

DECEMBER 16, 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 2024-321, 2024-322, 2024-324 and 2024-325 were approved on the Consent Agenda. Resolution 2024-323 was pulled from the consent agenda portion for discussion per request from Sheriff Greenwalt.

RESOLUTION 2024-321

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff hereby requests Richard J. Phelan to continue to serve on the Civil Service Commission.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints Richard Phelan to serve a six-year term on the Civil Service Commission to expire December 16, 2030.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-322

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature in 2014 overwhelmingly passed the HBI Act, known as Home Base Iowa, which is a one-of-a-kind program assisting veterans and transitioning service members from active duty military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, the Home Base Iowa program private-public partnership provides a high-level of commitment and resources for our veterans, transitioning service members and their families; and

WHEREAS, the program offers countless resources to help veterans and their families with education and in transitioning to a new community with focused support and individuals who want to help; and

WHEREAS, Clinton County, Iowa, became a Home Base Iowa Community Partner through formal action on March 8, 2016; and offers an incentive to veterans locating to Clinton County; now

WHEREAS, Clinton County, Iowa, offers incentives through Home Base Iowa to veterans who qualify through formal action on April 11, 2016; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors awards Daniel Coronado the amount of \$1,500.00 for the qualified reimbursement for a home purchase closing cost; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clinton County Auditor be authorized to pay the claim in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Daniel Coronado from the General Basic Miscellaneous Fund.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-324

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of Clinton County, Iowa, Dustin Johnson has hired of Ellissa Carter for the full time Treasurer’s Clerk position starting on December 16, 2024, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Board of Supervisors to approve all hires; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that Ellissa Carter has successfully completed pre-hire screenings and is eligible for hire as full time Treasurer Clerk by the Clinton County Treasurer for an hourly non-exempt position on the Pay Band for a Clerk. After a successful completion of a 6-month probation, the wage will be increased in a manner complying with the employee handbook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue bi-weekly warrants on the Treasurer Fund 0001-03-8100-10000 in payment of salaries without further order of the Board.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-325

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors through resolution 2024-310 ordered the disposition of various county-owned snow blowers through a sealed bid process; and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received, opened and considered on December 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the following is the recommendation of the County Maintenance Manager:

Quantity	Description	Bid Recommendation
1	Cub Cadet; Model 221L; 208CC	Award bid to Matthew Soibel, Clinton, in the amount of \$412.00
1	Toro Power Max 2 Stage; Model 726OE	Reject all bids for being too low & determine a different manner of disposition
1	Toro Power Max 2 Stage; Model 826LE	Reject all bids for being too low & determine a different manner of disposition

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors do hereby award the bid to Matthew Soibel for the Cub Cadet and reject all bids for both Toro snow blowers as described above;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Maintenance will make arrangements with Matthew Soibel for the sale of the Cub Cadet snow blower and will identify an alternative method to dispose of the Toro snow blowers.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTIONS

Discussion on Resolution 2024-323: Sheriff Greenwalt asked for the resolution to be pulled from the consent agenda. He said he discussed the Iowa Department of Revenue agreement with the County Attorney who recommended not to continue the program right now due to the timing of the agreement. Greenwalt said he feels the county still has an obligation to make sure that the laws are being adhered to and would like to continue the tobacco compliance checks.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-323

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff's Office desires to enter into an agreement with the Iowa Department of Revenue for the purpose of providing and funding tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor product enforcement activities to the county; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff desires the Clinton County Board of Supervisors to authorize the signing of said agreement, effective December 16, 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the Clinton County Sheriff is hereby authorized to sign the agreement, which has been reviewed and approved by the Clinton County Attorney.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-326

WHEREAS, Clinton County and the Clinton Substance Abuse Council (CSAC) has negotiated terms and conditions of a lease agreement for space and internet and phone services in the Clinton County Administration Building, 1900 North Third Street, Clinton, to account for additional leased square footage; and

WHEREAS, the lease with CSAC has been updated accordingly for the added square footage; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that said lease agreement dated to begin January 1, 2025, and expire June 20, 2026, be and are hereby approved and the Chairman be and is hereby authorized to sign said lease agreement with CSAC.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-327

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff's Office desires to enter into an agreement with Axon for body worn cameras, tasers, in-car cameras and digital evidence storage; and

WHEREAS, said agreement will cover a ten-year period; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the negotiation of the agreement between the Clinton County Sheriff and Axon to be in effect, if and when, the parties sign an agreement.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-328

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue checks on the General Basic Fund to the following listed entities for the amounts detailed, representing the first-half allocation FY2025:

Carroll Assistance Center	\$ 1,500.00
DeWitt Referral Center	\$ 1,500.00
Milestone Area Agency on Aging	\$ 3,000.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 2,625.00
River Bend Transit	\$ 3,203.50
YWCA Clinton	\$12,500.00

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion failed:

RESOLUTION 2024-329

WHEREAS, Bruce and Barbara Brock have filed subdivision application 4492 requesting preliminary and final approval of a proposed minor subdivision to be known and designated as Brock's First Addition, located in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 28, Township 82 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M. in Clinton County, Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Planning and Zoning Commission held a public meeting on December 3, 2024, in DeWitt, Iowa to consider this application, and

WHEREAS, it appears that all requirements of the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, Master Plan, and the laws of the State of Iowa have been complied with, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the Final Plat of Brock's First Addition, Clinton County, Iowa, be and the same is hereby approved and the Chair is authorized to sign the final plat prior to recording.

Roll Call: George: No; Srp: No; Irwin: No. Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-330

WHEREAS, Clinton County established a Geographical Information System (GIS) program in 2010 within the budgets of the County Assessor's Office and the County Auditor's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors desires to reassign the supporting budgets for the County GIS program; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the GIS program be supported by the budgets within the County Assessor's Office and the County Information Technology Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GIS Coordinator and GIS Clerk I be transferred to the County Information Technology Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said budget reassignment be effective January 2, 2025.

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

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-331

WHEREAS, Clinton County currently employs a budget director included in the budget of the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors desires to reassign the budgeting of the budget director position to the Board of Supervisors; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the position of budget director be supported by the budget within the County Board of Supervisors Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget reassignment be effective January 2, 2025.

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

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-332

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors shall extend the moratorium on applications to rezone to the Renewable Energy Overlay District related to utility-scale wind installations according to section 3.6.10.F.2 of the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the extension on the moratorium shall be repealed automatically on March 31, 2025, unless extended before that date by resolution of the Board of Supervisors,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the moratorium on applications to rezone to the Renewable Energy Overlay District related to utility-scale wind installations be extended until March 31, 2025.

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

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-333

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors shall place a moratorium on applications for Meteorological Towers (MET Towers), Sodar equipment, and any other equipment related to the development of utility-scale wind turbines, and

WHEREAS, the moratorium shall be repealed automatically on March 31, 2025, unless extended before that date by resolution of the Board of Supervisors,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the moratorium on applications for MET towers, Sodar equipment, and any other equipment related to the development of utility-scale wind turbines be in effect until March 31, 2025.

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson shared that across county titling starts January 1 and title transfers, liens and registration fees will increase. He said he is anticipating more dealers coming to Clinton County for service.

Supervisor Srp said he has a Conservation board meeting tomorrow night. He wanted to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. He added that he understands that with the 7th Judicial District Department of Corrections, Waylon McCullough has resigned and at the meeting he attended, they discussed the process for filling of the position. Chairman Irwin said he attended the Secondary Roads annual gathering, with several retirees attending. He said he also attended the swearing in ceremony for the County Auditor and County Sheriff and the groundbreaking ceremony for the YWCA supportive housing facility last week. He talked about the changes in the Mental Health region, when Iowa Primary Care Association oversees the behavioral health facilities as of July 1, 2025, and he will provide another update as his next meeting as we don't know the next steps are going to be right now. Irwin also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sheriff Greenwalt wanted to thank his staff and all involved with the critical issue last week.

Supervisor George said she has a government committee meeting tomorrow at Grow Clinton. She also will be attending a CCDA meeting and an expansion meeting with the City of Clinton. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reminded them to be safe.

County HR Director Ally Weller reminded everyone of the county building closures on December 24 & 25, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Emergency Management Director Chance Kness wanted to make sure everyone is aware that the Emergency Management Commission decided to end the use of the outdoor warning sirens in some areas of the county at the end of the year. The commission has directed him to go out for proposals for decommissioning of the sirens which the board will need to review.

Veterans Affairs Director John Bray shared an update on the Operation Holiday Cheer event for the veterans to be held on December 27.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

County wind ordinance revision consideration next steps: Supervisor George shared her discussion with County Attorney Mike Wolf and Bob McGee about how the county should move forward. She said will set up a meeting with Zoning Director Thomas Barnes and Wolf to share her perspective on the changes she feels should be in the ordinances. She said a meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission should be scheduled toward the end of January or early February to make decisions on getting the ordinances updated. Barnes said he will start working on rewriting and revising the county ordinances.

Preview of the 2025 Iowa Legislative session with area representatives: State Representatives Tom Determann and Norlin Mommsen provided an update on the upcoming sessions and priorities.

Funding request by the Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board to support SkillUp Mississippi Valley: HR Director Weller shared the services SkillUp provides as an on-line learning management system. SkillUp is a free platform for individuals who want to improve their skills in various occupations. This free service is available to all Clinton County residents. Mississippi Valley Workforce Development is requesting funding support from Clinton County. Irwin said he wanted to share the information with the rest of the Board and would like to have another discussion closer to budget planning.

Posting for a special deputy position in the County Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Greenwalt explained his request to change an open bailiff position to a special deputy position which would allow the employee to be able to do additional functions that the bailiff position is not able to do under code. Supervisor Srp questioned the change in the position and the additional expense that is caused by a mandate for the judicial district from the State level. Greenwalt explained the need to fill the position. Irwin said he understands there is an additional cost for a special deputy compared to a bailiff. He said that we haven't had anybody at the Administration Building because of the construction going on. He said in favor of moving forward with the posting of the position because he feels we have a need for the position but he is still concerned about the budget.

MOTION by Supervisor George to allow HR to post and the Sheriff to proceed with filling the Special Deputy position in the Sheriff's Office.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: No; Irwin: Yes.

Motion carried.

County Administration Building project update: Irwin reported that front entry doors will be received on Thursday and installed within the following week. He said once the main doors are functional, the work will shift to the boardroom and the Auditor's entrance. He said the contractors are hoping to finish up early in January.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Friday, December 27, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at Clinton County Law Center, 241 7th Ave N, Clinton, Iowa.

Rebecca Weaver, Deputy Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

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Deputy Auditor

Chairperson