

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve accounts payable checks dated 05/13/26 #71021253 to #71021304 in the amount of \$145,714.60; and ACH in the amount of \$1,890,760.69; for a total of \$2,036,475.29 and voids totaling \$620.00.

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

Resolution 2026-5-68

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND TRANSFER

WHEREAS, it is desired to transfer monies from the Secondary Roads Local Option Sales Tax fund to the Capital Projects fund and,

WHEREAS, said operating transfer is in accordance with Section 331.432, Code of Iowa,

NOW, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Linn County, Iowa, as follows: The sum of \$2,775,148.11 is ordered to be transferred from the Secondary Roads Local Option Sales Tax fund to the Capital Projects fund, as allowed under the Code of Iowa maximum transfer limits, for the reimbursement of expenditures made for the Secondary Roads headquarters building from the Capital Projects fund.

A Resolution Authorizing an Interfund Transfer in the amount of \$2,775,148.11 from the Secondary Roads Local Option Sales Tax fund to the Capital Projects fund.

Approve purchase order PO905 to Van Diest Supply Co for cut stump herbicide in the amount of \$5,425.65 for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve purchase order PO906 to Xcessories Squared Development & Mfg Inc. for 550 sign posts of varying sizes in the amount of \$17,256.50 for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve and authorize Chairperson to sign Certificate of Self-Insurance for Linn County departments and agencies to participate at the Linn County Fair from June 24 through 28, 2026.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign Amendment No. 2 to the Solo Program Contract between Linn County and the Iowa Judicial Branch acting through the Juvenile Court Services and the Chief Juvenile Court Officer. Effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$258,936 Contract JUV-25-CB-06-003.

Approve and authorize Chairperson to sign the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Federal-aid Agreement for a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Project, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) overlay on Central City Road from Center Point city limits 3.9 miles to bridge 151 west of Alice Rd. Not to exceed an amount of \$3,500,000 Project No. STP-S-C057(185)—5E-57.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign Fiscal Year 2027 Contracts for Law Enforcement Services provided by the Linn County Sheriff's Office at a rate of \$48.00 per hour effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for the following Linn County towns: Alburnett 10 hours per week; Bertram 10 hours per week; Center Point 21 hours per week; Central City 12 hours per week; Coggon 20 hours per month; Ely 27 hours per week; Fairfax 18 hours per week; Palo 87 hours per month; Prairieburg 9 hours per month; Springville 20 hours per week; Walford 20 hours per week; and Walker 14 hours per week.

Approve the proposed revisions to the Board of Supervisors Policy on Investment of Funds #FM-038.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Request for Refund of Erroneously Paid Real Estate Transfer Tax in the amount of \$68.11 to Abode Construction, Inc.

Supervisor Scheetz read Proclamation: Make it OK Month, May 2026.

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

Cassidy Flory and Anne Harris Carter, Public Health, and Erin Foster, Mental Health Access Center Dir., gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the Make It OK 2026 Employee Survey.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt added that work that has been done in previous years by the committee has influenced her decision in moving forward with different policies. It is also a big factor with contract negotiations. She thanked all of those for their participation noting there's also some vulnerability involved. Running-Marquardt also emphasized burn out that was addressed and feels that is something they can begin looking into to try and alleviate it.

Supervisor Scheetz echoed Running-Marquardt's comments and will take some more time to review the information provided and absorb it.

Kesha Billings, Community Dev. Dir. for Hiawatha, presented a letter of support for the City of Hiawatha's application to Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for a Community Development Block Grant  
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(CDBG) Roof Rehabilitation program. This grant will fund up to 6 houses being re-roofed. She is asking for a letter of support to help them to seek those grant funds.

Board members praised this as a wonderful project and are happy to partner with Hiawatha.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter of support for the City of Hiawatha's application to Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Roof Rehabilitation program.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to open public hearing for the fiscal year 2026 proposed budget amendment. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

Karen Heiderscheit, Asst. Finance Dir., stated that she previously presented the spring budget amendment and this is the action to approve those amendments.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to close public hearing.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to adopt Resolution 2026-5-69  
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LINN COUNTY  
Expenditures cannot exceed the following fiscal year 2026 appropriations by organization:

Attorney \$ 6,798,432  
Auditor 3,498,553  
Board of Supervisors 19,388,842  
Board Buildings 1,389,262  
Capital Projects 20,535,427  
Civil Service 20,283  
Conservation 16,873,748  
Court Expense 78,100  
Engineer 28,452,022  
Facilities 3,555,341  
Finance and Budget 942,623  
Human Resources 1,180,629  
IT 5,327,445  
Juvenile Justice 214,532  
LCCS 18,474,575  
LIFTS 2,304,885  
Medical Examiner 897,650  
Planning & Development 2,005,690  
Public Health 8,597,460  
Purchasing 407,805  
Recorder 1,878,191  
Risk Management 455,450  
Sheriff 34,104,433  
Soil Conservation 297,092  
State Welfare 297,257  
Sustainability 173,787  
Treasurer 4,438,872  
Veteran Affairs 760,265  
Debt Service 6,267,524  
Total \$ 189,616,175

Public Comment: John Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, thanked the Board for the continued discussion around the possibility of a Public Health meeting about the Morgan Valley gas power plant as it could be as early as next week. He thinks the public should be informed as soon as possible so they can attend. It was brought to his attention that there is a Planning & Zoning meeting on Monday at 6 p.m. and he also did a FOIA for information about the comprehensive plan. He feels that there are many people that have the same concerns and wants to make sure those 2 meetings don't overlap in any way. Lee asked the Supervisors to take great care in scheduling these meetings so those who want to be present at both meetings can.

Kirsten Running-Marquardt, 3515 Fieldstone Pl. SW, Cedar Rapids, stated that as soon as they are able to move forward with the Public Health meeting about the natural gas power plant they will let the public know. They are working to figure things out logistically and it is not their intention to overlap with any other meetings. She recognized Anne Harris Carter for her years of service to Linn County, including her leadership with the Make It Ok Committee. Running-Marquardt sincerely appreciates all of Carter's work. She added that Carter is moving on to an exciting new role as Executive Director of the African American Museum.

Sami Scheetz, Supervisor, stated that today is the start of early voting for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> primary on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Public Service Center from now through June 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. He thanked Carter and congratulated her on her new position. It is beautifully poetic that someone from the

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Harris family will be leading the African American Museum. He thanked her for all the pioneering work she did creating the Health Equity program, for being an instrumental part in declaring racism in the Public Health emergency in this county and her work to make it possible for marginalized people to have more access to the county's health care services. He is sad to lose her but happy to see her in the new role taking care of the African American Museum.

Dustin Peterson, Veteran Services Dir., explained that Ronald Burson stepped up when someone resigned and this is an appointment to a first full term.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to reappoint Ronald Burson to the Veteran Affairs Commission for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Adjournment at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors