

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 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.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve minutes of May 12, 2026 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Dev. Dir. – budget update with spring amendment explanation and discussion of a potential new vehicle purchase; intern beginning this month; personnel update; inspectors earning new certifications; recent national recognition received by Luke Maloney in his role as President for the Iowa Association of Building Officials; uptick in permit activity, although totals are down from last year; staff working on Zoning Procedures; Comprehensive Plan survey available online; Historic Preservation Committee to present FY27 grant funding recommendations to the Board on June 8th; Coggon Solar update; Nichols will be attending National Association of Counties Rural Energy Academy at the end of June; discussed potential rezoning projects.

Supervisor Scheetz expressed congratulations to Nichols regarding the Academy he will be attending, noting it will be a wonderful opportunity to network with other leaders across the country who are experiencing similar AI growth.

Joi Alexander, Communications Dir. – strategic plan/KPI regarding website accessibility compliance update; ADA Digital Accessibility Plan was approved, deadline extended by federal government; recent webinar attended by staff; several media inquiries regarding recent Property Tax legislation; working with MHAC (Mental Health Access Center) on marketing initiatives; created webpages for Gas Fired Electric Facilities and Comprehensive Plan which includes a public survey open until July 17th; working on a Comprehensive Plan survey flyer and slide for the Treasurer's Office TV; provided Editorial Calendar; State of the County on June 11th at 3:30 p.m.; working with I.T. on an Artificial Intelligence policy; recent meeting with vendor regarding email signatures; website redesign launching in June.

Adjournment at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors