

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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. Board members voting “AYE” unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt called the meeting to order.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Garrett Reddish, Asst. County Engineer – discussed internal GAPM Committee; budget is progressing as planned; Secondary Roads Headquarters tentative open date has been pushed back to June; provided updates on bridge replacement projects including: Matsell Park Road, Rosedale Road, Upper Boulder Road, and Covington Road; discussed upcoming FEMA funded subdivision asphalt paving; presented data on rock overlay projects.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt questioned the moving process for Secondary Roads transitioning from their old building to the new building. She also complimented Reddish’s willingness to help County residents with questions as well as her own.

Carter Baldwin, LIFTS Dir. – staffing update; continuing to operate within approved budget; Medicaid Waiver Transportation application was accepted and outlined the next steps in the process; GAPM metrics overview; discussed upcoming bus replacement funding.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir. – LC3 Activities update; recently received Accountable Culture Management Certificate; Learning Institute participation overview; budget update; Dayforce contract renewal negotiations commenced; working on revisions to 7 union contracts; large number of retirements recently; discussed recent and upcoming management trainings; Recognition Breakfast will be held April 15th; update on benefits renewal.

Discussion occurred where Supervisors Running-Marquardt and Scheetz asked Powell if her department could create an employee training or FAQ document that provides an overview of the union contract changes. Powell agreed to look into creating a document or modifying the manager training presentation to fit employees’ needs.

Cara Matteson, Sustainability Dir. – Tree Planting Grant will start in FY27; update on water level trends; discussed possible public-facing groundwater level network; provided update on the On-Road Structure which is a collaboration with Iowa Flood Center, Secondary Roads, and Soil Conservation; update on multiple watersheds; discussed a recent study performed by USGS for the Meskwaki Nation on a groundwater flow model for the Iowa River alluvial aquifer due to concerns over possibilities of large water users coming.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt requested Matteson look into having USGS perform a similar study on Linn County’s alluvial aquifers.

Matteson continued with sharing that the ECICOG Pathway Plan (formerly known as Climate Action Plan) is complete; discussed upcoming local trainings; budget update.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt expressed her appreciation to Matteson for the work that she does addressing water quality. She noted that this work will have generational impacts.

Adjournment at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors