

Clinton County Board of Supervisors

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors will meet at the following time and place: Monday, March 3, 2025, 9:00 A.M. Clinton County Administration Building, Conference Room B, 1900 N. 3rd St., Clinton, IA. As a courtesy and depending on internet capabilities the public may also join the meeting on Zoom by phone by dialing 1-253-215-8782 and entering the access code 9341856401. The public may also join through the internet by following this web address: <https://zoom.us/join> Enter meeting Code: 9341856401 and then password clinton23.

- 9:00 a.m.** Review Correspondence & Claims
 Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:15 a.m.** Formal Action & Motions
 Claims Approval

CONSENT AGENDA

- RESOLUTION 2025-49: Medical Examiner – Appointment
- RESOLUTION 2025-50: Approve retention salaries – Attorney’s Office
- MOTION: Approve 2025 Drainage District Assessments

RESOLUTIONS

- RESOLUTION: Tax abatement – South Carolina Dialogue Foundation
- RESOLUTION: Approve a Moratorium on Data Mining Facilities

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GENERAL PUBLIC

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Rediscover Recovery Center funding request – Dominic Capella

9:30 a.m. FY 2026 budget discussion

The Supervisors will discuss the previously presented proposed budgets and other budget-related issues including, but not limited to, budget presentations scheduled for a future date, various tax levies, fund balances, the current FY2025 budget in its entirety, the past FY2024 budget in its entirety, capital projects (in progress and proposed), ARPA funds, LATC funds, various state and federal grants, wages, employee health benefits, IPERS, FICA, union contracts, library funding, outside agency funding, economic development funding, any pending or anticipated litigation, office supplies, computers and other related technologies, copier leases and other office equipment leases, leases on any other equipment, all previous annual audits, staffing levels, the County Conservation Board, the County 911 Board, the County Emergency Management Commission, building operational expenses (including, but not limited to, internet, electrical, water, sewer, etc.) project revenues for the current FY2025 budget and previous FY2024 budget, grant applications, special projects, records archiving, existing and potential 28E agreements, the County Five-Year Secondary Road plan, roadside weed spraying, drainage districts, disposition of County-owned property, employee trainings, mileage rates, vehicle and equipment purchases and repairs, contracts for services, etc.

March 3, 2025

RESOLUTION 2025-49

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RODNEY CROWE
AS CLINTON COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATOR

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner for Clinton County has determined the need for Clinton County Medical Examiner Investigators; and has found Rodney Crowe qualified and appropriate for the position; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined Rodney Crowe to be qualified and appropriate to be hired and appointed as Clinton County Medical Examiner Investigator. This appointment is contingent upon approval by the State Medical Examiner; now

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has approved a budget in order to employ Medical Examiner Investigators, Rodney Crowe will receive the following:

1. A flat rate of \$200 per call. An hourly rate of \$26.00 for work greater than 6 hours with EMA approval.
2. Mileage reimbursement per the County policy.
3. An hourly rate of \$26.00 for training or for justifiable work at the discretion of EMA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rodney Crowe is hired and appointed as Clinton County Medical Examiner Investigator effective March 3, 2025.

Roll Call:

Srp: Yes No

Irwin: Yes No

George: Yes No

Chairperson, Erin George

ATTEST:

County Auditor, Dave Troester

March 3, 2025

RESOLUTION 2025-50

RESOLUTION to AUTHORIZE the COUNTY AUDITOR to ISSUE REVISED BIWEEKLY PAY CHECKS for ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEYS for FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 PURSUANT to IOWA CODE

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.904(3) provides in part: “The annual salary of each assistant county attorney shall be determined by the county attorney within the budget set for the county attorney’s office by the board”; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.757(2) provides in part: “The county attorney shall determine the compensation paid to a full-time prosecutor within the budget set for the county attorney’s office by the board”; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code does not authorize the Board of Supervisors to exercise discretion in the determination of the base salary for full-time assistant county attorneys; but, instead requires the Board to authorize the payroll (of each full-time prosecutor as determined by the county attorney) for the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney’s Office has determined the following revised annual salaries for fiscal year 2024-2025 are necessary (effective March 3, 2025) to provide public safety by helping to retain experienced prosecutors, as well as to recruit prosecuting attorneys in the future, given the current prosecuting attorney shortage:

Ross Barlow	Assistant County Attorney	\$131,984
Robin Strausser	Assistant County Attorney	\$106,091
Lisa Maidak	Assistant County Attorney	\$102,111
James McHugh	Assistant County Attorney	\$92,919

; and

WHEREAS, the above annual salaries meet the threshold requirements of the above-cited code sections; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, the Board acknowledges the county attorney has the statutory right to establish the above revised full-time assistant county attorneys’ annual salaries for fiscal year 2024-2025, effective Monday, March 3, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue biweekly paychecks in payment of same, effective March 3, 2025, without further action of this Board.

Roll Call:

Srp:	Yes	No
Irwin:	Yes	No
George:	Yes	No

Chairperson, Erin George

ATTEST:

County Auditor, David Troester

March 3, 2025

MOTION by Supervisor _____ to assess the following 2025 billing assessment amounts to the respective Drainage Districts and the Board of Supervisors will allow waivers as indicated for these assessments:

DRAINAGE DISTRICT		AMOUNT LEVIED	WAIVER AMORTIZATION
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5		\$998.27	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 6		\$700.66	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 7	MAIN	\$1,000.00	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 10	ALL POINTS	\$407.57	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 10	LATERAL 1	\$332.50	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 15	ALL POINTS	\$250.65	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 15	LATERAL 9	\$394.45	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 17		\$11,250.65	20 YEARS
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 18		\$6,190.95	10 YEARS
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 20		\$1,093.75	10 YEARS
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 23	LATERAL 2	\$318.00	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 23	LATERAL 4	\$441.65	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 28		\$841.05	N/A
	TOTAL	\$24,220.15	

Roll Call:

Srp: Yes No

Irwin: Yes No

George: Yes No

Motion _____.

RESOLUTION 2025 - _____

APPROVE TAX ABATEMENT PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE §427.3 FOR SOUTH CAROLINA DIALOGUE FOUNDATION PARCEL #80-36060000

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Dialogue Foundation requests abatement of property taxes, fees, and interest due for the 2023 assessment year, which is reflected (payable) for the Fall of 2024 and the Spring of 2025 (hereinafter 2023 taxes) for real estate described on the attached deed (hereinafter parcel 80-36060000) and located within the City of Clinton, in Clinton County, Iowa;

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors (hereinafter “Board”) is authorized pursuant to Iowa Code § 427.3 to abate said property taxes, fees, and interest if the property would have been exempt under Iowa Code § 427.1(8);

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Dialogue Foundation Clinton property qualifies as exempt under Iowa Code § 427.1(8) as the real property’s actual use has been solely dedicated for the appropriate objects of the charitable institution, namely, it is being renovated and upgraded for use as a nonprofit educational institution, for the period of abatement requested;

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney has informed the Clinton County Treasurer regarding the Board’s intention to abate the 2023 taxes, fees and interest on parcel 80-36060000.

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve abatement of the 2023 taxes, fees, and interest levied against said property;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that, pursuant to Iowa Code §427.3, the property taxes, fees, and interest are abated for the 2023 tax bill. Specifically, the Clinton County Treasurer is authorized to abate the 2023 tax bill for parcel 80-36060000.

Roll Call:

Srp: Yes No

Irwin: Yes No

George: Yes No

Chairperson, Erin George

ATTEST:

County Auditor, David Troester

RESOLUTION 2025 - _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MORATORIUM ON DATA MINING FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Data Mining is the commercial process by which volumes of data are analyzed to find patterns, discover trends, and gain insight into how the data can be used; this shall constitute a commercial data mining operation; and

WHEREAS, the county has interests in protecting the county’s infrastructure, natural resources, and property rights through our Zoning Ordinance, and Planning and Zoning Director along with the Planning and Zoning Commission will require time to gather information and coordinate with other agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating, or creating ordinances, policies, and procedures relative to Data Mining Facility development; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors shall enact a moratorium on the development and construction of Data Mining Facilities and on issuing application for zoning permits relating to the development and construction of Data Mining Facilities, from March 4, 2025 until September 1, 2025, which may be extended upon resolution of the Board of Supervisors, to allow the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance that balances the rights of property owners seeking to have Data Mining Facilities on their property and be mindful of the health and safety of others.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the moratorium on the development and construction of Data Mining Facilities, and applications for Zoning permits related to the development and construction of Data Mining facilities be in effect from March 4, 2025, until September 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to end the moratorium prior to the approved term of the moratorium by resolution.

Roll Call:

Srp: Yes No

Irwin: Yes No

George: Yes No

Chairperson, Erin George

ATTEST:

County Auditor, Dave Troester