

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 March 18, 2026 as printed.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve accounts payable checks dated 03/25/26 #71020811 to #71020868 in the amount of \$84,558.96; and ACH in the amount of \$570,241.49; for a total of \$654,800.45 and voids totaling \$5,715.17.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve payment to Brandy Meisheid in the amount of \$150.00.

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

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve payment to Brandy Meisheid in the amount of \$60.00.

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

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve payment to Kirsten Running-Marquardt in the amount of \$135.00.

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

Moton by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve payment to Sami Scheetz in the amount of \$195.00.

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

Moton by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve payment to Sami Scheetz in the amount of \$120.00.

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

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to amend the Consent Agenda to change the amount to \$116,939.34.

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

Resolution 2026-3-45

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PETITIONS FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE COLLECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026/ASSESSMENT YEAR 2024 PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors is this day presented with properly filed, duly sworn petitions for the suspension of the collection of property taxes and/or special assessments pursuant to Iowa Code Section 427.8; and

WHEREAS, the properties for which the assessments against the Petitioners are made lie within Linn County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Petitioners are unable to contribute to the public revenue by reason of age, infirmity, or both.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors, this date met in lawful session, that the attached petitions are approved for the Petitioners, parcels, and tax years described as follows:

PETITIONER	PARCEL #	TAX YEARS	SPECIAL #
Lietz, Sherri	14331-76001-00000	2026	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors orders the Linn County Treasurer to suspend the collection of the property taxes assessed against the Petitioners or the Petitioner's estates, for the parcels listed above for the tax years as indicated.

Resolution 2026-3-46

.The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2026-3-46 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective March 25, 2026, described as follows:

The seasonal rodeo events will be held at 58 Sutliff Rd, Lisbon, Iowa between April 11 and October 31, 2026, with one larger event being held on May 23, 2026.

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.

Approve and authorize Supervisor Brandy Z. Meisheid to sign Change Order Number 5 from Larson Construction Co., Inc., increasing the contract sum by \$153,580.12 for the Linn County Secondary Road Headquarters Project.

Approve and authorize Supervisor Brandy Z. Meisheid to sign Change Order Number 6 from Larson Construction Co. Inc., increasing the contract sum by \$81,682.28 for the Secondary Road Headquarters Project.

Approve and authorize Supervisor Brandy Z. Meisheid to sign Change Order Number 7 from Larson Construction Co. Inc., increasing the contract sum by \$39,237.21 for the Linn County Secondary Road Headquarters Project.

Approve and authorize Supervisor Kirsten Running-Marquardt to sign Change Order Number 8 from Larson Construction Co. Inc., increasing the contract sum by \$297,943.65 for the Linn County Secondary Road Headquarters Project.

Approve and authorize Supervisor Kirsten Running-Marquardt to sign Change Order Number 9 from Larson Construction Co. Inc., increasing the contract sum by \$208,465.42 for the Linn County Secondary Road Headquarters Project.

Approve purchase order PO883 in the amount of \$62,885.30 to Strivers Ford Lincoln for a Ford F-150 Police Responder for the Conservation Department.

Approve purchase order PO882 in the amount of \$113,939.34 to Karl Chevrolet for three 2026 Chevrolet Traverses (1-Public Health, 2-Youth Services).

Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Prospect Meadows, 1850 Prospect Drive, Marion, Iowa, noting all conditions have been met.

Nick Maybanks, County Attorney, presented a Vacancy Form request for a full-time Victim Witness Community Outreach Supervisor for the County Attorney's Office. This is a modification of the current position as the duties fall more under management. The request is also from the bargaining unit and the county employee impacted.

Supervisor Scheetz questioned the funding for this position.

Supervisor Meisheid added that she is not supportive of this position as she feels they need to get back to the offer process and think about things like this position during that time. They need to stick to the offer process to be fair to everyone.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt shared that she spoke with Lisa Powell about this position, noting it's a very critical area and not about the person but about management in that department. She also likes to adhere to the offer pot, however they have looked at and considered going outside of that process in other instances as well. She feels this is appropriate and is comfortable supporting it. She did acknowledge that a budget amendment would be needed.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve a Vacancy Form request for a full-time Victim Witness Community Outreach Supervisor for the County Attorney's Office.

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

Garret Reddish, Asst. Engineer, presented a Road Use Agreement between Linn County and NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC establishing conditions for the use of County roads during the construction phase and restart of the Duane Arnold Energy Center located on DAEC Road, Linn County. They have been in coordination with NextEra for about 2 months regarding this agreement. They are confident it holds NextEra accountable for their use of the roads and protects the taxpayers for any road damage caused by NextEra. There are specific designated haul routes and fines will be implemented for each occurrence.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt addressed communication with the school districts and Reddish will follow up.

Board members thanked Reddish for presenting and the transparency, adding that the County Attorney's Office did approve the agreement as well.

Supervisor Marquardt also thanked NextEra for being a good partner.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve a Road Use Agreement between Linn County and NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC establishing conditions for the use of County roads during the construction phase and restart of the Duane Arnold Energy Center located on DAEC Road, Linn County.

Jessie Black, Admin. Spec., discussed a rezoning application, retroactive to March 23, 2026, for Linn County-owned property located within the city limits of Cedar Rapids, at 650 Walford Road SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to be zoned from Agriculture (A-AG) to Light Industrial (I-LI). Black stated that this is a parcel Linn County owns that is in the process of being sold.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt added that this is a Secondary Roads Shop that the city will be taking over.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz authorize the Chairperson to sign a rezoning application, retroactive to March 23, 2026, for Linn County-owned property located within the city limits of Cedar Rapids, at 650 Walford Road SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to be zoned from Agriculture (A-AG) to Light Industrial (I-LI).

Brent Oleson, Treasurer, presented a public purpose statement for the use of public funds related to the April 15, 2026, Regional Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Fraud Training/Continuing Education Seminar entitled, "Strengthening Fraud Detection Across Iowa". Oleson explained that the DOT will be providing lunch to Universal Clerks and the Treasurer's Office will be providing lunch to Universal Account Clerks in a separate training tract, however it is a working lunch in both instances.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that Oleson spoke to her before the meeting, and she feels that this is an appropriate public function that meets public purpose. Supervisor Scheetz also appreciated the heads up.

Supervisor Meisheid highlighted that Oleson's office is closing April 15th and the DOT is providing lunch but for different training for different clerks. Oleson will ask the DOT for the price of the lunch.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve a public purpose statement for the use of public funds related to the April 15, 2026, Regional Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Fraud Training/Continuing Education Seminar entitled, "Strengthening Fraud Detection Across Iowa".

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Dev. Dir., discussed rescinding Resolution 2026-3-44 Setting March 30, 2026, as the Public Hearing Date on a Proposal to Convey Real Property (Dows Farm) located generally between Dows Road, Mount Vernon Road SE, and Wanatee Creek Road, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He presented a resolution Monday and mistakenly chose a date for the public hearing that did not meet publication requirements. The next agenda item has a resolution to set the new public hearing date as April 1, 2026.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to rescind Resolution 2026-3-44 Setting March 30, 2026, as the Public Hearing Date on a Proposal to Convey Real Property (Dows Farm) located generally between Dows Road, Mount Vernon Road SE, and Wanatee Creek Road, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to adopt Resolution 2026-3-47

A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO SELL AND CONVEY REAL PROPERTY, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Purchase, Sale and Development Agreement dated May 11, 2022, between LINN COUNTY, IOWA and DOWS AGRI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LLC, and in accordance with the Governing Plan for the Dows Farm Agri-Community recorded on April 9, 2025 as Document 2025-008451 of the records of the Linn County, Iowa, Recorder, DOWS AGRI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LLC, has elected to exercise its right to purchase the Dows Farm Property; and WHEREAS, the Board wishes to proceed to sell and convey the Dows Farm Property, which is located generally between Dows Road, Mount Vernon Road SE, and Wanatee Creek Road, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is more particularly described as:

Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 2991, Linn County, Iowa as recorded as Document 2025- 030937 in the Office of the Linn County Recorder

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.361 requires counties to hold a public hearing prior to making a determination on a proposal to sell and convey real property.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

The Board will hold a public hearing on the proposal to sell and convey the Dows Farm Property on the 1st day of April, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Formal Board Room of the Linn County Public Service Center located at 935 – 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at which time any interested person may appear and file objections to the proposal, and, after hearing objections, the Board may proceed with approval of said proposal.

The Board hereby authorizes and directs the publication of a notice of public hearing on the proposal at least once, not less than four (4) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of the hearing in one or more newspapers which meet the requirements of Iowa Code Section 618.14. The Notice shall be in substantially the form of the Notice attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to appoint Leland Freie to the Linn County Food Systems Council to fill an unexpired term, ending December 31, 2028.

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Adjournment at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors