

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026 10:03 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 April 1 Public Hearing and April 1 Regular Meeting, 2026 as printed.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve accounts payable checks dated 04/08/26 #71020967 to 71021001 in the amount of \$162,130.39; and ACH in the amount of \$758,434.31; for a total of \$920,564.70.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve payment to Brandy Meisheid in the amount of \$118.59.

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

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

Receive and place on file the Recorder's Quarterly Report (3rd Quarter) for January 1 through March 31, 2026.

Approve purchase order PO888 in the amount of \$177,476 to Communications Engineering Company for camera upgrades for the Correctional Center.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Vacancy Form request for a full-time Civil Attorney for the Linn County Attorney's Office.

Supervisor Meisheid read the Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 12-18, 2026.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Scheetz to adopt said Proclamation.

Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir., discussed a quote from Setpoint Mechanical Services for the Courthouse chiller repair. After an evaluation of the failed equipment, it was determined repair would be the best route and the service agreement would be utilized. The quote is for parts only and is set at \$35,583.30. Fischer is working with the Finance Director to decide where the funds will come from.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve a quote from Setpoint Mechanical Services for the Courthouse chiller repair in the amount of \$35,583.30.

Public Comment: Jon Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, has a serious concern regarding the information used to justify the Morgan Valley Energy Center. He questioned what is driving the need for this power plant and is any information about future energy demand, specific users, or project planning at any point in the development, planning, or coordination of this project or related developments been subject to confidentiality agreements or otherwise restricted from public disclosure? If so, the public cannot see or evaluate so the public process is not complete. This is a request for transparency. This isn't theoretical and the decisions made here will affect the area residents for decades. Lee questioned when County officials first became aware of the demand. He then discussed the County Comprehensive Plan and asked what decisions are being made there and how the public can impact those. Lee noted the County website says the public will be invited to participate but he has not seen any information of when those meetings or open houses are planned.

Kirsten Running-Marquardt, 3515 Field Stone Pl. SW, Cedar Rapids, stated that to her knowledge, none of the Supervisors have signed a NDA and she is not willing to do so for anything she is working on for the County. She doesn't believe that anyone elected to serve in public office should sign a NDA. When it comes to the demand for the natural gas power plant that is not in Linn County's purview or authority, that is between the utility company and who they're servicing. The Iowa Utilities Commission gives final approval on allowing for a natural gas power plant anywhere in the state of Iowa. Alliant wanted to be close to the Cedar Rapids data centers, but the Supervisors are not involved in any of those deals or information. The Board has tried to put as many protections in place and are trying to use their authority to the greatest extent. Economic authority and quality of life are what they're basing their ordinance off of. The Comprehensive Plan is not affiliated with any ongoing projects.

Brandy Z. Meisheid, 5892 Nickel Plate Rd., Coggon, stated that it is also her intention to not sign any NDAs. She will make sure the Comprehensive Plan Update meetings are listed publicly.

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

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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 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors