

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, MAY 18, 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. 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 May 11, 2026 as printed.

Lisa Powell, HR Dir., presented the Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Renewal Agreement effective July 1, 2026 indicating a 6.44% increase which is well underneath the medical trend rate of 8.5%. Wellmark complimented Linn County on their wellness program with robust incentives.

Supervisor Scheetz asked if there are any changes in the actual benefits, costs, premiums or deductibles and Powell responded no. Premiums and similar items are negotiated in the union contracts, and they are not associated with Wellmark.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt gave kudos to the employees of Linn County. The renewal rates reflect the preventive care and wellness programs that are offered. She also highlighted the county's EAP program and areas that can be expanded upon. Running-Marquardt thanked Powell for her hard work.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Rhonda Betsworth, Deputy Auditor and Lisa Powell, HR Dir., presented the Dayforce Order Form for a three-year subscription extension. Negotiations took place with Dayforce in February, and legal staff reviewed the contractual aspect. The annual cost will be covered between the IT and Human Resources budgets. The effective date would be July 1st and there is a 3-year price guarantee. The total cost would be \$816,042.60 which includes the addition of two modules.

Powell explained the two new modules that include applicant tracking, which was previously done through Neogov software, and a learning management system which currently has some security issues. She feels this is a good move for the county and is excited about these 2 modules.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt highlighted the new legislation that caps property taxes at 2% and the impact she feels it will have on items such as subscription and software increases.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir., presented a proposal between Linn County and Baker Group to furnish integration of the new Niagara system into the Harris Building's existing automation system. The old software will be turned off due to security concerns with this integration. Funding will come from the CIP Fund at a cost of \$60,591.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Fisher also presented a proposal between Linn County and Baker Group for installation of Access Control doors for the Court House Remodel. 3 new doors are being added for phase 1 of the remodel. Funding will come from the CIP Fund at a cost of \$14,140.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Fischer also presented a proposal from Unzeitig Construction to install three resistant Lexan security windows at the Mental Health Access Center (MHAC) for the front lobby. Funding will come partially from the CIP Fund and then the MHAC budget will cover the remainder at a total cost of \$22,825.

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 enter into a closed session to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(c).

VOTE: Running-Marquardt – Aye Scheetz – Aye

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheet to go out of closed session.

VOTE: Running-Marquardt – Aye Scheetz – Aye

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Adjournment at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors