

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026 10:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Vice Chairperson Scheetz and Supervisor Meisheid. Absent: Chairperson Running-Marquardt (personal business). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Vice Chairperson Scheetz called the meeting to order.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve minutes of June 29, 2026 as printed.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve claims dated 7/3/26 for payroll deduction Check Nos. 71021725 to 71021729 in the amount of \$796.87, ACH in the amount of \$24,453.74, an EFT wire in the amount of \$30,263.73 and a Ceridian ER Funds Trust Wire in the amount of \$2,377,463.07, for a total of \$2,432,977.41.

Ashely Balias, LCCS, discussed a letter of support for the Housing Fund for Linn County's application for HOME-ARP funding. This letter was requested by the Housing Fund to submit an application for funds from the Iowa Finance Authority for work being done in relation to the homeless. Balias noted that J'nae Peterman is presenting at a conference or she would have presented this request.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the low number of homeless people, cutting the number of unhoused people in half and all the work that has been done to get them to where they currently are.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to authorize Chair to sign a letter of support for the Housing Fund for Linn County's application for HOME-ARP funding.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to open Public Hearing on a request to change the rural land use map designation of 9.29 acres, located in the 7400-7600 block of Elf Lane, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from Metro Urban Services Area (MUSA) to Rural Residential Development 2-Acre Area (RRD2).

Mike Tertinger, Planning & Development, discussed a request to change the rural land use map designation of 9.29 acres, located in the 7400-7600 block of Elf Lane, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from Metro Urban Services Area (MUSA) to Rural Residential Development 2-Acre Area (RRD2). Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections. The proposals are running concurrent with a 1-lot final plat application for Elf Lane 1st Addition. There is a proposed rural land use map amendment and proposed rezoning. They meet minimum levels of service and Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) requirements. Staff recommends approval of the proposals subject to conditions.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to close public hearing.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to open public hearing on a request to rezone 9.29 acres located in the 7400-7600 block of Elf Lane, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential 2-Acre (RR2).

Tertinger had nothing additional to add to this case that wasn't previously discussed. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to close public hearing.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve upon First Consideration of a request to rezone 9.29 acres located in the 7400-7600 block of Elf Lane, Cedar Rapids, Iowa from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential 2-Acre (RR2).

Public Comment: Jon Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, thanked the Supervisors for the pause to look at the projects. People that attended the meeting last week lost pay to be there. He asked for honesty as one side gets paid to sit in the chairs and the others don't. Lee directed his comments to Supervisor Scheetz stating that their concerns are legitimate. Scheetz said they should be proud of the ordinance and it's the most comprehensive in Iowa. Lee added that a strong ordinance is only as good as the homework that is behind each discussion. The pause is to learn what the right questions are. He gave examples of a closed loop system in another state and the impacts. Linn County's Public Health Dept. stated in a previous meeting that they are there to just check a box and to do their job, which is whether or not a permit can be issued. It is not their job to tell others about what the families living close to the site will breathe. Over 200 people came to the meeting to ask the Board to do their homework on this. The Board's own resolution talks about the cumulative impact and he is asking Scheetz to be the one to find the answers to that. They don't have the right to leave this county, they are granted the privilege to represent it, and the people aren't the developers. The voters of the county are trusting Scheetz to look at the picture. Do the homework himself and represent all of them.

Sonja Hadenfeldt, 7471 Benton Linn Rd., Fairfax, stated that she sent the Supervisors an email with four photos of Morgan Valley. Those pictures show the impacts of the weather and how the fog settles. This is why they are asking for model testing on site. She thanked them for having the public hearing for the Health Dept. and last week's moratorium to pause the data centers. Hadenfeldt's father joined her at today's meeting. He has lung cancer and lives less than 5 miles from the proposed facility. She

referenced three facilities within the five-mile area, and a lot of those people have health and breathing issues. What would this proposed facility do to them? That is something they need to look at. The impacts of the air and pollution and how it would filter as it flows into Cedar Rapids.

Tracy Meza, 7801 Wieneke Cir., Cedar Rapids, stated that she was at the public hearing when they voted on the moratorium. She wanted to make a comment about the Health Dept. Meza felt that they were here to check a box and seemed more concerned about a lawsuit than anything else. She doesn't feel that they are concerned about their health, testing, etc. and was very disappointed with their attitudes.

Dan Wozniak, 1518 Heartland St., Fairfax, thanked the Board for the moratorium that was on the agenda. The Supervisors that voted for the moratorium made a perfect decision. History will look back and realize that there will be people on the right and wrong side. AI has the potential to affect infrastructure and the economy. The moratorium is slowing everything down. He asked the Board not to be pressured to move fast on anything. Wozniak shared an example of buying a car noting data centers work the same way. The Board shouldn't be fooled by representatives from these companies that show up as organizations themselves are faceless. They will have to face the outcomes for whatever these decisions are. He referenced the meeting last week that took place during the day and the people who took time out of their day to attend potentially unpaid. He shared his view of the pro data center people who are "on the clock" during the day and not as many supporters when it's after hours. Residents live with it around the clock. They are here to represent the people and not the billionaire corporations. Wozniak hopes that Supervisor Scheetz looks at what he voted against as it probably wasn't the best of decisions.

Brandy Meisheid, 618 Main St. S, Center Point, stated that they hope to have an update soon on the questions from the Public Health meeting being added to the county's website. In the last 10 days, she became an aunt times 2. She congratulated her sister Taylor and her husband Blake on their newest edition, Charles. Also, her sister Rachel and her husband Matt on their daughter Merritt.

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

Adjournment at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

SAMI SCHEETZ, Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors