecture, P.C. serves as the Project Architect ("Architect") for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Architect has reviewed, found, and certifies to the Linn County Board of Supervisors ("Board") that to its best knowledge, information, and belief the Contractor has performed and completed the work of the project in accordance with the plans, specifications, and terms of the contract documents for the Project.

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

The Board finds and determines that the Contractor has completed the work for the Linn County Secondary Road Engineering Barn Demolition Project in accordance with the terms of the contract.

The Board hereby accepts and approves the work as completed.

The Chairperson is authorized to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Project on behalf of Linn County.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement between the Iowa Department of Transportation and Linn County, Iowa.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the US Department of Transportation Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances form.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a contract between Linn County and Lumen Technologies Group for internet services in the amount of \$638 per month for 36 months.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Amendment to the Community-based Tracking Contract between the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services and Linn County. The amended maximum amount to the contractor is not to exceed \$204,785 effective February 5, 2026. DCATSA426021.

Approve purchase order PO843 in the amount of \$105,508.80 to CDW GOVT for maintenance renewal and hardware refresh for the IT Department.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Road Use Agreement between Linn County and ITC Midwest LLC, establishing conditions for the use of County roads during the construction and development of a transmission line in Linn County.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Linn County Emergency Management Agency and NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC for reimbursement of pre-operational emergency management costs related to the restart of the Duane Arnold Energy Center.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., discussed third and final consideration on a request to rezone approximately 393 acres located at 3277 DAEC Road, Palo, Iowa, from Agricultural (AG) to Exclusive Use-Two, Nuclear Energy Generating Facility and Nuclear Waste Storage (EU-2). There have been no oral or written objections.

Board members expressed their support and appreciation for finalizing this ordinance. This is a good reflection of them working as a good partner and community member.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve upon third and final consideration Ordinance 1-1-2026, a request to rezone approximately 393 acres located at 3277 DAEC Road, Palo, Iowa, from Agricultural (AG) to Exclusive Use-Two, Nuclear Energy Generating Facility and Nuclear Waste Storage (EU-2).

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented the proposed Linn County 2026 state legislative priorities, which include changes from Monday's meeting.

Board members thanked Gage for his work on this and they appreciate the changes that were made.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve Linn County's 2026 state legislative priorities as presented.

Jessie Black, Admin. Spec., presented the proposed Board of Supervisors and staff Appointments and Committee Liaisons for 2026 including changes that were made from Monday's meeting.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve the Board of Supervisors and staff Appointments and Committee Liaisons for 2026.

Erin Foster, Mental Health Access Center Dir., presented the Linn County Mental Health Access Center Quarterly Report for FY26 Quarter 2 including EMS and law enforcement referrals, feedback from post discharge follow up and the new withdrawal management component.

Supervisor Scheetz thanked Foster noting the high service rating and that it is a testament to the work she and her staff do.

Supervisor Meisheid congratulated Foster on getting withdrawal management up and running. She also thanked Abbe Mental Health for being a partner in this program. The address to the Access Center is 501 13th Street NW, Cedar Rapids. She expressed her thanks to Foster and her staff for all they have done.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Foster and her staff for all they do. A lot of lives are benefited, and it has a ripple effect through the community. She advised Foster that all 3 Board members have really good legislative connections and are willing to help benefit the work she is doing. Running-Marquardt emphasized that if someone is experiencing a mental health crisis the Access Center is a safe and private healthcare environment where they will be treated with respect and dignity. Regardless of someone's insurance situation, they will be helped.

Public Comment: Garret Goldfinger, NextEra representative, stated that they appreciate all the hard work by Charlie Nichols and other county staff. The rezoning approval is a critical milestone for the project and one of many key steps that will help them proceed with resuming operations of Duane Arnold by the beginning of 2029. Restarting Duane Arnold initiates nuclear power in the county and the state of Iowa, laying the foundation for the next generation of the nuclear power plant workforce. They are looking forward to continuing engagement with the county as they take the next steps on the project and their mission to return Iowa's only nuclear power plant back to service.

Anne Harris Carter, a resident of Cedar Rapids, stated that she is there on behalf of the local Justice and Liberation Coalition, which for the past year has been uniting organizations and individuals to advance liberty and justice for under resourced and marginalized communities to combat threats to civil rights,
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work to affirm the rights of all lowans, etc. She stated that she's here today to ensure that as an elected Board and the general public understand how deeply their community still believes that their democracy relies on diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility as well as due process, the rule of law and public accountability. They are preparing to celebrate the federal Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and the values underlying that important date. It is necessary to say because last month the federal administration removed Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth from the list of fee free entrance days for national parks while adding Flag Day, which is also the current President's birthday. She emphasized this move as being more than symbolic and active whitewashing of history and dismantling of civil rights advances of the past 100 years. The National Park Service was also ordered to remove materials related to slavery from digital and physical exhibits, restore a confederate memorial to Arlington National Cemetery while scrubbing histories as prominent black, female and Hispanic service members are buried in the cemetery and reinstall confederate monuments. These actions are an all-out assault of their nation's civil rights. They are there to register their urgent opposition to the dismantling of the efforts to promote diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility. They are beyond dismayed that it is now considered legal and morally acceptable by the federal administration to engage in racial profiling and to kidnap people at schools and supermarkets without due process. They spoke months ago about ICE bringing on new agents into their community masked and threatening. She continued to give statistics of ICE and deaths that happened within the last year along with murders that have already taken place in 2026. The ICE agents do not have the type of training needed, have proven they are not trustworthy and are dangerous. How long before a concerned citizen exercising their rights gets shot in the face in Linn County. There are currently 16 people detained by ICE in the Linn County jail and they need to make sure they are safe and afforded all of their rights. They are asking the Board, as Elected Officials, to hold ICE accountable for their actions. Most importantly, work with the City of Cedar Rapids and all Elected Officials to get ICE out of their community. They look forward to working with them in 2026 and beyond to ensure America's promise of liberty and justice will be known and to ensure that their community at large can continue to enjoy the benefits of diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, due process and the due process of the law.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to reappoint Leah Mosher and Nikkole Werner to the Linn County Options Advisory Committee for a two-year term, effective immediately, through June 30, 2027.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to appoint David Bryant, Theresa Lewis, Brandee Gehl, and Mindy Kruckenberg to the Linn County Options Advisory Committee for a two-year term, effective immediately, through June 30, 2027.

The Board recessed at 10:43 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.; Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir.; Cliff White, Admin. Division Mgr.; Lisa Powell, HR Dir.; and Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir.

Public Health – Jindrich stated that the budget meets the Board's guidelines noting that the position that was removed in FY26 is not included in this budget.

Pramod Dwivedi expressed his sincere appreciation for Jindrich's top-notch expertise over his tenure at the county.

Dwivedi and Cliff White gave an in-depth budget presentation and reviewed Key Performance Indicators (KPI's). Two offers were presented for a Public Health Environmental Manager and a Resource Coordinator. A vehicle request was also presented.

Discussion continued regarding allowable expenditures and federal rules that have to be followed.

The Supervisors expressed their gratitude for Dwivedi and his team being team players. They also shared appreciation for him being willing to give up a position from his budget.

Supervisor Scheetz added that he is proud to be able to serve on the Board of Health.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve Public Health's FY27 preliminary appropriations in the amount of \$8,502,178 and revenues in the amount of \$3,947,262.

Human Resources - Bearrows stated that the budget is over Board guidelines by \$6,460 due to the following: increases in food costs related to the Health and Safety Fair, Adobe licenses, C3 labor costing software increase and NeoGov contractual increase.

Lisa Powell presented her budget and KPI's. One offer was presented for an HR Recruitment Coordinator. Presented KPI's.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt expressed her appreciation for all the great work Powell and her staff do. She does an amazing job making sure that the people who work for Linn County are truly valued.

Running-Marquardt also emphasized the culture components, core values, conflict resolution and other areas that Powell is involved in.

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Supervisors Meisheid and Scheetz echoed Running-Marquardt's comments.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve Human Resources FY27 preliminary appropriations in the amount of \$1,183,015.

Facilities – Jindrich stated that the budget exceeds Board guidelines by \$38,430 primarily due to increases in custodial and maintenance supplies. The remainder of the operational increase is due to salaries and benefits that are charged back to the buildings.

Luke Fischer presented his budget. An offer was presented for a 0.5 FTE Custodian position.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt shared her appreciation for the work Fischer has put in. He and his staff do an outstanding job with ensuring that environments are safe and clean for the people who work for the county. His department and leadership are a shining example of what should be done across the board.

Supervisors Meisheid and Scheetz echoed Running-Marquardt's comments.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve Facilities FY27 preliminary appropriations in the \$3,604,736.

Adjournment at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E. TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor
By: Amanda Brown, Deputy Auditor

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors