

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 August 17 & 18, 2026 as printed.

Sara Bearrows, Finance Dir., discussed proposed contracts for government financial system software with Oracle America, Inc. Moving to this software would not only benefit staff but it would also keep the user's experience the same, just moving to the government platform. There would be a reduction in staff time while also building in some efficiencies and savings in the general fund each year of approximately \$90,000. The cost to switch can be paid from capital projects. Since the software is very similar, the product would be around \$350,000 with a 5% increase to renew. IT and legal staff have reviewed the contracts. Staff also sat through a demo of this software and had good feedback about the product.

Board members thanked Bearrows for her explanation of the software and thinking outside of the box that will save the county money.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Stephanie Lientz, Planning & Development, presented an amended 28E Articles of Agreement for the Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority. The proposed change is to reduce the administrative burden and streamline the process for people to join.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Brad Wylam, Planning & Development, presented a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing date of September 14, 2026, at 10 a.m. for a request to rezone 24.33 acres located in the 400 block of Wilder Drive from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential 2-Acre (RR2). This is a non-buildable piece, and they want to convert to a buildable lot for a single-family dwelling.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to adopt Resolution 2026-8-113
A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A REQUEST TO REZONE 24.33 ACRES
LOCATED IN THE 400 BLOCK OF WILDER DRIVE FROM AGRICULTURAL (AG) TO RURAL
RESIDENTIAL 2-ACRE (RR2)

WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning and Development Department presented the Linn County Board of Supervisors with a request to rezone 24.33 acres located in the 400 block of Wilder Drive from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential 2-Acre (RR2); and,

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby finds that it is desirable to hold a public hearing to consider the request to rezone 24.33 acres located in the 400 block of Wilder Drive from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential 2-Acre (RR2), and that Linn County should publish a notice thereof as required by law.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the request to rezone 24.33 acres located in the 400 block of Wilder Drive from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential 2-Acre (RR2) on September 14, 2026 at 10:00 am in the Formal Board Room of the Linn County Public Service Center located at 935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at which time any interested person may provide public comment on the proposed ordinance, and after hearing any and all public comments, the Board may proceed with the approval of the proposed ordinance. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors directs the publication of a notice of public hearing in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.305.

Grace Hobson, Planning & Development, presented a Resolution Vacating an existing Recorded Utility Easement in the SE Corner of Lot 1 of Fawn Cove 1st Addition to Linn County, Iowa, located at 8775 Deer Crest Drive, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The request is for a 10-foot utility easement to be removed. The public has not reached out with any concerns.

The Board will approve Wednesday.

Public Comment: Jon Lee, 2510 Sisley Grove Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids, stated that he's speaking about the Morgan Valley Energy Center and the air monitoring waiver that was requested. Lee referred to Alliant's application that was submitted. He emailed the DNR 16 questions on August 16th and has received 1 out of office reply. Lee is requesting that Linn County writes to the DNR and asks them to deny the waiver. He added that he was told that Public Health does a technical review. Lee went on to read excerpts from Iowa Code regarding zoning. The pollution numbers aren't what they vote on but what the Board needs in front of them before voting and no one has the numbers. His real concern is about what this will cost ratepayers. If data centers are taken out what is the actual growth of the county? The EU-2 zoning did not get amended. If public support was the measure 2 weeks ago to not amend that zoning, it should be the same when this vote comes before them.

Randy Krewson, 87 2nd St., Atkins, asked the Board to do the Pledge of Allegiance at each meeting. There was a great turnout last Wednesday with the Girl Scouts. That is their future and those ladies are their future as guardians that work toward protecting their land, water and air, which is the same thing they are trying to do. If they don't do their jobs to protect it, there won't be anything left for them. They have to protect what they have now so there is a future for them.

Brandy Meisheid, Supervisor, wished everyone a happy first day of school as she is one of them who sent her youngest off to kindergarten. She hopes that everyone has a successful first day of school as well.

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

The Board recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Motion by Running-Marquardt, seconded by Scheetz to enter into a Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5 to discuss two separate matters: discuss pending litigation pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(c) and 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 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E. TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor
By: Amanda Brown, Deputy Auditor
and Ana Brunscheen, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors