

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 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: Rick Moyle, 120 Meadow Breeze Ln., Center Point, stated that he is speaking as Executive Director of the Hawkeye Labor Council and a resident of Linn County. The Hawkeye Area Labor Council AFL-CIO has served as the official voice of the AFC-CIO in Northeast Iowa since 1958. They are proud to represent 86 affiliated unions from every sector of their economy. They work with elected officials, community leaders and organizations at every level to advance economic opportunity, fairness and justice for the working families of the community they serve. The Board has a long history of supporting working families. He remembers the support firsthand from during the 1990's when he was on strike at Iowa Manufacturing and other strikes including Quaker Oats and Ingredion. Supporting working families is not a new concept in Linn County. The working people at Evergreen are members of this community and their well-being is and should always be a matter of concern for their elected representatives. The resolution today is not against any business; it simply puts into writing what has been the practice in this community for decades. It affirms that Linn County stands with the workers at the Evergreen plant and encourages both parties to continue negotiating in good faith so they can reach a fair agreement and quickly ratify a new contract. Moyle thanked the Board for their time, consideration and continued commitment to the working families of Linn County.

Motion by Scheetz, seconded by Meisheid to approve accounts payable checks dated 08/05/26 #71021984 to #71022060 in the amount of \$557,704.94; and ACH in the amount of \$2,575,760.02; for a total of \$3,133,464.96 and voids totaling \$14,835.00.

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

Receive and place on file the Sheriff's Quarterly Report from April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$1,822,652.

Receive and place on file the Auditor's Quarterly Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$379,647.83.

Resolution 2026-8-103

RESOLUTION 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN LINN COUNTY AND CITY OF WALFORD FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E, proposes that Linn County enter into an agreement with the City of Walford, Iowa under the title Linn County and City of Walford Agreement for Property Maintenance Inspections, and

WHEREAS, the purpose for such agreement is to provide for the administration of the property maintenance code of the City of Walford by Linn County in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and

WHEREAS, such agreement is in the best interests of Linn County and the City of Walford, and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, that Linn County, Iowa will join pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E, with the City of Walford, Iowa into an agreement entitled Linn County and City of Walford Agreement for Property Maintenance Inspections.

Resolution 2026-8-104

A Resolution approving a Residential Parcel Split for SHADY'S FIRST ADDITION.

The following description is a summary of Resolution No. 2026-8-104 as passed and approved by Linn County Board of Supervisors, effective August 22, 2026.

SHADY'S FIRST ADDITION (Case # PF25-0014) to Linn County, Iowa, containing two (2) lots, numbered lot 1 and lettered lot A, a subdivision of real estate located in the NE NE of Section 5, Township 83 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., Linn County, Iowa, described as follows:

SHADY'S FIRST ADDITION TO LINN COUNTY, IOWA, IS A PART OF LOT 11, LOT 12, VACATED MARKET STREET, AND VACATED FIRST STREET, BOLTON'S PLAT OF PARALTA AND A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 83 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., LINN COUNTY, IOWA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 2°54'20" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 5, A DISTANCE OF 1,165.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°49'47" WEST ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BOLTON STREET, A DISTANCE OF 269.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 2°45'18" EAST, 30.02 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°49'47" WEST, 165.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°50'49" WEST, 150.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°49'47" EAST, 34.00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 11; THENCE NORTH 2°45'18" WEST, 26.03 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°49'47" EAST, 126.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 2°45'18" EAST, 146.15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.63 ACRES (27,651 S.F.) MORE OR LESS.

PROPERTY SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

The full text of the Resolution may be inspected in the Linn County Auditor's Office located at 935 Second Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the Linn County website at www.linncountyiowa.gov.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the 28E Agreement between the City of Walford and Linn County to provide property maintenance inspection services.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign an agency contract listing agreement, agency disclosure, appointed agency agreement, and authorization for the release of information with Gibbs Lamb Drown (GDL Commercial) related to the sale of Linn County Property at 1888 County Home Road, Marion, Iowa 52302.

Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Indian Creek Nature Center, 5300 Otis Road SE, Cedar Rapids, noting all conditions have been met.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Vacancy Form request for a full-time Correctional Center Nurse for the Juvenile Detention Center.

Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Vacancy Form request for a full-time Deputy Recorder for the Records Office.

Supervisor Scheetz read a Resolution in Support of the Members of the United Auto Workers on Strike at the Novolex Plant in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He gave explanation of why he brought the resolution forward including spending time on the picket line last week. It is very challenging for families and the workers when they go on strike. These are billion-dollar corporations with no legal ramifications. The resolution says that the Board will stand with the workers in their fight against a company that is worth \$6 billion dollars and recently told their employees they were making record profits. They should be able to pair a fair wage and make the workers whole.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that she is against this resolution being on the agenda. She has great respect for those working for their families. She doesn't understand how this is a county issue and why the Board is putting themselves in this position with negotiations.

Supervisor Scheetz explained that almost all of the workers are Linn County residents and it would be support from the Supervisor's as Elected Officials that represent them.

Discussion continued explaining additional reasoning for this resolution including wages and benefits.

Supervisor Meisheid read a prepared statement in opposition of this resolution.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt stated that the resolution before them today allows them a chance to show support as leaders in their community. She spent a lot of time going to picket lines and showing support. They cannot get involved in negotiations but show support and that matters to people. These are long term jobs with a significant impact on the community. These workers have children that go to school here and they spend their money in Linn County. She feels comfortable supporting the resolution as she knows what it is like when someone goes on strike.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to adopt Resolution 2026-8-105
VOTE: Running-Marquardt & Scheetz – Aye Meisheid – Nay

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF UNITED AUTO WORKERS ON STRIKE AT THE NOVOLEX PLANT IN CEDAR RAPIDS

WHEREAS, at 7:00 a.m. on July 28, 2026, forty-nine members of United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 1024 began a strike at the Novolex packaging equipment plant located at 2400 Sixth Street SW in Cedar Rapids, and

WHEREAS, the plant traces its roots more than a century to the Cherry-Burrell Corporation, later operated for many years as Evergreen Packaging Equipment, and today employs approximately 164 people, most of them from the Cedar Rapids area, who build the carton filling equipment used by dairy, juice, and beverage producers around the world, and

WHEREAS, the members of UAW Local 1024 have stated that they are seeking fair wages, retirement benefits, vacation, and starting compensation for new hires that reflect the skill and value of their work and are in line with the broader market, and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors recognizes the longstanding contributions of both Novolex and the employees represented by UAW Local 1024 to the economic vitality of Linn County and acknowledges that the continued success of both is important to the community, and

WHEREAS, federal law recognizes the rights of employees, including the right to engage in lawful concerted activity, and of employers, to participate in the collective bargaining process, and the Board supports the resolution of labor disputes through lawful collective bargaining and good-faith negotiations, and

WHEREAS, the members of UAW Local 1024 are our neighbors, and a decision to walk a picket line is made at real cost to the workers and families who undertake it, and community members have come

forward to support them with donations and supplies, including at the UAW Local 1024 union hall at 619 20th Avenue SW in Cedar Rapids, and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors believes that a mutually acceptable agreement reached through continued good-faith negotiations serves the interests of the employees, Novolex, and the Linn County community.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors stands with the members of UAW Local 1024 and their families during this strike, encourages the Linn County community to do the same, encourages the parties to continue negotiating in good faith, and expresses its hope that they promptly reach a mutually acceptable agreement that benefits the employees, Novolex, and the Linn County community.

Public Comment: Jon Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd., Cedar Rapids, stated that he will be talking about the Morgan Valley Energy Center. He discussed what Alliant told Wall Street last week that they didn't hear at the hearing last week about 5 electrical agreements being signed for data centers across their systems with more additional agreements to come. Lee questioned how much of the gigawatts land in Linn County and if Alliant has told Linn County. He then referenced the 3 companies in the world that build turbines. Lee has several questions relevant to Alliant's application that include a waiver for Public Health and the failing grade in Iowa with the American Lung Association. When does people's health come ahead of something that is usually waived? He also emphasized that Alliant's filings don't add up.

Cindy Anderson, Fairfax resident, stated that she listened about the strike and resolution and understands that it is important. She and others have been coming to the Board for several months now about data centers and power plants. Anderson would like to see the same support for them. Data centers have impacted her significantly including dealing with traffic, light pollution and the landfill filling up 8 years sooner. The billion-dollar companies are the only ones making more money. She emphasized that people have to matter in the process and be taken into consideration. She asked the Board please say no to Alliant's rezoning application they filed.

Heather Keag, Illinois resident, and a UAW Region 4 Servicing Rep. at Evergreen, thanked the Board for passing the resolution noting that it will mean a great deal to their members. The members are just asking for a piece of that pie to make sure that their families still have a standard of living here in Linn County. They will put that money back into Linn County and can live with a decent wage.

Michael Houser, 66 Fleetwood Rd. NW, Cedar Rapids, stated that he is in favor of the UAW proposal. The constitution says, "We the people of the United States", not we the businesses of the United States. Sticking up for people is what the government should be doing always and that is why they are elected, for them and not businesses. Houser referenced an article that came up on his newsfeed this week about data centers relating to the Governor of Texas passing a moratorium on data centers for the state. If Texas, which is bigger than Iowa, can pass a statewide moratorium, shouldn't Iowa?

Craig Rathje, 385 27th Ave., Cedar Rapids, stated that there has been talk about recycling water and all those people that have put in the work to building the data centers. The United States does have a problem with pollution, and they need people working together to try and resolve the problems. His dad was a member of the union and Rathje was as well. The union helps to improve the quality of life for the workers and the amount of money a company makes. The company succeeds when they pay what the employees need. As far as Elected Officials it comes down to the quality of life. With their support, the money will go a long way, so people spend their money in Linn County. He also suggested that they pressure wash the emergency homeless shelter since it looks like it could use a bath. Rathje also questioned rules and regulations for feeding these people and if it is allowed.

Victoria Houser, Cedar Rapids resident, stated that she has severe asthma that has progressed over the last few years. The air quality was 112 today which for most doesn't mean much but for her she has to wear an N95 mask. Medication for her asthma with no insurance is \$900/month. At the Alliant meeting for the Morgan Valley Energy Center last week, she asked how pollution would affect air quality. Their response was tailored around wildfire smoke that had no relevance to the pollution and it's not important to Alliant. They already have poor air quality so why would they want to make it worse? She worked for many years and contributed to the community which is their home. Changes in air quality could push her out of her home and that is crushing. The area for the energy center is the best farmland in the county. She can't support turning this farmland into an industrial area. They know the power plant comes first. She is opposed to an increase in air pollution, light pollution, water pollution and noise pollution. She referred to a gas line that ran underneath the plant and an explosion in Nevada that she grew up near. She does not support the energy center.

Randy Krewson, 87 2nd St., Atkins, stated that initially he came today on behalf of Save Morgan Valley. He added that he is 40-year retired dues paying member, honorary member, of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and he appreciates what the Board has done passing the resolution. When that contract expired, everything stopped. He continued to say that they don't have to walk the picket line, they can drive by and give them a thumbs up and lay on the horn to show support. Contracts expire in the later part of the year by design. The corporate people don't live here and are liars that can't be trusted.

Tracy Meza, 7801 Wieneke Cir., Cedar Rapids, stated that she thinks it's fantastic that Supervisor Scheetz went to the picket line and talked to those being affected and supporting them. She is asking for the same due diligence for the power plant and data centers. Meza invited Scheetz to the Save Morgan Valley event on August 11th. She feels it would be good for him to get information from people that don't stand to earn money from these situations. The event is 6-8 p.m. at Ushers Ferry.

Kirsten Running-Marquardt, Supervisor, invited the 2 Recorder's Office interns, Clair Taylor and Aiden Farrell, to the podium. They dedicated their summers to transfer well log data in relation to water level and quality. This is foundational groundbreaking work. She appreciates all of their time and dedication on the work they have done that will help guide them in the future.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(a) to review and discuss the terms of a draft economic development agreement. The Board expects the related materials to be confidential under Iowa Code §22.7(65). Communications with counsel concerning such matters are intended to remain confidential and may be protected by attorney-client privilege under Iowa law.

VOTE: Meisheid – Aye Running-Marquardt – Aye Scheetz – Aye

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to go out of closed session.

VOTE: Meisheid – Aye Running-Marquardt – Aye Scheetz – Aye

Adjournment at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors