

NOVEMBER 22, 2021

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met. Present were Supervisors Determann, Irwin and Srp. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

9:00 A.M. Review Correspondence and Claims      Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

9:15 A.M. Formal Action & Motions                      Claims were approved unanimously

Coronavirus/COVID-19 update: County Community Health Manager Michele Cullen reported 129 new cases in the last week and 33 in the last 3 days. She said that is consistent with the last two weeks. She said hospitalizations are up to 115 in the region and Genesis has 27 while Mercy is up two from four to six. She said the positivity rate is 13.3% up from 12.8% last week. Cullen reported the vaccination rate has reached 51.4%. She said there will not be a vaccination clinic this week at public health, but it will return on December 1.

CONSENT AGENDA

Two (2) Motions were approved on the Consent Agenda:

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the Chairperson to sign Utility Permit Number 6-28 for F&B Communications to place fiber optics line in the NE corner of the 160th Avenue and 215<sup>th</sup> St. Intersection in the county right-of-way located in Section 31 T82N R2E in the Grant TWP.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes.                      Motion carried.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the Chairperson to sign Utility Permit Number 10-131 for EI L&P to bore underground cable south ditch of 170<sup>th</sup> St. in the county right-of-way located in Section 31 T82 R2E of Grant TWP and Section 5 T82 R6E of Hampshire TWP.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes.                      Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2021-312

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors is considering combining precincts for voting purposes within the County; and

WHEREAS, it is required per Iowa Code 49.4 to set a time and place for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance to define voting precincts in Clinton County to allow County residents to present objections to or arguments in favor of any part of the proposed ordinance; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that a public hearing be conducted on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room, Clinton County Administration Building, 1900 N. Third Street, Clinton, Iowa, for the aforementioned purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is hereby directed to cause a publication to be made of a notice of the meeting in the official county newspapers and that such publication to be not less than 4 nor more than 20 days before the date of the said public hearing.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes.                      Tom Determann, Chairperson

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the chairman to sign the easement agreement with the City of Clinton for County-owned property located on Manufacturing Drive in Clinton.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes.                      Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reminded the Board it is not scheduled to meet next week and that County offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Supervisor Srp said the Conservation Board is starting the discussion about the Smithtown Church and where its care should be assigned. He said that discussion will be brought to the Board in the near future.

Supervisor Irwin said the OSHA settlement was completed last week. He also met with the Assessor's Office in regards to the slough bill and how to administer it. He said that was a good meeting and progress is being made.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson said delinquent notices have been sent out. He said the process has allowed them to review how to better maintain property owner addresses. He said \$312,000 in outstanding first half taxes were collected from the delinquent process.

County Sheriff Bill Greenwalt reported his office received a CCDA grant award for traffic safety equipment including radar trailers and signage. He said the GTSB also awarded a \$30,000 grant for overtime funding for traffic enforcement. He said another federal grant was awarded for \$12,000 for specialized off-road patrol vehicle and that was 100% funded like the GTSB. He added the Iowa Attorney General recently acknowledged Randy Meier for his work with Seniors vs Crime toward fraud prevention. Greenwalt reported the communications radio project is moving forward with radio installation and they have a shipping date for the newer radios.

HR Director Dawn Aldridge introduced Joe Raaymakers to the Board as the new Veterans Affairs Director. Aldridge said the recent seminar she attended was very educational. Aldridge asked who would be doing the COVID policies for the County. She wanted to know if it would be her office or the County Attorney. Irwin said it has been done in her office and it should stay there.

#### DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

**Mercy Mobile Medical Clinic at the Courthouse:** Van Lancker updated the project and a request to locate the Mercy One Mobile Medical Clinic at the Courthouse on a regular basis. He said Mercy One would like to locate the clinic in the Courthouse parking lot on Friday afternoons. He said the mobile clinic is self-sustaining. Van Lancker said Mercy One representatives liked the location because it was near the new resource center in the Courthouse. Irwin said this is a good addition to the resource center. The Board did not object to the plan and Van Lancker will take care of the arrangements.

**Cyber Security Insurance Update:** ICAP Insurance Representative Julie Bray reported ICAP has increased its premiums for cyber security. She said the County would be looking at an increase of more than \$17,000 to continue with \$1 million coverage. IT Director Paul Banowetz said the County would want at least \$1 million coverage. He said the bigger breaches are much more than \$1 million.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Srp to authorize the County Auditor to sign the appropriate paperwork to provide the County with \$1 million of coverage of cyber security insurance.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes. Motion carried.

**County Facility Project Update:** County Facilities Director Corey Johnson reported on the estimates for the restroom renovation. One bid came in at 2:02 p.m. and the County Attorney said the bid may be opened despite being two minutes late for the deadline. Johnson said the late bid was the lowest by \$23,000. He said maintenance has not worked with either of these contractors. He said the highest to lowest comparison difference is about \$60,000. He said the project is expected to be finished by the end of March. Srp said he would go with the low bid pending they sign the addendum that was also not included with the bid. Irwin is concerned with missing the 2 p.m. time frame and missing the addendum. Irwin said when he was on the School Board, they never opened late bids. Determann said the Board has been through this with a road bid and Wolf said it is for the good of the public to open the bid. Johnson added there is no way the late bidder knew any of the other bids as they were not opened before the late bid was submitted. Johnson said he will bring the resolution to the Board for its agenda on December 6.

**Solar Projects Update:** Srp said he's received more information from residents, but no additional conversations. Determann said he received some more emails in opposition and will share with the other Supervisors. Irwin said the County is speaking with a couple of firms to consult for the County on this issue. He said Origin will provide the County with a proposal. He said he visited a couple of solar sites in southern Illinois and he sent some questions to the company that came from his visit. He spoke with neighbors near the Illinois project and they all said they didn't have much say in the project because they didn't own the land. Irwin said the roads got bad during the construction of the project, but the company paid to put them back. The Board discussed how the property is taxed after it starts producing energy.

**Mental Health Region Update:** Van Lancker and Budget Director Nicholas Manrique reported they met with region representatives last week about how the financial transition will work for the counties in the region at the start of the new fiscal year in accordance with new legislation. He said the transition of funds and accounts payable will begin in April. They said payroll will continue in each County for those mental health employees and the region will reimburse for the payroll and operational costs. He said there will eventually be a 28E agreement with Scott County as the fiscal agent. Irwin said they had a special meeting on Friday to discuss the region budget and state requirements for services. He said the Board approved new services to start soon.

#### 9:30 A.M. Broadband Study and Grants Update

SmartSource representatives Curtis Dean and Todd Kielkopf reviewed the resolution that was previously sent to the Board for review. Dean said their only feedback from providers came from Windstream. Logan Shine with Windstream said they are going to submit an application for Clinton County. Windstream had asked for County funds to be included in the application due today. He said they will come ask the County for support at a later time. Dean said if the Supervisors adopt the resolution they would create a process for application to the County. Irwin asked how much Windstream was going to put into the proposed project. Shine said \$1.5 million would be the amount Windstream would invest in the project. Dean said there is time to approve the resolution if the Board wished to review it further. Kielkopf said they are working to put together a gap map to help providers.

The Board of Supervisors approved the following claim be allowed and check issued on the funds in payment thereof:

Vendor	Payable Description	Payment Amount
IOWA OSHA	FINE	\$5,800.00
	<b>Grand Total:</b>	\$5,800.00
Fund	Expense Amount	
0001 GENERAL BASIC	\$5,800.00	
	<b>Grand Total:</b>	\$5,800.00

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes. Motion carried.

I, Eric Van Lancker, Clinton County Auditor, do hereby certify this to be a complete and accurate list of all claims presented to the Clinton County Board of Supervisors on this date. Signed: Eric Van Lancker, Clinton County Auditor

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, December 6, 2021.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Tom Determann, Chairperson

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County Auditor

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Chairperson