

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026 10:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Running-Marquardt and Vice Chairperson Scheetz. Absent: Supervisor Meisheid (other county business). 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 April 15, 2026 as printed.

Lisa Epp, Asst. Co. Attorney, discussed the Iowa State Bar Association hosting the National Law Day of Action celebration at 9 a.m., on May 1, 2026, at the Linn County Courthouse. This is the second time they have done this. Any local attorneys can attend to be re-sworn in, if they choose to. A 250th year commemorative flag will also be presented to Chairperson Running-Marquardt to fly above the Courthouse.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to authorize the Iowa State Bar Association to host the National Law Day of Action celebration at 9 a.m., on May 1, 2026, at the Linn County Courthouse.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Dev. Dir., presented a letter of support to attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) Rural Energy Academy Peer Exchange on June 29, through July 1, 2026, in Grundy County, Illinois. This is for counties that have energy projects taking place in their jurisdiction. It is an all expenses paid for conference that typically Elected Officials attend. If an Elected Official is not attending, a letter of support is needed.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Nichols for his work on this.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter of support for Charlie Nichols, Planning and Development Director, to attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) Rural Energy Academy Peer Exchange on June 29, through July 1, 2026, in Grundy County, Illinois.

Sara Bearrows, Finance Dir., presented a Dissemination Agent Agreement between D.A. Davidson & Co. and Linn County for dissemination agent services. This is for continuing disclosure work in relation to the issuance of bonds and requirements. Legal reviewed the agreement with no issues. It is an annual agreement.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Joi Alexander, Communications Dir., presented Linn County's draft Digital Accessibility Plan. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires state and local governments to ensure that their programs, services and facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. Linn County is committed to making their website and mobile app-based services as accessible to as many people as possible. The plan will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis with Communications Dept. staff, IT Dept. and Linn County's ADA Coordinator. The Department of Justice has extended the deadline for website and mobile apps, and they have until April 26, 2027 to comply. Legal reviewed the documents along with the ADA Coordinator. The goal is to create a countywide culture noting that training will be taking place and collaboration among departments.

Board members thanked Alexander and other staff for their work on this.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Alexander also presented Linn County's draft Digital Accessibility Statement. There is currently a statement on the website, however this one has more details including a timeline and includes an online form that will be digitally accessible that people can utilize if they are having trouble accessing something.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt shared her appreciation for this updated statement.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

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

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to appoint Jennifer Hook to the Linn County Food Systems Council for a four-year term ending December 31, 2030.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., gave a legislative update noting that the legislature convened today and will be there the rest of the week. He highlighted multiple bills that are still alive.

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Adjournment at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors