

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 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.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve minutes of June 8, 9 and 10, 2026, as printed.

Supervisor Scheetz read Proclamation: Juneteenth, June 19, 2026.

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

Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir., discussed a proposal from Thermo Systems, LLC to replace and update software on the Human-Machine Interface Personal Computer at the Harris Building in the amount of \$10,844. This is a repair that was discovered during routine maintenance and is a common occurrence.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve a proposal from Thermo Systems, LLC to replace and update software on the Human-Machine Interface Personal Computer at the Harris Building in the amount of \$10,844.

Fischer then discussed a Vacancy Form request for a part-time Custodian for Facilities. This position would be at the Secondary Roads Shop due to the size of the building. Secondary Roads will reimburse Facilities in order to fund it.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Sara Bearrows, Finance Dir., discussed proposed revisions to the Linn County Capital Asset Policy, Policy Number FM-045. This policy is reviewed every few years to ensure the thresholds for items the county is capitalizing keep pace with inflation, and because costs have risen recently, two categories were updated and a new one was added. It would need to have an effective date of July 1, 2025.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Bearrows then discussed a Vacancy Form request for a full-time Deputy Director of Policy & Community Relations for the Board of Supervisors Administration. This was part of the offer pot and Finance had no issues with it. The funding for this position would begin July 1, 2026.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Dev. Dir., discussed an amendment to a 28E agreement between Linn County and the City of Palo for Construction Code Administration Services. It adds some expected timelines for different parts of the building permit review and will be in effect until one of the parties cancels or amends. The City of Palo has already voted to include these changes.

Supervisor Scheetz inquired if the County Attorney's Office had a chance to look it over and Nichols confirmed.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Public Comment: Christina Akers, Cedar Rapids resident, feels the Board is failing to secure citizens' right to life, liberty, and the health of their families. Iowa ranks second in nationwide cancer cases and Linn County sits at the epicenter. Instead of focusing on water infrastructure, the Board is prioritizing massive industrial development. Akers stated they are tracking citizens with flock cameras and similar devices. She feels citizens' FOIA requests are blocked by proprietary trade secrets. At the same time, the public education system is being starved of its necessary resources only to benefit the private school systems. The government's core duty is to protect and defend citizens' unalienable rights, liberties, and wellbeing. The county needs clean water, funded public schools, tracking removed, and for the public servants to uphold their Constitutional oath.

Jon Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, invited Alliant Energy to come to the June 24th Public Health meeting to answer questions. They said no. He has asked them three times for a study on how the plant affects human health and they continually point him somewhere else. When the applicant won't answer the questions, they don't disappear but rather land on the public bodies that are left such as the DNR, Public Health, and this Board. Public Health has its own Air Quality department which is under the authority of this Board. Lee questioned what the Board is doing with that authority and asks that they question Public Health on what has actually been studied regarding this plant's effect on human health. Alliant's own map has a 10-mile circle around this site reaching Cedar Rapids, Marion, and more - those are the people waiting on an answer. Lee asked the Board to vote no for this project when it comes.

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 Jane Drapeaux, Jaye Kennedy, Tonya Hotchkin, and Shari Miller to the Linn County Community Services Advisory Board for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Dev. Dir., stated the Planning & Zoning Commission had the most applicants they have ever had and are all very qualified. He thanked Supervisor Meisheid for rounding up applicants. They will keep the additional applicants on file for future openings on this commission or the Board of Adjustment. They ultimately chose Donald Eddy who is an Electrical Engineer with 35 years of experience in the utilities sector. It was felt that his experience would be best for the upcoming large projects in the county.

Supervisor Meisheid is excited for the long list of heavily qualified applicants. She appreciates those that stepped up to apply and encouraged others to serve on the County's boards.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to appoint Donald Eddy to the Linn County Planning & Zoning Commission to finish an unexpired term, effective immediately, through December 31, 2030.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt expressed her thanks to those that have stepped up to apply and serve the people of Linn County on various boards. They make a big difference in the community.

Adjournment at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors