

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026 10:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Running-Marquardt and Supervisor Meisheid. Absent: Vice Chairperson Scheetz (personal business). 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 27 and June 1, 2026, as printed.

Motion by Meisheid, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve accounts payable checks dated 06/03/26 #71021393 to #71021465 in the amount of \$494,894.18; and ACH in the amount of \$2,478,761.70; for a total of \$2,973,655.88 and voids totaling \$15,117.24.

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

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the purchase order for the annual renewal of Vocera communication software at the Linn County Mental Health Access Center in the amount of \$4601.65 to be paid for with State of Iowa Health and Human Service Funds. The software and support services are effective June 25, 2026, through June 24, 2027.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Fiscal Year 2027 Contract for Transportation Services between City of Cedar Rapids Transit and Linn County LIFTS for transit service for an amount of \$1,042,224 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Fiscal Year 2027 Transit Purchase of Service Contract between East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) and Linn County LIFTS for transit service for an amount of \$340,000 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Approve and Authorize the Chairperson to sign an agency agreement contract between Linn County and Abbe Health - Witwer Aging Services in the amount of \$16,197 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Approve and authorize the chairperson to sign an agency agreement between Linn County and Central City Food Program for congregate food site services in the amount of \$25,000 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign an agency agreement between Linn County and Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) for Transitional Housing services in the amount of \$35,289 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign an agency agreement between Linn County and Waypoint Services for Domestic Violence Housing services in the amount of \$35,000 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign an agency agreement between Linn County and Fresh Start Ministries (RISE) for Jail Recidivism Services in the amount of \$30,000 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30th, 2027.

Approve and Authorize the Chairperson to sign an agency agreement between Linn County and Housing Fund for Linn County for Winter Weather Shelter services in the amount of \$120,000 effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign an agency agreement between Linn County and Springville Area Neighborhood Service and Information (SANSI) for community center services in the amount of \$7,500 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign an amended contract between Linn County and the State of Iowa Health and Human Services for the Ryan White Services Program, in the amount of \$794,156 an increase of \$526,569 from the original contract effective May 1, 2026, through March 31st, 2027.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign 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. Effective June 3, 2026, for a term of three years.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the 2026 lease between Linn County, Iowa and R.J. Carson for pasture and hay land rent for an annual amount of \$2,398 effective May 15, 2026, through March 1, 2027.

Approve purchase order PO913 to Advance Auto Parts in the amount of \$18,525.93 for a Coats tire changer and a Coats tire balancer for the Secondary Road Headquarters.

Approve purchase order PO914 to Midwest Wheel CR in the amount of \$5,568 for an American Forge & Foundry 75-ton hydraulic press for the Secondary Road Headquarters.

Approve purchase order PO915 to Acme Tools in the amount of \$14,511 for an Edwards 55-ton Ironworker for the Secondary Road Headquarters.

Approve purchase order PO916 to Lynch Ford in the amount of \$107,376 for two Ford F150 Super Crew XLT 4X4 pickups for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve purchase order PO917 to CDW GOVT in the amount of \$10,369.84 for UPS upgrade/replacement for the IT Department.

Approve purchase order PO918 to CDW GOVT in the amount of \$5,950.08 for network switch replacements for the IT Department.

Approve purchase order PO919 to CDW GOVT in the amount of \$127,696.39 for back-up storage replacement for the IT Department.

Approve purchase order PO920 to CDW GOVT in the amount of \$40,147.66 for JCN switch replacement for the IT Department.

Approve purchase order PO921 to CDW GOVT in the amount of \$79,662.12 for JCN switch replacement for the IT Department.

Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir., presented a proposal between Baker Group and Linn County for camera installation at Linn County LIFTS in the amount of \$27,971.44. When the LIFTS building was purchased, it did not have security measures in place. They have since added key card access and now will be installing cameras. The majority of the funding will be from the Facilities budget with a small portion coming from the LIFTS budget.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Meisheid to approve a proposal between Baker Group and Linn County for camera installation at Linn County LIFTS in the amount of \$27,971.44.

Brian Anderson, IT Infrastructure Mgr., presented a Vacancy Form request for a full-time Network Systems Administrator for IT. They are updating the job description to meet the needs of the IT Dept.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked IT for their critical cyber security trainings. She also appreciates their flexibility and willingness to communicate with employees to make sure they are secure.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Meisheid to approve a Vacancy Form request for a full-time Network Systems Administrator for IT.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Meisheid to remove from the agenda: Discuss and decide on 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.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Meisheid to remove from the agenda: Discuss and decide on a proposal between Linn County, Iowa, and WellIntel Inc. to establish a groundwater monitoring program in the amount of \$94,986.

Public Comment: Kirsten Running-Marquardt, Linn County Supervisor, 3515 Field Stone Pl. SW, Cedar Rapids, stated that the Board has been working with Public Health and a 3rd party professional to hold a Public Health meeting in regard to the gas fired power plant in the Morgan Valley area that Alliant is proposing. The press release is not ready to go today, and the agenda is still being finalized. The meeting will be June 22nd at 6 p.m. in the formal board room. More information is to come.

John Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, shared a story about his daughter from last night as she questioned when this is all going to be over in relation to the proposed Morgan Valley Power Plant. He was at a loss for words about how to respond to her. He is fighting not only for his family but for the community. They deserve a voice and things like this need to be understood.

Abe Kellison, 1502 Cardinal Dr., Fairfax, stated that he represents Save Morgan Valley. They didn't get answers about why it was being built, why it was needed or how it would affect their community, so they did their own research. People have had to piece information together. They have had hundreds of conversations and have yet to meet a single person who supports this project. They have concerns about the lack of communication. Kellison shared the process of the IUC approving projects and highlighted that the burden is on Alliant to demonstrate the need of this project. Does this project truly serve the public interest? The issues do not stop at county lines, and neither should these decisions. Decisions like this affect all of them. The idea of this project is that it will bring economic benefits and jobs but at what cost. He respectfully asked that the Board serve the people of Linn County and urges them not to

move forward. They do not want this, clarity doesn't exist and the long-term impacts have not been fully explained and that should concern them.

Cindy Boland, 9903 W Cemetery Rd., Fairfax, stated that their family received a letter from Alliant offering \$60k an acre for their land when the average price in Linn County for farmland is \$13,500. Farmers are being told that is the new going rate as data centers want to come in and take everything near Hwy. 30. Land being sold at exorbitant rates will drive up the price of farmland all over Linn County. This would make it impossible for regular folks to be able to buy land and to farm themselves. What would farming even look like. Who would own the land and who would farm it. What would happen to the cost of food. Alliant and the data centers have unlimited money. If they sit back and let the free market take its course they won't recognize Linn County in the future. Those are lies billionaires need them to believe. Boland referenced conversations that are taking place between Cedar Rapids and Palo to avoid regulations and they aren't giving up. They want breathable air and drinkable water. No one wants data centers. Regulation matters and they need to prevent the power plant from being built. She asked the Board to oppose rezoning for it.

Sonja Hadenfeldt, 7471 Benton Linn Rd., Fairfax, stated that she lives a mile and a half from the proposed site and is a licensed rehabilitator. She is deeply concerned about the effects on humans as well as the negative affects it will have on wildlife and natural resources. She discussed unbalanced ecosystems as well as noise issues that would affect birds being able to hunt or mate. Hadenfeldt also gave examples of the btu's that will be burned daily, federal thresholds and greenhouse gas emissions. This project creates a large risk to their economic resources. She feels that the proposed power plant will also have an impact on camping and lodging fees. Will people want to continue to enjoy parks for wildlife if wildlife are nonexistent? The Board needs to remember that the decisions they make today will not necessarily affect them, but will it affect their kids?

John Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, added that a few months ago he was running his business and raising his kids. Then a 727-megawatt power plant was proposed. They are families, taxpayers and farmers with residents coming forward asking for transparency and accountability. They aren't asking the Board to have every answer but to use the power that they do have. Ask hard questions and push for transparency. Does a project this large truly belong with the people and community in this area. The process feels fragmented with different departments looking at different pieces. People expect to live around this proposed project for decades.

Todd Taylor, Auditor, stated that he wanted to report that after election night, they got everything reported properly. They reported unofficial results. They do self-audits and get that information ready for the Board to review at the canvass on June 9th. The unofficial results from the June 2nd election have been updated to correctly reflect the tabulated results from the absentee and special voter precincts. The results reported on election night data included public test which was more than what was necessary. The public test process includes systematic testing of all the ballot styles per the code.

Kelly Ackerman, 408 Circleview Dr., Atkins, stated that it's a concerning location for the proposed power plant. They will be tied up with plumes from the data center going up there. She questioned if Darrin Gage was in the audience at the meeting as she is still waiting for a response to her April 19th email.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Meisheid to reappoint Rich Good and Mike McEvoy to the Linn County Electrical Board of Appeals for another three-year term, ending December 31, 2029.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Meisheid to appoint Donald Eddy to the Linn County Electrical Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending December 31, 2029.

Adjournment at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors