

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 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.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve minutes of March 23, 24 & 25, 2026 as printed.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve claims dated 3/27/26 for payroll deduction Check Nos. 71020869 to 71020872 in the amount of \$3,556.25, ACH in the amount of \$89,681.48, an EFT wire in the amount of \$888,768.05 and a Ceridian ER Funds Trust Wire in the amount of \$2,245,999.41, for a total of \$3,228,005.19.

Will Wright, Juvenile Detention Dir., presented an agreement between Abbe Center for Community Mental Health and Linn County Juvenile Detention to provide Mental Health Services for the youth at Linn County Juvenile Detention Center. This agreement is for services, as needed, that the Abbe Center provides.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir., presented a proposal and price quotation from Siemens Industry Inc. for software subscription service in the amount of \$70,779.42. This is a 3-year agreement and will be amended into his budget.

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Public Comment: John Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, stated that he lives near the proposed Morgan Valley power plant. He understands many factors are considered in projects like this and appreciates the responsibility the Board carries in reviewing the projects. The core issues include that this is not a flat site and sits 66 ft. higher than his home and slopes down towards his property. They regularly observe cold air fog. These conditions matter when talking about emissions. He feels that the emissions are modeled incorrectly and those families will bear the risk. Site specific data has not been collected, and the modeling is relying upon assumptions. It is hard to walk back once decisions have been made. He has lived on his property for 14 years. He is asking the Board to not let this project move forward on generalized assumptions where site specific questions remain unanswered. Lee requested that the Board slow the process down.

Nate Sirotak, 1925 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, stated that he is a neighbor to the Lees and lives half a mile from the proposal for the plant. He speaks as a father and not a politician or an expert. He is deeply concerned about the approval of the project and what it means to the families around it. Sirotak spoke about emissions and fossil fuels and the impact on those that live closet to the proposal project. People choose where they live for a reason and invest their life savings into it. He referred to all those in attendance at the meeting last Monday with Alliant and the strong opposition. Sirotak asked the Board to listen to the people they represent and those who voted for them, especially those in the area that would be most affected. He requested that the Board pause and listen to all the opposition and to choose Linn County residents and what is best for them rather than a large energy company that uses money and power to do what they want.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve payroll authorizations (detail is available upon request).

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) to discuss one draft ordinance and three draft economic development agreements as authorized by state law to be kept as a confidential record pursuant to Iowa Code 22.7(65).

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

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Adjournment at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors