

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the Chairperson to sign Utility Permit Number 9-57 for EI L&P. The Project will include placing a 7200-volt 3 phase cable by boring innerduct in the backslope of the ditch. The work will be within the county right-of-way, along 225th Street, located in Sections 11 and 12, T81N R03E of DeWitt Township.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-91

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner for Clinton County has determined the need for a Clinton County Deputy Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, the Board has accepted the Medical Examiner's recommendation and determined Dr. Margaret "Peg" Wolf to be qualified and appropriate to be appointed as a Clinton County Deputy Medical Examiner and wish to appoint Dr. Wolf contingent upon the signing of a contract between Clinton County and Dr. Wolf; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Margaret "Peg" Wolf is appointed as a Clinton County Deputy Medical Examiner to serve a term ending on the first Board of Supervisors meeting of 2025 in order to align with the Medical Examiners appointment.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-92

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 309.22 and Section 309.93 Code of Iowa, it is required that a County Secondary Road Budget and Five-Year Construction Program be adopted by the Board of Supervisors, on or before April 15th of each year, and

WHEREAS, such a budget and program setting forth the amounts to spend on the various items of construction and maintenance for the said year, has been prepared, and

WHEREAS, said budget and program are subject to the approval of the Iowa Department of Transportation, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that said budget and program as set forth in detail be and are hereby adopted and that same be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation for their approval.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Chairman Irwin said he received an email about the Board not placing a discussion on today's agenda about wind turbines in the County. He said it is hard to place something on the agenda when there is no new information. He said the solar issue took nine months. He said at some point the Board will be hosting meetings at different times and locations that are better for the discussion. Supervisor Srp said anyone from the public can make comments during the board meetings under the public comments portion of the agenda.

Supervisor George said she took a call from someone concerned about Board meetings being on Monday morning while many people work.

County Attorney Mike Wolf has been meeting with Deep Creek trustees to work on a public hearing on the issue of fire districts.

County Engineer Todd Kinney said the Secondary Road Department would like Supervisor George and the HR Director to stop by during the next safety training session.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Slough Bill Tax Exemption: Irwin said the board members met with County Assessor Brian Tiesman and GIS Coordinator Kyle Leist at various times last week to learn more about the situation with the exemptions. Srp said there is not accurate information in the applications and there appear to be duplications within 42 parcels. George said she believes the applications on the 42 parcels should be sent back and proper applications be submitted. Srp said the applications will actually be denied, and they will have to apply again in the window next year. George said she doesn't want to get rid of the exemption, but that the rules need to be more closely followed. Srp asked if they could ask for more information with the application. He would like to request any other exemptions be outlined on the property and the applicant should provide that map with the application. Leist said getting the exemptions online is on the list of projects for GIS. Srp said he would like a reference to the new application for next year in the letter being sent to the 42 parcels. Irwin also wants it mentioned that the land is not being used for profit and a map should accompany next year's application. Srp also wondered if the County should continue recognizing the Slough Bill exemption. He said there are people getting into bidding wars for these properties and there are other exemptions available. Srp said this should also be reviewed because of the tight budget decisions coming from the State. Tiesman

reminded the Board that there is a limit on the number of acres that can be exempt in the County and Clinton County is close to that cap.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to deny the Slough Bill exemption for the list of 42 applications provided by the County Assessor's Office and be provided with a denial letter that explains the reason of denial and information how to apply next year.

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

Motion carried.

County Secondary Road Department Logo: Kinney said his department wanted to freshen up the department logos. He said the logo resembles the farm to market signs. Kinney said this will be for letterhead and office purposes.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to approve logo number 6 as presented for the Secondary Road Department.

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

Motion carried.

County Conservation Staffing: County Conservation Director Phil Visser said he had a recent retirement in the department and the Conservation Board discussed how it wanted to move forward. He said the Conservation Board talked about keeping the position on the west side of the County or adding another maintenance position on the east side of the County. He said both could be filled by eliminating some of the seasonal hires. He said they would reduce from six seasonal to two seasonal. He said the seasonal help at the Rock Creek store would not be affected by this proposal. Srp said the reduction of the four seasonal positions for the second maintenance position should be under the department's current budget. Visser said the plan would be about a wash on the budget. Srp said he knows a hiring freeze had been mentioned, but there has not been any action taken. Irwin asked Visser to review the current staff. Irwin said he's concerned about significant reductions in future County budgets due to new legislation from the State. He's not in favor of putting on full-time staffing at this time because he believes the County staffing level will be a topic of discussion. Visser said Conservation is getting to a crunch time to start the season and that's why he wants to have the discussion at this time. He said a full-time position out of Rock Creek is certainly a need. County HR Director Alexandria Ellison said if the County opens a position, they should be confident that full-time positions will be in existence for several years. George said the part-time positions are a benefit for young people who want to consider a job in this field. George thinks they could replace the retired position and then review the other half of the plan next year. She also doesn't want to hire someone for a position that may not be around in the next couple of years. Visser said finding good applicants for seasonals has been difficult. George said some outreach to local schools may be helpful. Visser said they have done that, and it is hit and miss. Srp said the Conservation Board was hoping to hire the retired position and wanted to gauge the support of the Board about reducing seasonals for a full-time position. Irwin said he's comfortable with refilling the retirement, but not the reduction of seasonals. He said he would like to have that discussion during budget time.

County Law Center Parking Lot Project: County Facilities Director Corey Johnson said they have been meeting with an architect on the parking lot project. He suggested to have Origin design layout to the footings and foundations and parking lot. He suggested bidding out the paving in the fall for spring construction. He recommended having the building laid out by a hardware business and bid out the construction. He said that will help the maintenance department with all the projects that are currently taking place.

County Administration Building Project Planning: Irwin said he, Van Lancker and Johnson met last week with the contractor about the Administration Building Project. He said there will be some coordination needed in moving offices during the work. He said a more specific discussion can take place during the department head meeting later today. Johnson said the construction meeting on Wednesday will also be helpful for offices in the building to consider.

Proposed Ports of Eastern Iowa Authority: Irwin said he was in another meeting this week about the potential for an authority in Iowa on the Mississippi River. Irwin said at previous meetings there was no discussion about cost. However, he said the latest discussion mentioned a maximum of \$500 a month for the length of setting up the authority with no mention of a maximum contribution. He said the City of Clinton was looking at starting its own authority, but if the regional one was an option they would just fall under that. He said the Eastern Iowa Authority would add to the tonnage of the authority which would cause more appeal to the federal government for lock and dam assistance. County Attorney Mike Wolf said the county attorneys included in the proposed port authority area have sought out more information on the proposal. He said they agree this is a good organization and there could be some good to come out of it. He said the attorneys are asking for some time to review the plan further to provide a better recommendation on how to proceed. Irwin said Muscatine and Louisa counties are very interested in the idea. Wolf said he hasn't seen any DOT information on the proposal. Srp said the DOT had an idea for the east side of Iowa a few years ago and he would share that with the Board and Wolf.

10:00 A.M. Public Hearing

Chairman Irwin called a public hearing to order to solicit public comment on a proposed map amendment to the County Zoning Ordinance.

Present were the Board of Supervisors, County Auditor Eric Van Lancker, County Planning and Zoning Director, public and media.

Proof of publication was presented, accepted and returned for filing.

County Planning and Zoning Director Thomas Barnes reviewed the proposed rezoning. River Valley wants to construct a couple of plants and a truck shop that will better help serve a portion of Clinton County. Barnes said the plants will still need more review through the planning and zoning process.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to adjourn the public hearing.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.
adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Motion carried. The public hearing was

Barnes said action will be scheduled for next week.

REPORTS

The Sheriff's Fees and Expenses 3rd Quarter FY24 report was presented, approved and filed.

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

Vendor	Payable Description	Payment Amount
PEANUT BUTTER INC	APRIL 2024 PAYMENT	\$4,830.00
	Grand Total:	\$4,830.00
Fund	Expense Amount	
0001 GENERAL BASIC	\$4,830.00	
	Grand Total:	\$4,830.00

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: 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 on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson