

JULY 29, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met at the Clinton County Law Center, Clinton, IA. Present were Supervisors Irwin, Srp and George. Minutes from 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 Approval

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 2024-196 through 2024-199 and one (1) Motion were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2024-196

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors authorizes payroll for the Clinton County Maintenance Department; and
WHEREAS, Clinton County offered the Maintenance II position to Troy Baker; now
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approves payroll to begin for Troy Baker as a Maintenance II at a rate \$20.25 per hour, effective 8/5/24.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes. Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2024-197

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Emergency Management Coordinator has accepted the resignation of Ann Magill-Hamilton, Medical Examiner Investigator, effective July 22, 2024.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the County Auditor be an is hereby authorized to stop issuance of biweekly paychecks on the General Basic Fund, Emergency Management, to Ann Magill-Hamilton, after her last day of employment on July 22, 2024.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes. Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2024-198

WHEREAS, in accordance with the wage bands, current employee Hannah Edfors, Naturalist with the Clinton County Conservation Board, has been misplaced in the band; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Edfors is currently making \$21.47 per hour at 0% band penetration and should be making \$22.22 per hour with 10% band penetration based on her work experience; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Auditors Office is authorized to increase the rate for Hannah Edfors to \$22.22 per hour in payroll effective August 5, 2024.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes. Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2024-199

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Auditor is an elected official and the Board of Supervisors does not consider nor appoint personnel for elected officials, but need to authorize payroll for the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, current employee Rebekah Temple, Election/Payable Clerk in the County Auditor's Office, has assumed additional job duties because of restructuring the County Maintenance Department; and

WHEREAS, after review of the change in job description by the County Auditor's Office and the County Human Resources Department it is recommended that Temple's wage be changed from \$20.55 per hour to \$21.55 per hour; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Auditors Office is authorized to increase the wage rate for Rebekah Temple to \$21.55 per hour in payroll, effective July 29, 2024.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes. Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the Chairperson to sign Utility Permit Number 6-37 for F&B Communications to place Fiber Optics Cable along 220th Avenue in the county right-of-way located in section 07 T83N R03E of the Bloomfield Township.

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reminded the Board that all their meetings for August are planned to take place in the County Law Center.

Chairman Irwin said he would like a committee to meet about changes at Clinton's MercyOne Hospital. He said the committee should include a Supervisor, County Sheriff's Office, the City of Clinton and County Mental Health employees. He would also like to have a forum at Northeast High School auditorium with the Board and the Planning and Zoning Board to review comments about wind turbine zoning ordinances.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson said he continues to work with Enterprise Rentals to do more of their title work. He said another car dealer is interested in doing the same.

County Human Resources Director Alexandira Ellison highlighted milestone anniversaries of County employees.

County Conservation Director Phil Visser said Rock Creek will not open by August 1 as expected due to the muddy conditions and rain expected this week. He said the Blue Heron Eco Cruises will continue as will activities in the Eco Center.

County Veterans Affairs Director John Bray said they had a good number of visitors at their booth at the County Fair last week. He said they set up 13 appointments with veterans to discuss benefits. He said tonight is the veteran's night at the ballpark as bad weather moved the first date that was scheduled.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Contract Update with the Clinton Humane Society: Jennifer Gerdes with the Clinton Humane Society said the County's contract expired earlier in the month. She said it should be renewed as law enforcement is continuing to bring animals to the organization. She said the County had only paid \$400 for most of the contract until an incident where almost 20 cats were turned over to them in May. She said the total payment by the County under the contract was \$2,200. She said they received about seven phone calls from county residents about animals running free. Irwin said he would entertain a similar contract through the fiscal year. Chief Deputy Steve Diesch said the cat issue was an anomaly. Gerdes said she can update the contract to run through the end of the fiscal year.

Linn County Juvenile Detention Agreement: Kim Ralston, County Community Assistance Director, said the contract has expired. She said she and County Attorney Mike Wolf have heard the Scott County center is looking at hopefully opening in January of 2025. She said the Linn County contract goes for six-months then adds another six-months unless it is cancelled. She said the rates will stay the same as the previous contract. Wolf said they currently have two juveniles at the Linn County facility. He said finding beds across the State is still an issue. Ralston said Scott County has not set any rates for their new facility, but it sounds like it will be comparable to Linn County rates.

Mental Health Region Request from the State for Funding Through the Incentive Fund: Irwin said the region is reporting they may see a \$1.5 million shortage as they start to renew contracts for services. He said the State had clawed back about the same amount from the region in the last year. County Mental Health Director Becky Eskildsen said the current region fund balance is very low and they would like to avoid placing people on waiting lists. She reported services have become available and that's good, but now the budget is not in place to take advantage of the services. Eskildsen said this region is not the only region that is going to have these issues.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support seeking incentive funds for the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region.

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

Motion carried.

County Employee Recognition Policy Update: County HR Director Ellison reviewed the recently approved policy. She said a budget was approved for the program. She said part of the policy requires they have equal representation of employees on the committee for the recognition program. She said they are short from a couple of offices. Ellison said time is running short to pull the committee together to make recognitions by the end of the year. Supervisor George suggested she reach out one more time but add that the Board will appoint someone from their area if a volunteer is not named.

County Compensation Board Discussion: Van Lancker said an email from ISAC with information about the law ending County Compensation Boards as of the start of the fiscal year was recently sent to County officials. He said it will be up to the Board if it wishes to continue with a County Compensation Board to determine a recommendation for elected officials pay. He added that a recent conversation in an Auditor email thread said some counties are waiting on the decision until after the ISAC conference in August. Srp said he would like to retain the compensation commission to receive that third party independent review, but he could also understand waiting until after ISAC. George said it will likely be a topic at ISAC. Irwin said other supervisors around the State have had issues with their compensation board while Clinton County has not. Irwin is in agreement with Srp, but would also like to wait until after ISAC. It was generally agreed to schedule another discussion on the topic in early September.

Administration Building Project Update: Van Lancker and Irwin said steel for the front entry is expected to be delivered this week and start on Tuesday. The windows facing north on the west wing of the building are expected to start being replaced this week. Rain last week only slowed work slightly as the windows in the old engineer's office are near completion. Johnson said some grids are starting to be replaced so lighting can get started. Irwin said they started talking last week about renovating a part of the Recorder's Office since the work in the building is being done now.

10:09 A.M. Public Hearing with Possible Action

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

Present were the Board of Supervisors, County Auditor, 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 map amendment. Barnes said he received a comment opposed to the rezoning from someone who lives south of the property concerned about the increased traffic and effect on the road.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to adjourn the public hearing.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.
at 10:12 a.m.

Motion carried. The public hearing was adjourned

Barnes said a resolution for the Board's consideration would be available next week.

10:12 A.M. Public Hearing with Possible Action

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

Present were the Board of Supervisors, County Auditor, 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 text amendment.

No comments were received prior to the public hearing.

Irwin explained the County Attorney suggested the moratorium be memorialized in an ordinance as a stronger language to put it into effect.

Srp said they have received a lot of communications in the past on this issue that aren't different from previous discussions. He said he still does not support the need for a moratorium as there is plenty of time to take care of reviewing ordinances but will support the County Attorney's recommendation. Barnes said this will automatically expire on September 30.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to adjourn the public hearing.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.
at 10:16 a.m.

Motion carried. The public hearing was adjourned

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-200

WHEREAS, on the matter herein, the Clinton County Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on July 2, 2024, and following said hearing the Commission recommended approval of the attached text amendments to the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing and first reading of the proposed text amendments on July 29, 2024, to consider said amendment and to hear comments for and against; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors has waived a second reading of the proposed text amendments on July 29, 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The attached ordinance numbered Ordinance 2024-04 is hereby adopted.
2. The Auditor is directed to publish said ordinance as required by law.
3. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its adoption and publication as required by law.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

ORDINANCE 2024 – 04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE CLINTON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

TO UPDATE THE RE (REUSABLE ENERGY OVERLAY) ZONING DISTRICT

Section 1: Be it enacted by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the text of the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows: See attached Exhibit "A"

Section 2: The change as hereinabove set forth shall be entered and made part of the Zoning and Ordinance of the County of Clinton, Iowa.

Section 3: If any section, provision or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of July, 2024 by the Board of Supervisors, Clinton County, State of Iowa.

Signed: Erin George; Signed: Daniel A. Srp; Signed: Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

ATTEST: Eric Van Lancker (Signed), County Auditor, County of Clinton, State of Iowa

11:00 A.M. Anticipated Closed Session

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to enter a closed session per Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy in matters that are presently in litigation.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.
at 11:02 a.m.

Motion carried. The Board entered a closed session

Chairman Irwin adjourned the closed session at 12:37 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors approved the following claims be allowed and checks issued on the various funds in payment thereof:

Vendor	Payable Description	Payment Amount
EAST CENTRAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSOC	CDBG REIMBURSEMENT	\$4,533.00
GATEWAY AREA COMMUNITY CENTER	CDBG REIMBURSEMENT	\$968.00
	Grand Total:	\$5,501.00
Fund	Expense Amount	
0040 MISC. GRANTS	\$5,501.00	
	Grand Total:	\$5,501.00

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, August 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Clinton County Law Center, 241 7th Ave N, Clinton, IA.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson