

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 9:00 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 the minutes of July 29, 2026 as printed.

The Board heard updates from the following Elected Officials:

Brian Gardner, Sheriff – Jail is at maximum capacity due to recent legislation, looking into solutions with the County Attorney and Chief Judge; meeting with Facilities to discuss complaints surrounding Jail temperatures; received a federal grant for a body scanner in the Jail; upcoming tour of the Jail for local legislators; hiring detention officers and dispatchers, finishing up the process for hiring deputies.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding temperature issues in the Jail and whether housing preference is given to ICE or state inmates.

Supervisors Running-Marquardt and Scheetz both expressed their appreciation to Gardner for his continued efforts at problem solving and remarkable communication skills.

Dawn Froese, Deputy Recorder – passports continue to be vital source of revenue; increase in passport renewal photos; low number of real estate transfers most likely due to interest rates; less people are buying houses but more people are recording documents; marriage applications are holding steady, 12% increase in certified copy requests most likely tied to Real IDs; discussed DNR statistics noting new registrations are holding steady; recent Real Estate 101 class presented to Assoc. of Realtors, and trying to do a class every other month; upcoming staff retirement after 40 years so the replacement process has begun, however it will be difficult losing all of the institutional knowledge; interns have done a great job and are wrapping up this month; discussed indexed document statistics that have improved.

Teresa Sackett, Deputy Recorder – has been with the County for 42 years, is on her third Recorder, and has seen a lot of change. There has been growth and positivity in the Recorder's Office and Sackett feels it has been wonderful to work for the County.

The Supervisors all expressed their sincere appreciation to Sackett for her work and dedication to the County.

Brent Oleson, Treasurer – provided a mockup of an insert to advertise online payments, appointment scheduling, and property fraud alerts; citizens have expressed frustration from walking in at the end of the day and seeing others walk in and go right to the window for their scheduled appointment; large increase in out of state customers seeking services; one of his Spanish speaking clerks will be out on an FMLA leave; fully staffed with one going through training; discussed upcoming tax statements being mailed.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt questioned if people are still able to do walk-in services and Oleson affirmed, saying that is still the majority of their transactions.

Todd Taylor, Auditor – participating in ISAC (Iowa State Assoc. of Counties) wide group of former legislators and county people across the state; discussed Tax List Abstract Summary which is a joint effort between the Auditor's Office and Treasurer's Office; provided current voter registration numbers; upcoming refresher course on Cyber Security Awareness with Risk Management for his entire office.

Adjournment at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E. TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor
By: Ana Brunscheen, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors