

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 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.

Public Comment: Rex Meyer, resident of Cedar Rapids, he saw that on the agenda there is an expense for \$12,000 for the Islamic Council of Iowa to provide Islamic Services and Consultation for Muslim inmates and staff at the jail. There are 273 recognized religions, so what do they pay for Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, etc. services. Those are typically services provided by churches in the region. As a Supervisor, this is the type of expense he would be worried about.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve minutes of July 1, 2026.

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

Discussion: Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that there are other religions that they pay a nominal fee to allow for those that have religious needs in their jail. They could provide that information to the public if needed.

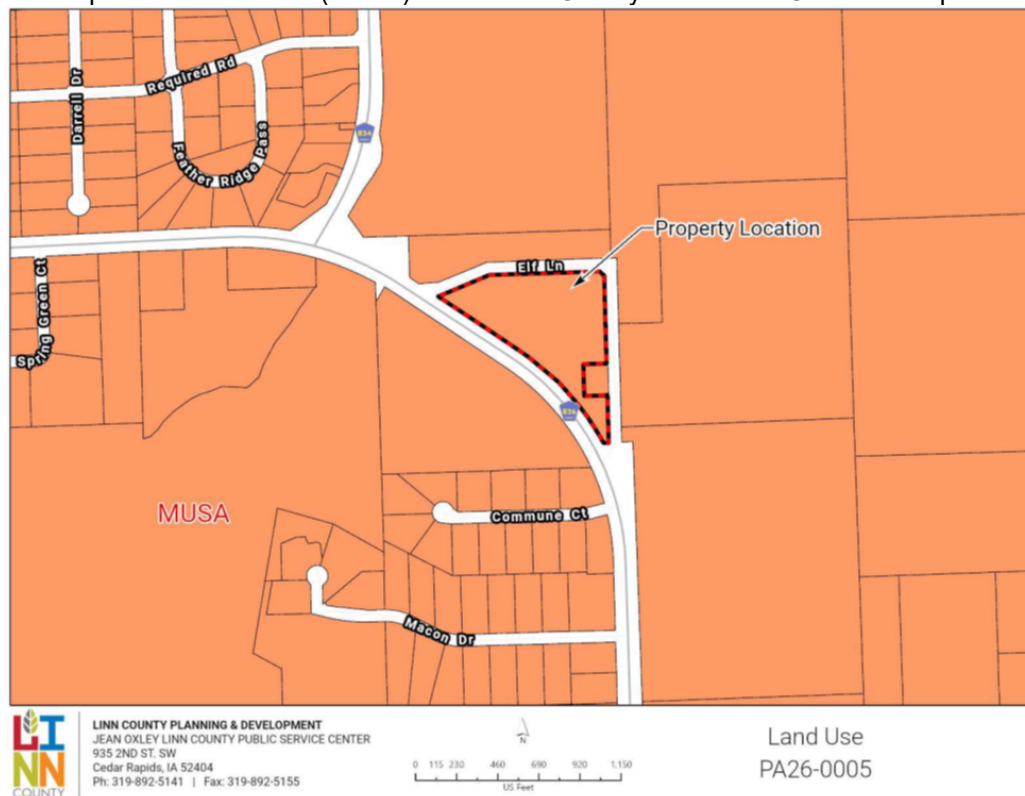
VOTE: All Aye

Resolution 2026-7-92

AN AMENDMENT TO THE LINN COUNTY RURAL LAND USE MAP

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, that the following amendment, Case PA26-0005, be made to the Rural Land Use Map of the Linn County Comprehensive Plan, dated July 19, 2013:

Amend the Rural Land Use Map designation from Metro Urban Service Area (MUSA) to Rural Residential Development 2-Acre Area (RRD2) on the Linn County Rural Land Use Plan Map as shown below.



Resolution 2026-7-93

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT LINN COUNTY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 331.903(1), Code of Iowa, Nick Maybanks, Linn County Attorney, has submitted to the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, for approval of David C. Thompson, for appointment as Assistant Linn County Attorney, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, finds David C. Thompson to be qualified to serve as Assistant Linn County Attorney and that the appointment of David C. Thompson will not exceed the number of assistants authorized for the Linn County Attorney's Office by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, that the appointment of David C. Thompson as Assistant Linn County Attorney by Nick Maybanks, Linn County Attorney, is hereby approved.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Release of Mortgage of November 15, 2016, made and executed by the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG), in association with Linn County's Multi-Family New Construction Grant, for property commonly known as 208, 210, 212, and 214 Village Dr., Tiffin, Iowa.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign Change Order No. 2 from Garling Construction, Inc. increasing the contract sum by \$22,796.47 for the Linn County Courthouse Interior Remodeling Project.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign an agreement between the Linn County Sheriff's Office and the Islamic Council of Iowa to provide Islamic Services and Consultation for Muslim inmates and staff at the Linn County Correctional Center, in the amount of \$12,000 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Approve purchase order PO934 to Stew Hansen Dodge City in the amount of \$36,695 for one 2026 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve purchase order PO937 to Metal Culverts Inc. in the amount of \$68,374.60 for 105 Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) round culverts of varying sizes and 140 Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) culvert bands of varying sizes, for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve purchase order PO938 to Metal Culverts Inc. in the amount of \$8,898.70 for 40 High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) round culverts of varying sizes and 20 High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) culvert bands of varying sizes, for the Secondary Road Department.

Approve purchase order PO939 to CDW Government in the amount of \$35,324 for switch replacement for the IT Department.

Luke Fischer, Facilities Dir., presented a quote from Hewlett-Packard using the State of Iowa pricing for Fortis laptops and Docking Stations in the amount of \$15,193.23 for Linn County Facilities staff. This purchase relates to the new building automation upgrade and allows staff to monitor equipment away from their desk. It will improve efficiency and troubleshooting. Funding will be from the Facilities budget, and they are hoping to use carryover funds.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve a quote from Hewlett-Packard using the State of Iowa pricing for Fortis laptops and Docking Stations in the amount of \$15,193.23 for Linn County Facilities staff.

Todd Taylor, Auditor, gave background of the process for property tax levies for FY2025-2026 tax collections.

Barb Nemeth, Auditor's Office, presented and explained the property tax levies for FY2025-2026 tax collections. Levy rates are published on Linn County's website.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to accept property tax levies for FY2026-2027 tax collections.

Mike Tertinger, Planning & Development, discussed Second 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). There have been no oral or written objections. The third and final consideration is upcoming.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve upon Second 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: Rob Hursh, 3388 73rd St., Atkins, stated that he lives across the road from the proposed Morgan Valley Energy Center. He asked the Board to allow the Conservation Board to express an opinion on this proposed energy center. He asked them to write a letter of opposition to the IUC and Conservation declined, stating that they need the Board's approval to express an opinion. Hursh is asking the Board to give Conservation permission. He explained his definition of what Conservation is. Hursh referenced the Conservation bond that was passed 10 years ago and that it was to stand up and protect them. He expressed joy and admiration for what 2 of the Supervisors did last week to pass the 18-month moratorium.

Steve Mason, 6547 Benton Linn Rd., Shellsburg, stated that on July 1st Linn County held a meeting for a moratorium. He gave a pat on the back to Supervisor's Meisheid and Running-Marquardt for respecting the wishes of the public. He read the biographies of the Supervisors on the counties website and explained what Supervisor Scheetz quoted on his biography. Mason shared a comment he made to Scheetz after the meeting and suggested to Scheetz to "reread his biography and rewrite his biography".

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Mark Banowetz, 2188 Ivanhoe Rd., Ely, expressed his appreciation to the Supervisors after having almost 200 people attend the meeting last week. He also thanked Supervisors Running-Marquardt and Meisheid for their votes on the moratorium. Banowetz thinks the people have spoken but isn't sure of the situation with Supervisor Scheetz. They saw the population of Linn County opposed to making a decision at this point.

Adjournment at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors