

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026 2:00 P.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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve minutes of April 22, 27 & 28, 2026 as printed.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve accounts payable checks dated 04/29/26 #71021122 to #71021169 in the amount of \$355,191.31; and ACH in the amount of \$380,883.12; for a total of \$736,074.43 and voids totaling \$7,315.00.

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

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Sanitary Sewer Discharge Agreement between the Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency and Linn County, Iowa to allow Linn County to convey sanitary sewage through private sanitary sewer infrastructure that is owned and operated by Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency located at 1954 County Home Rd in Marion, Iowa and within the rights-of-way of Hwy 13 and Echo Hill Rd.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Natural Gas Sales Agreement with WoodRiver Energy, L.L.C., for the purchase of natural gas for Linn County buildings, not to exceed \$4.88 per Metric Million British Thermal Unit (MMBtu), for 36 months effective November 1, 2028, through October 31, 2031.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a quote from T&M Services in the amount of \$17,700 to relocate office furniture from the existing Linn County Engineering Building and Secondary Roads Shop to the new Linn County Secondary Road Headquarters.

Award bid and authorize the Chairperson to sign a contract with Daguna Consulting LLC in the amount of \$9,250 for a Mussel Survey for the Sutton Road Bridge #762 replacement project over the Wapsipinicon River.

Approve purchase order PO892 to Martin Equipment of IA-IL Inc in the amount of \$146,900 for a 2026 John Deere 85P Compact Excavator for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve purchase order PO893 to Martin Equipment of IA-IL Inc in the amount of \$55,800 for two 2026 FAE BL1/EX Mulching Head Units for Compact Excavator for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve purchase order PO894 to Martin Equipment of IA-IL Inc in the amount of \$453,500 for a 2026 John Deere 772P Motor Grader, a 2026 Brandt Mastless Snow Wing and a 2026 Brandt V-Plow/Balderson for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve purchase order PO897 to Next Gen Equipment LLC in the amount of \$54,871.20 for two Land Pride Mowers for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve purchase order PO898 to Next Gen Equipment LLC in the amount of \$299,000 for two Kubota M7-154D Tractors for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve purchase order PO899 to Next Gen Equipment LLC in the amount of \$165,356.36 for two Kubota SVL97-3HFCC Compact Track Loaders for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve purchase order PO900 to Kilburg Equipment LLC in the amount of \$42,315 for a Falcon 4T1B-D Hot Box Trailer for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Fiscal Year 2027 Linn County Secondary Road Budget for submission to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Linn County Secondary Road Department Five-Year Construction Program for the submission to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Supervisor Scheetz read Proclamation: National Correctional Officers Week, May 3 through 9, 2026.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Running-Marquardt to adopt said Proclamation.

Public Comment: Abe Kellison, 1502 Cardinal Dr., Fairfax, spoke regarding the proposed gas power plant. The project is not inevitable and only moves forward if it is approved and he does not believe it should be approved. Kellison referred to Title V of the Clean Air Act. The real question is whether this project should be built or not as it is near places where children live and grow up since gas fired power

plants have been linked to lung and blood cancer. This raises a fundamental question of why they should introduce that level or risk to a community that they have a choice not to. It is about judgement and
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responsibility and whether they choose to add risk or prevent it. The state is struggling with rising cancer rates so why would they choose to allow this proposed plant at that site. Kellison respectfully asks the Board to choose to support the community and vote no.

John Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, stated that he received a response from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources about the proposed Morgan Valley Plant. He referenced regional data that will be used and the substitute method. He is asking for accountability as this project could be moving forward based on modeling assumptions and without local baseline data. Just because the project exists and meets the rules does not mean it protects those living next to it. The DNR advised him that drainage flow in his area could increase by 10-20% which is not a small number. Lee is asking Linn County to step up into their role as they are the Elected Officials of Linn County and oversee Public Health. The Board represents the people who live closest to this project. It is reasonable and it is in their authority for the Board as a group to ask questions about air quality. He is asking the Board to place a public presentation by Public Health on an agenda at the next available meeting. This project is moving forward without enough visibility and asked Board members to think about this not as part of the process but personally as if there family or children lived close to this project.

Kirsten Running-Marquardt, 3515 Field Stone Pl., Cedar Rapids, stated that this project is not on the agenda and they cannot debate or deliberate on it. She added that she has asked Public Health if they are willing to have a public hearing to talk about the process and they are in favor of it. If and when the process can move forward, the Board will be as transparent as possible as it is an important and critical project coming before the Board.

Adjournment at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors