



LINN COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | LINN COUNTY FARM
BUREAU JOINT MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 | 4:00 PM
Farm Bureau Building | 1323 Boyson Road
Hiawatha, Iowa

Call to Order

Regular Agenda

The Linn County Board of Supervisors and members of the Farm Bureau will hear updates from the following Departments:

Planning & Development

- Update on the proposed restart of the Duane Arnold Nuclear Power Plant, its relationship to the solar projects in the county, and anticipated future energy production projects.
- Update on the data center project, including potential impacts on natural resources and county infrastructure.
- Update on the Dows Farm project, including its current status and long-term plans.
- Discussion of the County's Comprehensive Plan and how it prioritizes preservation of high-quality agricultural land when considering rezoning and development proposals.
- Discussion of policies guiding rural residential expansion and how the department balances growth with long-term agricultural viability.
- Discussion of coordination between developers and adjacent landowners to ensure stormwater management does not negatively impact farmland or tile drainage systems.
- Update on the Marion Airport overlay, including current ownership status and future plans.
- Discussion of opportunities for agricultural stakeholders to provide input during ordinance updates, comprehensive plan revisions, and major rezoning decisions.

Conservation

- Update on the Land, Water, and Legacy Bond, including projects currently proposed or funded.
- Discussion of how the Conservation Board determines land acquisition priorities and considers agricultural impacts when purchasing or converting farmland.
- Update on Conservation Board work related to water quality and sustainability.
- Discussion of coordination with adjacent landowners to ensure proper drainage, tile outlet access, and minimal disruption to downstream farmland.
- Discussion on the status and future plans for the Palo Conservation Project.
- Discussion of opportunities for Farm Bureau or other agricultural stakeholders to provide input during early stages of conservation planning and project development.

Secondary Roads

- Update on the condition of county bridges and rural infrastructure.
- Discussion of how bridge load ratings and culvert capacity are assessed to safely accommodate modern farm equipment, grain carts, and semitrailers.
- Discussion of safety improvements (e.g., signage, shoulder widening, intersection redesign) to reduce conflicts between passenger vehicles and agricultural equipment.
- Update on mowing and brush control schedules, including how intersections and curves with limited visibility are prioritized.
- Update on the new Secondary Roads facility on County Home Road.

Solid Waste

- Update on the status of the solid waste facility on County Home Road, including projected landfill lifespan.
- Discussion of whether the recycling facility will remain open after landfill closure.
- Discussion of the long-term solid waste management plan for Linn County.

Budget

- Update on the Linn County budget.
- Discussion of estimated ending fund balance and fund balance goals.
- Discussion of property tax and valuation changes, including potential impacts of state-level policy changes on Linn County.

Public Comment: Five Minute Limit per Speaker

This is an opportunity for the public to address the board on any subject pertaining to board business.

Adjournment

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