

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 9:05 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Running-Marquardt and Vice Chairperson Scheetz. Absent: Supervisor Meisheid (personal business). Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt called the meeting to order.

A lengthy discussion took place amongst Board members and the following Department Heads regarding various county department responses to large scale community disasters: Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., Steve Estenson, Risk Mgmt. Dir., Major Chris Smith, Sheriff's Office, BJ Dvorak, EMA Dir., Peter Brisbane, Emer. Mgmt. Specialist, Joi Alexander, Communications Dir., and Brad Ketels, County Engineer.

Topics discussed included disaster declarations, the Disaster Recovery Team, EOC (Emergency Operations Center) activation, coordination of efforts and resources, and fiscal disaster thresholds. The response to the tornado that was confirmed in Prairieburg on August 7th, 2026 was also discussed.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Head:

Brad Ketels, County Engineer – brief update on Secondary Roads new headquarters with a move-in date of August 31st.

Supervisor Scheetz thanked everyone for coming for the public information briefing. He appreciates all that they do and the prompt work on Friday night in Prairieburg.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt echoed the thanks and praise. She knows that people are doing their best and she sends her thoughts and prayers to the people affected by the tornado in Prairieburg.

Adjournment at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors