

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve accounts payable PEO checks dated 06/23/26 #71021641 to 71021651 in the amount of \$3,878.46; and ACH in the amount of \$127,573.15; for a total of \$131,451.61.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve accounts payable checks dated 06/24/26 #71021652 to 71021719 in the amount of \$187,780.88; and ACH in the amount of \$2,288,046.09; for a total of \$2,475,826.97.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve payment to Brandy Meisheid in the amount of \$150.00.

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

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve payment to Kirsten Running-Marquardt in the amount of \$135.00.

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

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Meisheid to approve payment to Sami Scheetz in the amount of \$195.00.

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

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

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Mental Health Access Center Provider Agreement between Linn County and Area Ambulance Service for services at the Linn County Mental Health Access Center in the amount of \$360,716.50 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Certificate of Self-Insurance for the Linn County Child Development Center for Early Learning and Development services.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Certificate of Self-Insurance for Linn County Child Development Center for Community Collaboration and Administrative Services.

Approve and authorize Chairperson to sign Certificate of Self-Insurance for Linn County Child Development Center for Healthy Families Nurturing Parenting Program.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Certificate of Self-Insurance for Linn County Child Development Center for Public Awareness and Community Engagement.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Certificate of Self-Insurance for the Linn County Child Development Center.

Approve and authorize Phil Lowder, I.T. Director, to electronically sign a 3-year renewal contract between Linn County and Microsoft with Insight Public Sector as an agent effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029 (PKG0942405).

Approve and authorize Phil Lowder, I.T. Director, to electronically sign a 3-year renewal contract between Linn County Public Health and Microsoft with Insight Public Sector as an agent effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029 (PKG01695662).

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign an agreement between the Linn County Sheriff's Office, Correctional Center and Polaris Pharmacy Services of Warrington, LLC to provide pharmaceutical services to the inmates at the Linn County Correctional Center effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Fiscal Agent Agreement between Linn County Early Childhood Iowa Board (ECI) and Linn County Board of Supervisors on behalf of Linn County Community Services effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a contract between Linn County Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) Board and the Linn County Board of Supervisors on behalf of Family Transformation Services for the Healthy Families Nurturing Parenting Program to provide long- term home visitation family support services. Not to exceed \$340,000 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Contract LINNECI-27-116.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a contract between Linn County Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) Board and the Linn County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Linn County Community Services (LCCS) Child Development Center. Not to exceed \$84,496 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Contract LINNECI-27-115.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a contract between Linn County Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) Board and the Linn County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Linn County Community Services (LCCS) for Public Awareness and Community Engagement. Not to exceed \$5,000 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Contract LINNECI-27-113.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a contract between Linn County Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) Board and the Linn County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Linn County Community Services (LCCS) for Early Learning and Development to provide professional development. Not to exceed \$35,000 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Contract LINNECI-27-114.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Vacancy Form for the Human Resources Coordinator position included in the FY27 budget as an approved budget offer.

Approve the proposed revisions to the Linn County Policies and Procedures for Management, Non-Bargaining and Confidential Personnel Manual.

Approve the proposed revisions to the Promotions and Transfers Policy, Policy Number PM-025, effective July 1, 2026.

Approve the proposed adoption of new Policy Number PM-031, Workplace Civility.

Approve the Linn County CDL (Commercial Driver's License) Medical Examination Policy, Policy Number RM-011.

Supervisor Meisheid read a letter recognizing Kenneth Thomas as the Linn County Veteran of the Month for June 2026.

Dustin Peterson, Veteran Services Dir., shared a story about Thomas during his 20-year military service pertaining to being assigned to the wrong boot camp and how that shaped his career. Thomas also helps veterans by serving as a mentor for those trying to find their way that have been recently discharged.

David Thielen, LCCS Dir., discussed a lease agreement between Linn County and Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance for office space located at the Community Services Building, 1240 26th Ave Court SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa in the amount of \$1,200 a month effective July 1, 2026, through June 30th, 2027. This agreement is due to payroll recording being moved to another entity and will save the current space they are in. The agreement was drafted by the county's legal staff and is based on the indirect cost plan.

Jody Bridgewater, Mgr. for Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance, thanked Linn County for their support since 2014. Linn County has been a leader in building and maintaining the region. The partnership may look different, but she is excited to still be in the Linn County building.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve a lease agreement between Linn County and Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance for office space located at the Community Services Building, 1240 26th Ave Court SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa in the amount of \$1,200 a month effective July 1, 2026, through June 30th, 2027.

Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir., presented a proposal from Baker Group to furnish a building automation system for the Linn County Courthouse 2nd Floor remodel in the amount of \$75,429 PROJ 65 - 2023CP002 BUILDING AUTOMATION Funds. This is pertaining to the controls option and will be funded with CIP funds.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve a proposal from Baker Group to furnish a building automation system for the Linn County Courthouse 2nd Floor remodel in the amount of \$75,429 PROJ 65 - 2023CP002 BUILDING AUTOMATION Funds.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to open a Public Hearing on a Proposal to Dispose of Linn County's Interest in Real Property Located at 650 Walford Road SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., discussed a Proposal to Dispose of Linn County's Interest in Real Property Located at 650 Walford Road SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

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

Gage then discussed a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Sale of Linn County-Owned Real Property and Authorizing the Execution of a Deed. The resolution authorizes the sale of this property (\$1,195,000 and a \$40,000 credit to the buyer related to the septic tank) and authorized the Chairperson

to sign the necessary documents to execute the sale. He thanked Brian Rosteck with Skogman (in the audience) for his efforts in selling this property.

Supervisor Scheetz thanked Gage and Rosteck for their work and asked what the buyer plans to use the property for. Gage responded that they assemble the structures that go at the base of a cell phone tower.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to adopt Resolution 2026-6-89
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
LINN COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEED
WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.361 authorizes and empowers the Linn County Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) to dispose of an interest in real property by sale; and
WHEREAS, Linn County, Iowa (the “County”) is the owner of certain real property (the “property”) located at 650 Walford Road, SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and legally described as:
Lot 1, Dar-T Second Addition to Linn County, Iowa, except the Public Highway; and
WHEREAS, Ryan N. Winter/Anchor Point Properties, LLC desires to obtain whatever interest the County may have in the property and submitted a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”), which is on file in the Board’s office at 935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and
WHEREAS, the Board passed and approved Resolution No. 2026–6–83 on June 10, 2026, which sets forth its proposal to sell and convey the property by sale to Ryan N. Winter/Anchor Point Properties, LLC; and
WHEREAS, the Board published a notice of the time and place of the public hearing on the proposal to sell and convey the property in the Cedar Rapids Gazette on June 17, 2026, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.305; and
WHEREAS, in accordance with the above-described notice and Iowa Code Section 331.361, the Board conducted a public hearing on June 24, 2026, on its proposal to sell and convey the property by sale to Ryan N. Winter/Anchor Point Properties, LLC, at which time any interested person had the opportunity to appear to file a written or oral objection to the proposal.
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors as follows:
The Board determines that there is no further public use by the County for the property.
The Board determines that it is in the best interest of the County to sell the property to Ryan N. Winter/Anchor Point Properties, LLC.
The Board has considered all objections and comments received at the public hearing.
The Board approves and authorizes the sale of the property to Ryan N. Winter/Anchor Point Properties, LLC, subject to the terms, conditions, and contingencies listed in the Purchase Agreement.
The Board hereby authorizes the Chairperson of the Board to execute the deed selling the property to Ryan N. Winter/Anchor Point Properties, LLC, and all other documents required to finalize the sale of the property.

Karen Heiderscheit, Asst. Finance Dir., presented a Resolution Approving the Appropriation of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. This resolution sets the appropriations that begin July 1st with previously approved budget amounts and is a yearly occurrence at the end of the fiscal year. The resolution allows departments to start spending money on July 1st.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Heiderscheit for all her work getting them to this point and starting a new fiscal year as well as all the public meetings and transparency in the budgeting process.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to adopt Resolution 2026-6-90
Expenditures cannot exceed the following fiscal year 2027 appropriations by organization:

Attorney	\$ 7,136,405
Auditor	3,377,467
Board of Supervisors	13,968,856
Board Buildings	1,493,472
Capital Projects	2,200,423
Civil Service	20,824
Conservation	11,766,123
Court Expense	68,500
Engineer	26,517,654
Facilities	3,649,147
Finance and Budget	870,702
Human Resources	1,240,434
IT	5,173,841
Juvenile Justice	220,108
LCCS	18,165,161
LIFTS	2,318,881
Medical Examiner	851,650
Planning & Development	1,992,050
Public Health	8,670,485
Purchasing	404,996
Recorder	1,815,594
Risk Management	472,504
Sheriff	34,784,342
Soil Conservation	400,437
State Welfare	291,957
Sustainability	184,063
Treasurer	4,641,849
Veteran Affairs	786,997
Debt Service	6,559,053
Total	<u>\$ 160,043,975</u>

Public Comment: Ben Rogers, Senior Community & Public Affairs Specialist for Alliant Energy, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak regarding tonight's discussion on the air quality permitting process. Alliant Energy's number 1 priority is delivering reliable energy to Iowa communities, something they've been doing for more than 140 years. As Iowa continues to grow with increasing demand from new and expanding businesses, they must ensure they have enough power along with the appropriate reserves to meet the need reliably. As it relates to the proposed Morgan Valley Energy Center, they take pride in their proven track record of meeting and exceeding rigorous regulatory standards that protect public health and the environment. At this stage, they have not yet submitted a complete air permit application to Linn County Public Health for formal review. Due to that, they are not able to address project specific questions. It is not due to a lack of willingness to engage. They look forward to sharing modeling results once the application is complete. The Board's meeting this evening at 6 p.m. is a public information session featuring a panel of air quality experts available to address technical questions about the air quality permitting process. It is not a public hearing on the Morgan Valley Center and is separate from the formal regulatory review process. Alliant is committed to ongoing transparency and engagement and will host an open house on July 30th at IBEW, 1211 Wiley Blvd. SW, Cedar Rapids, with sessions from noon to 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Community members can learn more and speak directly with their team with additional details to follow. Linn County is home and for more than 140 years they have provided reliable energy in strong resilient communities. Their connection is grounded in people and they employ more than 600 people in Linn County. These are their neighbors, volunteers, parents and local business owners and their livelihoods along with the strength of the local economy are closely tied to decisions they make about infrastructure, investments and long-term planning. He thanked the Board for creating this public information meeting and he will be there representing Alliant to take notes and to listen to the community concerns.

Jon Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, stated that they have heard a lot over the last several months but haven't heard what information gives the Board confidence to place this 720-megawatt plant where it is being proposed. He questioned what information the Board has reviewed and who informed them of the information. Many of those questions still don't have an answer. He shared things they have learned pertaining to air and weather monitoring. There are significant questions being argued in front of the IUC. Lee requested that the Board direct their County Attorney to support the Office of Consumer Advocate with a letter of support for a study to find out what this would cost the people. Decisions are moving faster than the facts. Alliant just talked about willingness to engage but they aren't engaging and giving answers to simple questions. Why is everything confidential? The City of Cedar Rapids also won't share water information with them.

Supervisor Meisheid gave a shout out to the Kirkwood women's basketball team. On June 27th, Coach Kim Muhl will be inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame for the all-time winningest coach in NJCAA women's basketball history with over 1,100 career wins and 9 national championships. She congratulated him on being induced into the Hall of Fame.

Kirsten Running-Marquardt, 3515 Field Stone Pl. SW, Cedar Rapids, reminded everyone that tonight there will be a meeting because of Alliant's gas plant. Public Health and an expert will be present. She also invited Alliant Energy and hopes that they will answer questions that people have. This is separate from the regulatory process, but they are trying to be as transparent as possible with the people of Linn County. She expressed her appreciation to all of those putting work into making this meeting possible and those willing to show up and ask questions.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to appoint Brian Eschen to the Linn County Commission of Veteran Affairs for a term expiring on June 30, 2029.

Adjournment at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors