

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 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 (via phone) and Supervisor Meisheid. 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 Meisheid to approve minutes of May 19, 20 & 22, 2026, as printed.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve claims dated 5/22/26 for payroll deduction Check Nos. 71021355 to 71021358 in the amount of \$3,629.60, ACH in the amount of \$91,384.32, an EFT wire in the amount of \$892,464.49 and a Ceridian ER Funds Trust Wire in the amount of \$2,349,443.23, for a total of \$3,336,921.64.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve accounts payable checks dated 05/27/26 #71021359 to #71021392 in the amount of \$57,701.92; and ACH in the amount of \$995,166.72; for a total of \$1,052,868.64.

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

Approve purchase order PO909 in the amount of \$5,779 to Push Pedal Pull for a replacement treadmill and the removal of two treadmills for the Linn County Community Services Building.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign Change Order No. 11 with Larson Construction, Inc. increasing the contract sum by \$64,565.38 for the Linn County Secondary Road Headquarters project.

Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir., discussed third and final consideration on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 10, pertaining to Air Quality. No oral or written objections have been received. This change is due to a law that was passed by the state in 2023, and Linn County must amend their ordinance to comply with the state law. The county cannot be stricter than the state.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that her comments from previous meetings remain the same. The state law changed in 2023, and they have to comply with state code to allow the county to keep their air quality program local. It is her position that they should comply with state code.

Supervisor Scheetz added that he dislikes the law and thinks it is bad policy for the state, but it is code. There are consequences that happen if they don't vote in favor of the ordinance changes. It is imperative for them to be responsible and make the changes. He thanked Public Health for their work on this. He will be voting in support.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt also stated that she has made her case regarding this. She respects the work Public Health and Air Quality have done to add extra protections that have been put in place for the people of Linn County. She does not want to do anything to harm the Air Quality Division but believes this ordinance does not deserve support moving forward. They are ranked 1 or 2 for cancer rates in Iowa and she can't in good conscience vote for this to go through unanimously.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Scheetz to approve upon third and final consideration Ordinance #5-5-2026 amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, by amending provisions in Chapter 10, pertaining to Air Quality.

Vote: Meisheid & Scheetz – Aye Running-Marquardt - Nay

Britt Hutchins, Purchasing Dir., presented a lease agreement between Drive By Investments II, LLC and Linn County for storage at 18th Street S.W. Cedar Rapids. They are coming to the end of a 10-year lease on this storage facility that is 10,000 square feet and is climate controlled. The proposed 2-year extension is \$6,050/month or \$72,600/year for the 1st year and \$6,216/month or \$74,592/year for the 2nd year. There is also an option for 2 additional 1-year leases at rates of \$76,644 and \$78,744.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that she met with Hutchins many times to discuss this lease agreement. She is disappointed they are signing another lease; however, they simply are not ready for a non-climate-controlled storage area yet. It is difficult to lease when they have county owned property. She acknowledged the work Facilities and Bev Hayden put into this with shredding documents along with cleaning and organizing. The ultimate goal is to have storage on county owned property.

Supervisor Meisheid appreciates the negotiations that Hutchins did with the vendor. They need a climate-controlled storage area. This 2-year lease gives them time to evaluate their needs and find a county owned space. Meisheid expressed her gratitude to Running-Marquardt for all of her efforts with county storage.

Supervisor Scheetz thanked Hutchins for his work on this.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Meisheid to approve a two-year lease agreement between Drive By Investments II, LLC and Linn County for storage at 18th Street S.W. Cedar Rapids in the amount of \$72,600 for the 1st year and \$74,592 for the 2nd year.

Supervisor Scheetz explained the Solid Waste Working Group's proposed final recommendations for the Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency's governance structure. He gave background of the process including the MOU that was signed leading to the working group. They are increasing the number of seats on the Board from 9 to 14 along with a potential Host Community Agreement. Scheetz feels that the proposed recommendations do a good job of expanding the Board and with more representation. He feels that it is a good next step for them to take.

Supervisor Meisheid found it interesting that they are giving small towns better representation and feels it is a step in the right direction. She will be supportive as well.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt appreciates the work that was done by all involved. There were hard discussions and decisions with much more to come.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Meisheid to approve the Solid Waste Working Group's proposed final recommendations for the Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency's governance structure.

Public Comment: Allan Thoms, 3417 Forest Valley Ct. NE, Cedar Rapids, stated that he was the former Chairman of the Iowa Utility Board. He thanked the Board for the action they just took for the Solid Waste Agency as more balance and more participation is an excellent move. Thoms also thanked Scheetz for his work on the group. He highlighted that garbage is a resource and not a liability and asked that people consider it as such. Thoms continued to explain new technology that would utilize garbage as a resource. He also explained a biogas facility in Minnesota that produced enough gas to run 6 diesel engines and the town. There are alternatives to landfills and asked that the new Board look at new technology.

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

Adjournment at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors