

AUGUST 16, 2021

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: County Community Health Manager Michele Cullen reported Clinton County has recorded 19 positive cases in last three days. She said the last seven days there have been a total of 44 positive cases in Clinton County. She said there is a jump over the last week in the positivity rate to 9.3% from 7.4%. Cullen said there are 92 hospitalizations in the region this last week with 11 at Genesis and two in Mercy. She said three of those are from Clinton County. She said the County vaccination rate is holding at 46%. Cullen said they only did 100 vaccinations last week. But, Cullen said her office has received more requests from the pharmacies this last week for vaccinations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 2021-220 through 2021-222 were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2021-220

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, having adopted “Regulations for Non-Union County Personnel” applicable to the employment of non-union personnel, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make certain changes in the regulation as to the appointment of non-union employees, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the following changes are made: Approve the appointment of Martin Clark for the position of seasonal maintenance worker, at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective July 31, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue bi-weekly paychecks on the Conservation Maintenance & Operation Fund – Wages of Temp & Part Time Employees in payment of wages without further order of the Board.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-221

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, hereby order the following appointments:

Clinton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission (Three-Year Term; expires December 31, 2024)

Gary Rippentrop, DeWitt

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

RESOLUTION 2021-222

WHEREAS, Clinton County and the Treasurer for Clinton County, Iowa are named Respondents in Iowa Code 657A proceedings for the following properties:

506 4th Ave S, Clinton, IA, [Parcel 8018730000] (EQCV047689);

217 19th Place, Clinton, IA, [Parcel 8208290000] (EQCV047690);

425 2nd Avenue S, Clinton, IA, [Parcel 8016750000] (EQCV047691); and

214 17th Place, Clinton, IA, [Parcel 8206490000] (EQCV047692)

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney requests authorization on behalf of the County to entry of an Order (in each of the above-listed cases) Disclaiming Interest in the above-listed properties and Consents to entry of an Order awarding title to these properties to the City of Clinton; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Clinton County Board of Supervisors authorizes Clinton County Attorney, Michael Wolf, on behalf of Clinton County to consent to entry of an Order in favor of the City of Clinton in each of the above 657A actions filed awarding title of the above-listed properties to the City of Clinton, Iowa, free and clear of any claims, liens, or encumbrances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Clinton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Clinton County Treasurer, upon each entry of Judgment by the Court in favor of the City of Clinton in the above 657A actions filed, to make an entry in the county system canceling any tax sale certificate of purchase liens against the property and shall refund tax sale purchase money to the tax sale certificate holder(s) as named in the 657A actions as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code § 657A.10B(6).

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2021-223

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 Reginald Flippen 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 Reginald Flippen from the General Basic Miscellaneous Fund.

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

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2021-224

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 26.3 requires that governmental entities follow the competitive bid process for vertical infrastructure projects with an estimated total cost that exceeds the competitive bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, based on the engineer’s cost estimate competitive bids were received for the construction of a new 58 feet by 45 feet clear span heated building on August 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of each bid received is as follows;

Contractor Name	Bid Amount
Hoffmann Construction	\$179,150.00
DM Corporation	\$218,184.48
Bill Bruce Builders	\$279,000.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, concurs with the County Engineer’s recommendation that the contract for said work be awarded to the low bid, as follows;

Hoffmann Construction, LLC	\$179,150.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute said contracts in behalf of Clinton County, Iowa.

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

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2021-225

WHEREAS, Genesis EAP is no longer providing services and PAS has taken over services; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that PAS will provide the EAP services to full-time and permanent part-time Clinton County staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Human Resource Director will sign and house this contract within the HR Department.

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reminded the Board that ISAC’s annual meeting is next week. He said he had not yet heard anything about mask requirements for the conference, but suggested they be prepared with masks as some establishments in Des Moines are requiring masks again.

Supervisor Srp said he attended the meeting last week to discuss homeless solutions. He said some committees were formed and the group will continue to meet on the subject. He said he will attend EMA and Conservation Board meetings this week. He said he did have a couple of employees reach out about going back to masks in the County buildings.

Supervisor Irwin reported he visited some of the Elvira wastewater sites last week to review some concerns that were expressed.

Chairman Determann said he attended the DOT meeting in Carroll last week where the Highway 30 expansion was discussed again. He said there is good support out west for the four-lane plan.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson reported tax bills should be out soon. He said he looked into solar farms and found that some are paying for any increases in property tax. Johnson said the County can treat nuisance properties the same as cities can.

County Conservation Director Phillip Visser gave an update on Conservation Department activities. He said the Conservation Board is beginning its strategic planning.

County Engineer Todd Kinney said the Old Highway 30 paving project east of DeWitt continues. He said dust control was placed on the detour for that project. He said two sections of concrete have been poured for a boat ramp between Calamus and Wheatland.

County Facilities Director Corey Johnson reported the parking lot project at the Administration Building is progressing well. He said the retaining wall portion of the project should begin soon.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Letter of Support for a City of Clinton CAT Grant Application: Supervisor Irwin said this is for marina improvements on the riverfront. Determann said he attended a public meeting conducted on the proposal.

MOTION by Supervisor Irwin to authorize the Board of Supervisors to sign the letter of support for the City of Clinton CAT grant application.

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

Wage Study Proposal Review: County HR Director Dawn Aldridge said the wage study firm was able to add the elected officials to the study for an additional \$3,000. The Board needs to decide if wants the firm to review all of the job descriptions. She said the firm reviewing job descriptions would increase the proposal from \$43,000 to \$60,000. Aldridge said the firm would spend more time with department heads and elected officials to work more with job descriptions. Srp said Aldridge has already been working on updating job descriptions and the changes he's seen have been very good. He's not sure if the extra funds for the study would be worth it since that work is happening on the job descriptions. Irwin said he agreed. Determann said deputies are attached to elected official pay so it may be worth looking at the elected salaries. Srp said the Compensation Board is in place and they use state code to set those wages. He said some elected positions take on more duties and he's not sure how that will be factored. Aldridge said the elected officials could provide that information. Irwin said he leans toward doing the elected officials because the study should include all employees. Aldridge said it should be done for the \$3,000 because it also shows employees that the elected officials were also studied.

MOTION by Supervisor Irwin to authorize the Chairman to sign the wage study agreement at the rate of \$43,000 with the \$3,000 elected officials' study.

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

10:00 A.M. County ARP Fund Review

Irwin said he received information from the County Engineer, but no one else. He said he would like to see each department rank the requests with a narrative about the need for the submitted project. Srp hoped to review the list and get an idea of what the other supervisors thought of the projects.

11:00 A.M. Closed Session

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to enter into a closed session per Code of Iowa Section 21.5(1)(j)

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes Motion carried. The Board entered the closed session at 11:15 a.m.

The Chairman adjourned the closed session at 12:29 p.m.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize Drew Chambers to make an offer on the discussed property.

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

REPORTS

The Commission of Veterans Affairs July 2021 monthly report was presented, approved and filed.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, August 23, 2021.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Tom Determann, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson