

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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 minutes of February 18, 2026 as printed.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve accounts payable checks dated 02/25/2026 #71020550 to 71020604 in the amount of \$140,351.42; and ACH in the amount of \$568,087.97; for a total of \$708,439.39.

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

Resolution 2026-2-31

A RESOLUTION TO AWARD AND AUTHORIZE ENGINEERS TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR THE COVINGTON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the FM-C057(179)—55-57, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a replacement of bridge 2786 on Covington Road over Lone Tree Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Linn County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Taylor Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,409,361.68 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Bradley J. Ketels, Garret A. Reddish or Jon L. Larson, the County Engineer or Assistant County Engineer for Linn County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Resolution 2026-2-32

A RESOLUTION TO AWARD AND AUTHORIZE ENGINEER TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR THE HILLS MILL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the FM-C057(178)--55-57, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Linn County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a replacement of bridge 886 on Hills Mill Road over Buffalo Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Linn County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Taylor Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,189,998.60 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Bradley J. Ketels, Garret A. Reddish or Jon L. Larson, the County Engineer or Assistant County Engineer, for Linn County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Certificate of Self Insurance for Linn County employees to participate at the United Way Day of Caring on May 14, 2026.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Certificate of Self Insurance for Linn County employees to participate at CR Pride Day on June 27, 2026.

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a contract between Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Linn County for a tree planting grant.

Accept and approve a price quote from Northway Well & Pump Co. in the amount of \$18,850 to abandon Linn County Engineer and Secondary Roads Public Water Supply Well #1, and authorize Northway to proceed with the work.

Approve purchase order PO857 to Rapids Wholesale in the amount of \$5,806 for a Manitowoc ice machine for the new Secondary Road Headquarters.

Approve purchase order PO860 in the amount of \$6,585.67 to CDW Govt for computer related equipment for Juvenile Detention & Diversion Services.

Award bids and authorize the Chair to sign contracts for the Linn County Secondary Road Department 2026 Project Rock Contract as follows: Crawford Quarry Co. Inc - 271,040; Weber Stone Co. - 671,480; Wendling Quarries, Inc - 689,060.

Approve one Assessment Year 2024 Homestead allowance as recommended by Assessor.

Approve one Assessment Year 2024 Military allowance as recommended by Assessor.

Supervisor Meisheid read a letter recognizing Christopher Smith as the Linn County Veteran of the Month for February 2026.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., presented a Resolution Amending the Linn County Zoning Application Fee Schedule for the Exclusive Use 3 Zoning District noting that they recently approved the ordinance but do not yet have a fee schedule. Staff have proposed a fee range that would be a base of \$60,000 plus \$20,000 per 100 acres of project area rounded to the nearest 100 acres. There may be a need for assistance when it comes to the data center projects requiring a base evaluation by staff and a water balance plan or study submitted, as well as renting space for public meetings. Linking the fee to the project size allows them to increase their funding based on the complexity of the projects.

Board members expressed their support of this resolution.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to adopt Resolution 2026-2-33
ZONING APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE FOR LINN COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
WHEREAS, Chapter 107 of the Linn County Ordinances, Unified Development Code (UDC), became effective on January 1, 2006; and
WHEREAS, Article II Sec. 107-27 of the UDC affirms that the Board of Supervisors shall, from time to time, establish by resolution fees for permitting various activities related to land use; and
WHEREAS, on October 8, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted, by Resolution #2025-10-153, the application fee schedule for the Linn County Department of Planning and Development; and
WHEREAS, the application fee schedule must now be revised to reflect the EU-3 rezoning application type and fee as shown on Attachment A.
WHEREAS, the proposed zoning application fee schedule has been examined by the Linn County Board of Supervisors at a public meeting on February 25, 2026.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa that the following application fee schedule as shown on Attachment A, be adopted.

Public Comment: NellMari Barrios, resident of Cedar Rapids, stated that she is a concerned and frustrated citizen with regard to ICE and the DHS office. She recapped details from the last time she spoke before the Board about the mistreatment of immigrants. She has been communicating with detainees and read messages she has received from them. Barrios questioned if the treatment is exclusive to immigrants or are all jail detainees treated that way. She has brought up these concerns to the Mayor and City Council many times and the only response she received was that they have interpreters. Interpreters are not being offered at the DHS office or the Linn County Jail. If these immigrants deserve to be deported, why are they being tricked? It is like talking to a wall the last few months and it is not justice. This has been happening for years but has been ignored. She is asking that the Board please help the immigrants and address the issue.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that she believes that if people have questions about the contract Linn County has with the Federal Marshalls, they should speak to Linn County's Sheriff with their concerns. She has been in contact with the Sheriff and there are translation services being offered; proper food is provided, medical considerations and to the best of their ability religious considerations. She trusts the Sheriff's Office and they serve honorably.

Dustin Peterson, Dir. of Veterans Services, stated that he wanted to add a few things to the letter that was read earlier honoring Chris Smith as the Veteran of the month. He highlighted the impact of Smith's career noting that 25 years is a long time and doesn't fully describe the sacrifices that Smith and his

family made. Smith spent almost 6 years of active duty and has answered that call more than one person should in a 25-year career and it's impressive. Smith spent 22 months in Iraq and with a few more months he would have been considered a citizen. Peterson added that it's amazing to highlight people such as Smith who is also one of their own as a Linn County employee.

Chris Smith, Sheriff's Office, thanked everyone and is glad they do things like this as a lot of Veterans get overlooked and dismissed. Stuff like this keeps the recognition of Veterans alive.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to enter into a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale

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

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

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

Adjournment at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors