

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 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, and Supervisor Meisheid. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt discussed a 2026 lease between Linn County, Iowa and R.J. Carson for pasture and hay land rent for an annual amount of \$2,398. She reviewed the lease which appears to be similar to the previous lease and she has no questions.

Cara Matteson, Sustainability Dir., discussed a proposal for Contract Drilling Services between Linn County, Iowa, and Terracon Consultants, Inc. to conduct drilling, monitoring, and well installation services at several locations along the Cedar River and Wapsipinicon River, in the amount of \$92,500. An RFP previously went out and staff recommended moving forward with Terracon to start working on contracts which will be brought before the Board at a later date. Funding comes from the Conservation Water & Land Legacy Bond. Matteson shared that this will help with prioritization and determining what the vision is for the county and region. These are newly drilled wells and the intent is to put water level monitors in the wells.

Supervisor Meisheid pointed out that this is more of a water quality study instead of a water quantity study. Due to the work of Matteson's department, there have been a lot of water quality projects to use the bond money.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked Matteson for her leadership in pulling together different departments and allowing this to be performed on county land. She sincerely appreciates the Conservation Board who approved this measure.

The Board will discuss and decide on Wednesday.

Dennis Goemaat, Conservation Dir., added that this is a great collaboration and puts long-term potential protection in place for drinking water supplies in the county. The Water & Land Legacy Bond was created to protect sources of drinking water. There are a lot of county owned wells in parks and the process has begun to utilize those to obtain this information. The Conservation Board is fully supportive.

Matteson then discussed a proposal between Linn County, Iowa, and WellIntel Inc. to establish a groundwater monitoring program in the amount of \$94,986. This is associated with the same project of starting to monitor the water levels in the county by looking at both existing and new wells that will be drilled by Terracon. It will be a unique technology monitoring water levels in real time using sonar. The data will be utilized to create a public dashboard. Matteson shared that this would also be funded by the Water & Land Legacy Bond.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt discussed all the internal entities that are collaborating on this project, recognizing multiple staff members. The Board will discuss further on Wednesday or next week if the contracts are not done yet.

At this time, Jon Gallagher, Soil Conservation Dept. Head, provided additional details about the 2026 lease between Linn County, Iowa and R.J. Carson for pasture and hay land rent for an annual amount of \$2,398. This is a formalization of what the Carsons have been doing for the last several years, however there was a recent land sale and a new renter this year. The terms have stayed relatively the same with who is responsible for what as well as the rental amount staying roughly the same.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Sara Bearrows, Finance Dir., discussed a contract between Linn County, Iowa, and Cost Advisory Services, Inc. for professional consulting services at a cost not to exceed \$10,800 for each annual cost allocation plan. This is the same contract that has been used for a number of years. Bearrows discussed the primary uses the County utilizes them for. The annual amount has stayed the same, and legal has reviewed with nothing to note.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Karen Heiderscheid, Asst. Finance Dir., discussed a Resolution Approving an Appropriations Transfer within the Linn County Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget in the amount of \$50,000 from the Board of Supervisors appropriations to the Purchasing appropriations. This is regarding increased postage cost that Purchasing is enduring. The cost has to be incurred first before a chargeback can be done.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to adopt Resolution 2026-6-77
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFER
WITHIN THE LINN COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors previously approved the Linn County Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget; and,
WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is necessary to transfer appropriations within the Administration area of said budget; and,
WHEREAS, sufficient appropriations are available to provide for the necessary transfer; and,
WHEREAS, said transfer is within the Administration service area, and is made by resolution of the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.434(6).
NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors that appropriations within the Linn County Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget are revised as follows:

Organization	Transfer
16 Purchasing	\$50,000
01 Board of Supervisors	(\$50,000)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of June 2026.

Public Comment: Jon Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, discussed documentation filed by Alliant Energy regarding the proposed Morgan Valley Power Plant noting that Alliant describes the project as being in its early stages, but one document is titled, “80% Complete Air Permit Application”. It seems many of the decisions that matter most to people living near the site are already largely decided such as proposed pollution controls and monitoring. Lee stressed that Linn County and the DNR can still identify deficiencies, ask questions, and request additional analyses but only while the document is under review – after that, those opportunities are gone. He stated that Alliant’s engineers reviewed SCR technology (Selective Catalytic Reduction), acknowledged that it worked and other facilities are using it, but decided the additional pollution reduction was not worth the cost at this location.

Rob Hursh, 3388 73rd St., Atkins, lives right across the county line and has serious concerns about the Morgan Valley Power Plant. He requests three meetings: a meeting to review the permitting process with experts on hand to answer questions, a meeting to focus on public health concerns, and a meeting to go over Linn County’s Comprehensive Plan. He pointed out the plan is currently under review and won’t be finalized until November, but this project is still moving forward. Hursh believes residents deserve this discussion before land use decisions are made, not after.

Jon Lee then questioned why the people living near this project are burdened with reading hundreds of pages of documents and interpreting them for officials? They cannot spend their days reading these documents and attending 10 a.m. meetings. He also requests the meetings that Hursh discussed. The technology that Alliant is declining is being utilized at facilities in less populated areas throughout the country.

Todd Taylor, County Auditor, shared that early in-person absentee voting is occurring in the Jean Oxley Building until 5 p.m. today and voting tomorrow will take place at precincts. If absentee ballot request forms need to be turned in, they need to be in the office by 8 p.m. on June 2nd and can be turned into the deposit box outside if needed.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve payroll authorizations (detail is available upon request).

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to appoint Cody Crawford and J'nae Peterman to the General Assistance Advisory Committee to fill unexpired terms, both ending June 30, 2027.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to reappoint Kurt Rogahn to the Mental Health Access Center Advisory Board for another three-year term, ending June 30, 2029.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to enter into a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(a) to review and discuss the terms of a draft economic development agreement. The Board expects the related materials to be confidential under Iowa Code §22.7(65). Communications with counsel concerning such matters are intended to remain confidential and may be protected by attorney-client privilege under Iowa law.

VOTE: Running-Marquardt – Aye Scheetz – Aye Meisheid – Aye

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

VOTE: Running-Marquardt – Aye Scheetz – Aye Meisheid – Aye

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Adjournment at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors