

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

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: Clinton Community Health Manager Michele Cullen reported new case rates continue to decrease as do hospitalizations. She said the positivity rate is 11.3% which is down from 17.4% last week. She said their vaccination and booster clinics will soon shift to every other week.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2022-52

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Clinton County to establish and review policies from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County director of Human Resources has recommended the County update Policies for Pandemic reasons, specifically the retirement of the COVID -19 Vaccination Testing and Face Covering and replacing it with an updated version of Working During a Pandemic Policy; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the Policy for COVID -19 Vaccination Testing and Face Covering be retired and replace it with an updated version of Working During a Pandemic Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy be distributed by the HR Director to all County elected officials and department heads and that it be posted on the web for staff to readily find it from home.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 2022-49 through 2022-51 and one (1) MOTION were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2022-49

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff has accepted the resignation of Marissa Mussmann, as a full-time deputy sheriff; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to stop issuance of biweekly paychecks on the General Basic Fund, Office of Sheriff, to Marissa Mussmann. Marissa's last day is on February 18, 2022 with accrued benefits to be paid out until February 25, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-50

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, upon recommendation from County Facilities Director Corey Johnson, has considered Tina Driscoll for the position of Custodian; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that Tina Driscoll is appointed to the Custodian position in the Maintenance Department with an hourly rate of \$15.55 starting on January 18, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue bi-weekly pay checks in accordance with this resolution without further action of the Clinton County Board of Supervisors.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-51

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Assessor's Office has determined a 2020 valuation error was made on parcel 20-01000000; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Assessor's Office has informed the owner regarding the intention to correct the valuation for parcel 20-01000000; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the property has a partial exemption on the value that was not correct and should be changed as follows: Land full value \$25,060 – \$12,530 exempt = \$12,530 assessed value. Building full value \$117,960 - \$58,980 exempt = \$58,980 assessed. Total assessed \$71,510; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Clinton County Treasurer to adjust the 2020 tax bill for parcel 20-01000000.

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

MOTION by Supervisor Irwin to authorize the Chairperson to sign Utility Permit Number 28-25 for Telcom Construction to bore underground communications line in the east ditch of 285th Avenue, located in the county right-of-way located on the border of Section 31 of T81N R4E in the DeWitt TWP.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2022-53

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the \$109 trillion American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, Clinton County applied for and has received the first tranche of funds for the American Rescue Plan Act totaling \$4,509,144.50; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors has reviewed some requests and determined some that will qualify for the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, based on the distribution guidelines from the U.S. Department of Treasury, the following projects have been approved for the use of said funds:

PROJECT	OFFICE/DEPARTMENT	ESTIMATED COSTS
Broadband Study	BOS/Auditor's Office	\$150,000
AXON law enforcement products	Sheriff's Office	\$505,000
Administration Building security cameras	IT	\$42,000
BOS Conference Room AV/webconferencing	IT	\$37,100
Administration Building ceiling tile/lighting	Building Maintenance	\$120,000
Satellite Office Conference Room AV/webconferencing	IT	\$39,000
Payee software system	Community Assistance	\$7,000
Standing desk	Community Assistance	\$5,000
SANS	IT	\$90,000
Administration Building generator phase I	Building Maintenance	\$26,000
Administration Building generator phase II	Building Maintenance	\$30,000
Courthouse security cameras	Building Maintenance/IT	\$25,971
Administration Building air handler	Building Maintenance	\$560,000
Jail kitchen hood	Building Maintenance	\$60,000
Courthouse elevator replacement	Building Maintenance	\$750,000
Courthouse fire panel	Building Maintenance	\$70,000
Courthouse x-ray machine/metal detector	Building Maintenance/Sheriff	\$65,000
Lost Nation secondary road shed	Secondary Roads	\$589,950
Elwood secondary road shed	Secondary Roads	\$324,000
Two dump trucks	Secondary Roads	\$500,000
Reimbursements for COVID case investigations, contract tracing and public information	Public Health	\$55,210
Reimbursement for clinic time in January, February and March	Public Health	\$26,550
Laptops	Public Health	\$2,586
Administration Building second floor restroom remodel	Building Maintenance	\$120,000
Administration Building water softener for cooling tower	Building Maintenance	\$30,000
Courthouse parking lot	Building Maintenance	\$175,000

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors endorses the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the items listed and authorizes the Auditor to make these payments as they are presented.

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

Tom Determann, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2022-54

WHEREAS, the citizens of Clinton County, Iowa, find that a critical need exists to complete US Highway 30 as a four-lane, high-priority corridor across the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the citizens, businesses and industries of Cities and Counties along US Highway 30 in Iowa have combined their efforts to four-lane US Highway 30 from the Eastern Iowa border to the Western Iowa border; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 30 in Iowa is part of a 3,389 mile route that stretches from New York City at Broadway and 42nd Street to San Francisco's Lincoln Park; and

WHEREAS, the completion of US Highway 30, four-lane, is fiscally responsible, economically wise, safe and Iowa business friendly; and

WHEREAS, the completion of a four-lane roadway for US Highway 30 is a joint effort of many communities along US Highway 30; and

WHEREAS, Clinton County, Iowa, requests the Iowa Department of Transportation halt the planning and development of a Super 2 facility on any section of US Highway 30 in Iowa as it will be detrimental to past efforts to improve traffic flow and improved traffic safety, while hampering future economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, Clinton County, Iowa, supports the completion of a four-lane US Highway 30 across the State of Iowa; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that Clinton County, Iowa, fully supports a four-lane US Highway 30 in Iowa.

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

Tom Determann, Chairperson

GENERAL PUBLIC

Robert Betsinger, Clinton, said 36% of Iowa counties have supported a Second Amendment Sanctuary resolution and asked the Board to consider it.

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reminded the Board it meets on Friday for budget work sessions and ARP funding discussion. He said his office has been informed that a petition has been filed for a special election in Calamus to fill a vacancy and his office is working with city officials to determine the election date.

Supervisor Srp said the Judicial District meeting last week talked about PPE and he suggested they speak with the Clinton County EMA to address rotating its stock.

Supervisor Irwin said he attended the Supervisors state wide meeting last week and said there was a lot of discussion about pipelines and eminent domain.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Clinton County Resource Center JAG Grant Proposal: Sheriff Bill Greenwalt, YWCA representative Angie Bloomfield and Kristen Huisenga of CSAC said the Resource Center would like the County to support a JAG grant to address reducing crime. She said they believe the Resource Center can help address this issue by providing resources that would reduce theft and other crimes in the community. Huisenga said having a staff member would help greatly. Bloomfield said having a staff member would keep services consistent for the organization and for those clients using the Resource Center. She said they talked about a full-time person and possibly a half-time person. She said the total budget was \$89,000 for a year including the matching funds. Irwin said it would not be a County employee. He said the discussion is that it would be contracted with a local organization. Irwin said the request includes funding for a data tracking system. Greenwalt said his office assists with scheduling volunteers to work in the Resource Center, but it would be more efficient if a full-time person in that office was able to schedule those opportunities. Van Lancker explained the grant can be awarded for four years, but has to be applied for each year. He said it is hopeful during those years that more stable grant funding could be found. Irwin added it could turn into an access center such as what is done in Linn County. Srp said there is no doubt in his mind that the Resource Center is already saving the County money by helping people stay out of jail. Srp said the amount of matching funds can be found in the County budget. He said there will need to be some oversight for this organization.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to support the application for the JAG Grant for the Clinton County Resource Center and to commit matching funds up to \$22,250 and authorize the County to act as the fiscal agent for the grant.

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

Motion carried.

Solar Project Update: County Planning and Zoning Director Thomas Barnes reported the County Planning and Zoning Commission voted Thursday to not recommend approval of the solar project. Determann said he would like feedback from the Commission stating why they don't recommend the plan. He also wants opinions from the County Attorney and engineering firm studying options for the County. The Board has 150 days to consider the application. Barnes said if the Board takes no action then the Commission's outcome becomes the County's final decision. Irwin said the solar companies have gone above and beyond the County ordinance in place. He said he needs clarification for a good reason to deny the applications. He said he leans toward property rights and believes wind and solar are inefficient, but he says laws and data need to be considered; not emotion. Determann said there is legislation out there and he would hate to approve it and then have legislation approved that is opposite of what the County has done. Determann agreed the Commission needs to provide a reason to recommend denying the application to assist the Supervisors in making their decision. Irwin said the Commission had very little discussion before they voted last week. He said basing the vote on emotion is poor decision making. Srp thanked everyone who participated in the public hearing and did so respectfully. Srp said this has to be done right because more applications will be coming. He also would like a timeline from Barnes. He said what gave him pause is the notion a developer presented another development may follow the solar project because they want the clean energy. Srp said the County is trying to stay competitive and maintain our quality of life. He said a certain amount of development is going to be needed in order to grow. Irwin asked for a moratorium on any further applications

before they are able to work through this first one. Srp said he's not in favor of that today because he's concerned about the liability for the County in making this decision. He said that is why the engineering firm and outside counsel have been engaged in this matter. Barnes said he would like to schedule a public hearing in Grand Mound for the Board of Supervisors. A tentative date of March 24 was scheduled for that public hearing.

County Indigent Cremation Policy Review: County General Assistance Director Kim Ralston reported a funeral home has asked about funeral costs for an indigent deceased without family and how to handle the ashes. She reviewed how other counties handle the situation. She said some counties have a grave site opened for the ashes. Srp said he would be fine including extra funds for opening and closing a site for someone who falls into the situation where no family exists. Ralston will bring back a recommended policy wording in a couple of weeks.

Secondary Road Department Pickup Truck Purchase: County Engineer Todd Kinney reported a bid award for a truck has been recalled because the vendor is not able to provide the truck. Kinney said the County may have to put down a deposit for a new truck and buy it through the retail process instead of through government contract.

ECIA FY20 Brownfield Projects Update: Irwin said the County needs to sign off they don't want the property nor are responsible for the property.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the chairman to sign the Brownfield ECIA document.

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

Administration Building Generator Project Update: County Facilities Manager Corey Johnson reported the option III cost estimate is \$143,000. He said he does have the electrical engineer started on the drawings for that project.

Administration Building Security Update: Johnson explained to the Board what would have to be done to add an electronic card reader lock system on the door outside of the Treasurer's Office. Van Lancker asked for a keypad on the Auditor's Door for elections security. He said he may have access to a grant to pay for a portion of that system.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize building maintenance to install keypads to the Treasurer's Office outside door and to the Auditor's Office outside door.

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

REPORTS

The Commission of Veterans Affairs January 2022 monthly report was presented, approved and filed.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Friday, February 18, 2022.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Tom Determann, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson