

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 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 27 & 28, 2026 as printed.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve claims dated 7/31/26 for payroll deduction Check Nos. 71021981 to 71021983 in the amount of \$500.00, ACH in the amount of \$22,610.47, an EFT wire in the amount of \$1,386,887.18 and a Ceridian ER Funds Trust Wire in the amount of \$2,556,221.29, for a total of \$3,966,218.94.

Will Wright, Juvenile Detention & Diversion Services Dir., presented a Vacancy Form request for a full-time Correctional Center Nurse for the Juvenile Detention Center. The duties of the Correctional Center Nurse are more in line with the work than Public Health Nurse job class currently in use. It is anticipated that the employee in the current job class will move into this role and will not be backfilled. No additional funds are being requested.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Carolyn Siebrecht, Recorder, presented a Vacancy Form request for a full-time Deputy Recorder for the Records Office. A longtime Deputy in her office is retiring in December, with her last day in the office in November. In order to allow for a smooth transition, they would like to hire an additional Deputy to train in October. Their existing budget can cover the overlap.

Supervisor Meisheid wants to ensure that those that apply for this position understand that if Siebrecht was not re-elected, the new Recorder might not choose this Deputy to work with them.

Supervisor Scheetz added that he appreciates the heads up and Siebrecht talking to the Supervisors individually.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt also appreciates Siebrecht letting them know about this position. She sent her sincere appreciation to Deputy Sackett for her 42 years of service to the people of Linn County.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Elena Wolford, Asst. County Attorney, discussed an ordinance establishing an updated and standardized compensation rate for attorneys appointed by the court at county expense pursuant to Iowa law. The State of Iowa has adopted a number of code sections providing for court appointed counsel for indigent persons to be paid at county expense without specifying a fee limit or notice to the county and there has been a steady increase in the number of attorney fee claims submitted to the county. Historically, payment has been handled with a resolution, and she is suggesting an ordinance. The ordinance includes reasonable attorney fees, a fee cap, travel, indigency, etc. and will benefit Linn County residents, the bar association and attorneys.

Discussion continued about efficiencies for the Auditor's Office with this ordinance and budget impacts.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt feels this would be more efficient and is in support.

Wolford stated that she will move forward with the next steps.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Dev. Dir., presented a 28E Agreement between the City of Walford and Linn County to provide property maintenance inspection services. The Mayor of Walford requested this agreement which is done on an as needed request. It is a standard agreement that has been reviewed by legal staff.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that she previously met with the Mayor and this topic was discussed. She would like to work with them as a good partner.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Nichols added that a Resolution to Approve a 28E Agreement between the City of Walford and Linn County to provide property maintenance inspection services is another part of the process.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to open a public hearing on a Proposal to Dispose of Linn County's Interest in Certain Real Property Located at 520 11th Street NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 420 11th Street NW Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and 430 11th Street NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

Jessie Black, Admin. Spec., discussed a proposal to dispose of Linn County's Interest in Certain Real Property Located at 520 11th Street NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 420 11th Street NW Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and 430 11th Street NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa noting that this is the sale of the Fillmore Building. Discussion on the offer is the next step, and the potential buyer is requesting a 90-day period to complete due diligence.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that this is a great neighborhood and she looks forward to whoever makes an offer and being good neighbors.

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

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to open 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. Proof of publication was presented. There were no oral or written objections.

Black then discussed the Preliminary Plat and Engineer's Report Concerning the Lisbon - Mount Vernon Area Benefited. The Board established the EMS district on November 5, 2025, Snyder and Associates prepared the Engineer's Report, and the next step is the resolution giving the election date.

Supervisor Meisheid thanked everyone for working on this as it took a lot of time and effort.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt added that the point of this is to get better services to parts of Linn County. This allows people to make their own decisions on how best the community can serve EMS needs in rural areas. It is critical and they are doing it to the best of their ability.

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

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to adopt Resolution 2026-8-105
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT AND ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE LISBON – MOUNT VERNON AREA BENEFITED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT
WHEREAS, on November 5, 2025, the Linn County Board of Supervisors ("Board") adopted Resolution No. 2025-11-171 establishing the Lisbon – Mount Vernon Area Benefited Emergency Medical Services District ("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 the preliminary plat and engineer's report for the District in accordance with Iowa Code Section 357F.6; and
WHEREAS, Snyder & Associates, Inc. filed the preliminary plat and engineer's report with the Linn County Auditor pursuant to Iowa Code Section 357F.6 on December 15, 2025; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 357F.7, the Board held a public hearing on August 3, 2026, concerning the preliminary plat and engineer's report for the Lisbon – Mount Vernon Area Benefited Emergency Medical Services District; and
WHEREAS, the Board considered the preliminary plat, the engineer's report, and any comments received at or concerning the public hearing.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Linn County Board of Supervisors that the preliminary plat and engineer's report for the Lisbon – Mount Vernon Area Benefited Emergency Medical Services District, as submitted by Snyder & Associates, Inc., are hereby approved.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to approve the request to carry over fiscal year 2026 funds in the amount of \$22,997.56 for new licensing fees and food inspection equipment for Public Health.

Public Comment: Marlene Schmidt, 3550 Stone Creek Cir. SW, Cedar Rapids, stated that she is opposed to the Morgan Valley Power Plant as there are too many unknowns. She attended Alliant's open house to get some answers, but they didn't learn any new facts or get answers. She is old enough to remember when the first computer was built. Technology changes so quickly and could be obsolete in a few years. What would they do with these buildings on farm land if that happened? She thanked the Board for listening to their concerns.

Jon Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, has a small business and is an intervenor for the Morgan Valley Power Plant. He asked the Board to not take a final vote on the rezoning application until it is finished. He read an excerpt from Linn County's Comprehensive Plan about rezoning. They need to think about the health and safety of Linn County residents. On July 21st, Alliant filed their 319-page air permit application. Alliant wants to skip air monitoring, and the DNR's review isn't done. Lee is asking that they don't close the door before the science is in front of them. He is requesting a year of onsite air monitoring and putting it in writing.

Randy Krewson, 87 2nd St., Atkins, stated that he's speaking about the Alliant power plant in Morgan Valley. He stands totally against this power plant. Krewson has lived in Benton County all of his life. He used to work through contract union negotiations with Alliant on railroads and he knows how they operate. Alliant lies and they don't tell anyone the truth. Alliant and the power plant can kiss his little white derriere.

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

Adjournment at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors