

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, JULY 13, 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 July 6, 2026 as printed.

Sara Bearrows, Finance Dir., discussed a service agreement between Nyhart and Linn County to provide actuarial services for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$7,600 and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$3,000. This is part of the audit process and a routine item that is done every 2 years. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., presented a Vacancy Form request for a full-time Residential Combination Inspector for Planning & Development. This is not a new position but rather a job change due to the specialized set of certifications needed. It is also anticipated that a current Associate Combination Inspector in his office will fill this position. Their existing budget will be used for this position. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Lisa Epp, Asst. County Attorney, presented a 28E Agreement to Provide Morgan Creek Park, Linn County, Iowa, with Law Enforcement and Fire Department Response Services and specify the initial responding agencies when dispatching emergency services. This updated agreement is due to confusion about which agency should be dispatched to Morgan Creek Park as several agencies are involved and was requested by GIS. The Board will approve Wednesday.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., presented a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on a Preliminary Plat and Engineer's Report for the Lisbon - Mount Vernon Area Benefited Emergency Medical Services District. The EMS district was previously established last fall and setting a public hearing is the next step in order to hold an election. The election must be held within 60 days. The public hearing will be on August 3rd, 2026 at 10 a.m.

Supervisor Scheetz questioned other jurisdictions impacted by this new EMS district and Gage responded that others are doing a similar process for a September election.

Jake Lindauer, Service Dir. of Lisbon-Mt Vernon Ambulance, stated that he has nothing additional to add. He noted that there are other resolutions in progress for a September 1st election.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt expressed her admiration for Myrt Bowers noting that she is one of the reasons they have emergency services in Mount Vernon and throughout Linn County.

Supervisor Meisheid added that they need to press for some legislation changes regarding EMS districts and Running-Marquardt stated that she spoke to Auditor Taylor about this for the upcoming legislative session.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to adopt Resolution 2026-7-94

**A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PRELIMINARY PLAT
AND ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE LISBON – MOUNT VERNON AREA BENEFITED EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, On October 1, 2025, the Linn County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") received a petition requesting the establishment of a proposed emergency medical services district in parts of Bertram, Franklin, Linn, and Putnam Townships, Linn County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, The Linn County Auditor, acting in the Auditor's capacity as county commissioner of elections pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 47, verified that the petition met the requirements of Iowa Code Section 357F.2 for a valid petition for a public hearing concerning the establishment of a proposed benefited emergency medical services district; and

WHEREAS, On October 1, 2025, pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 357F.2 and 357F.4, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-10-144, setting the date for a public hearing concerning the establishment of a proposed benefited emergency medical services district and authorized and directed the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, On October 29, 2025, the Board held the duly noticed public hearing and invited all interested persons to present written or oral comments concerning the establishment of the proposed benefited emergency medical services district; and

WHEREAS, On November 5, 2025, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-11-171 establishing the Lisbon – Mount Vernon Area Benefited Emergency Medical Services District consisting of parts of Bertram, Franklin, Linn, and Putnam Townships, Linn County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, On November 5, 2025, the Board appointed Snyder & Associates, Inc. to prepare a preliminary plat and report in accordance with Iowa Code Section 357F.6; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 357F.7, after the engineer's report is filed with the Linn County Auditor's Office, the Board shall give notice of a public hearing to be held concerning the engineer's preliminary plat.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Linn County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The Board shall hold a public hearing on the preliminary plat and engineer's report concerning the Lisbon – Mount Vernon area benefited emergency medical services district for parts of Bertram, Franklin, Linn, and Putnam Townships on August 3, 2026, at 10 a.m. in the Formal Board Room of the Jean Oxley Linn County Public Service Center, 935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at which time any person may appear and be heard on the preliminary plat and engineer's report as filed.
The Board hereby authorizes and directs publication of a Notice of Public Hearing as required by law.

Public Comment: Jon Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, thanked the Board for ensuring the County Attorney will be at the scheduling meeting at the Iowa Utilities Commission on July 16th. He explained what takes place at this meeting. Lee is asking the County Attorney to ask them to hold an in-person public comment hearing in Linn County when it goes on the official record. Alliant is fighting this currently. The County Attorney should back that hearing Thursday on record and not let Alliant stop it. Public Health told him that they will be waiting to issue the air pollution permit until after the IUC approves the plant. His issue with this public process is that the decisions will already have been made. They would be following the rules and commenting on a process that is already done. The County Attorney should ask the commission to fix the order. Let the public process happen first, not after. This is not a vote they are asking them to speak for or against the plant, it's making sure the county that already has a seat in this room, speaks up while they are there. Whether they want the plant built or not, they should still want their people's voices heard. He asked the Board to please have their County Attorney speak up on these things.

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

Adjournment at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors