

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 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 (via phone). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt called the meeting to order.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Dave Thielen, LCCS Exec. Dir. – management is going through upcoming countywide training; General Assistance is experiencing high demand but is back accepting applications; March 30th is last night for the Winter Weather Shelter; meeting with Homeless Systems Manager and Conservation to prepare for those displaced citizens moving to campsites; DAP is still working on a rental agreement; discussed pending legislation; Detention in the process of renewing their license; upcoming PREA Audit in May; still waiting on the Ryan White Program contract that starts April 1st; Access Center celebrated 5 years; Child Youth Dev. was approved for more slots; completed Healthy Families America training and credentialing.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Thielen for monthly meetings to keep her in the loop and his excellence in leadership.

Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir. – recent publication of 2025 The Health of Linn County with a presentation to Board of Health on March 25th followed by a press release; looking into internal resources to assist Iowa HHS which is losing funding for the Disease Intervention Specialist program; going through National Public Health accreditation; re-energizing performance management system; working with Iowa HHS on strategic plan utilizing funds from CDC Infrastructure Grant; Together! Healthy Linn update; food assistance remains biggest need in the community; provided statistics for clinical services; immunization recommendations continuing to follow American Academy of Pediatrics and American Academy of Family Physicians; discussed recent staff appointments to state and nationwide entities.

Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation Dept. Head – Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participation and signup opportunities; discussed Transition Incentive Payments as related to the CRP program; recently hired a Soil Health Coordinator; discussed upcoming spring projects; moving forward on a RFP for Saturated Waterway Project; discussed Water Monitoring Program with Cedar Rapids; working on new lease agreement for Dows Farm; Laura Krouse, Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Commissioner gave a brief presentation on how SWCD works with various county and state agencies.

Charles Struck, Asst. IT Dir. – discussed the Teams phone rollout.

Adjournment at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors