

OCTOBER 24, 2022

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 2022-331 through 2022-332 were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2022-331

WHEREAS, the following individuals have petitioned to suspend their property taxes including special assessments for the 2021 assessment year under provision of Code of Iowa, Section 427.8:

Myrna Kruse, 1900 Camanche Ave, Clinton, IA Parcel #8208250000
Taxes Currently Suspended: \$890.00 2021 Taxes: \$784.00

WHEREAS, the eligibility for said suspensions have been verified by Kim Ralston, CAP Director.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the above petitioners property tax suspensions [for the collection of taxes, special assessments, and rates or charges, including interest, fees and costs] be and are hereby approved and that the Clinton County Treasurer is authorized to make entry on the records accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property tax suspension under provision 427.8, Code of Iowa, is for the 2021 assessment year and all prior years and it is the responsibility of the petitioning taxpayer to reapply for further property tax suspensions.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-332

WHEREAS, Carol Jenkin has petitioned to suspend their property taxes for the 2021 assessment year under provision of Code of Iowa, Section 427.9, on the following described property:

1322 15th Avenue S, Clinton, IA Parcel #8043570000
Taxes currently suspended: \$0.00 2021 Taxes: \$1,598.00

WHEREAS, eligibility for said suspension has been verified by the Iowa Department of Human Services.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that tax suspension (for the collection of taxes, special assessments, and rates or charges, including interest, fees and costs) be and is hereby approved and the County Treasurer shall make entry on the records accordingly, all under provision of Section 427.9, Code of Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that tax suspension under provision of Section 427.9, Code of Iowa, is for the 2021 Assessment Year and all prior years and it is the responsibility of the petitioning taxpayer to reapply for further tax suspension.

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2022-333

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisor has considered all the bids for the cleaning service at the DeWitt Satellite office for Clinton County Building Maintenance department; and

WHEREAS, the bid received is as follows:

Go Green Cleaning Service \$1300.00 Versed Cleaning Service \$3200.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the bid be approved to Go Green Cleaning Service which is recommended by Facilities Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute sign proposal on 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 2022-334

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget for Clinton County requires a budget amendment as allowed per conditions under Iowa Code 331.435; and

WHEREAS, it is required per Iowa Code 331.435, Iowa Code 331.434(3) and Iowa Code 331.434(4) to set a time and place for a public hearing on the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget amendment to allow taxpayers to present objections to or arguments in favor of any part of the budget amendment; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that a public hearing be conducted on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in person at the Clinton County

Administration Building at 1900 N 3rd St., Clinton, IA; or 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 website: <https://zoom.us/join> and entering meeting Code: 9341856401 and then password clinton23; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is hereby directed to cause a publication to be made of a notice of the meeting in the official county newspapers and that such publication to be not less than 10 nor more than 20 days before the date of the public meeting on the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget amendment.

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

Tom Determann, Chairperson

GENERAL PUBLIC

Shawn Harris, Ranger Power, said there were some changed easements. County Zoning Director Thomas Barnes said the Hawkeye Solar project has secured private easements to shorten the length of underground cables connecting the solar panel areas described in Rezoning Application 4343 and approved in Resolution 2022-160. In the application, underground cables were depicted in road ROW. He determined that the move of the underground cables from the road ROW to nearby private easements was acceptable because it is not a material change to the approved site plan and is beneficial and consistent with other existing and permitted uses in the vicinity.

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker said in-person absentee voting continues this week in the Administration Building and will also be open on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. He said satellite voting in DeWitt will be available Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m. and again on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Supervisor Srp said the Conservation Board met last week and discussed equipment purchases that were approved through the budget and ARPA funds. He said they also worked on an agreement for shutter replacement at the Smithtown Church.

Supervisor Irwin said the finance meeting for Iowa Workforce Development is this week. He said there is a meeting at Buzzy's in Welton on Wednesday regarding the new ATV statewide legislation. He said the Communications Commission voted to contribute \$350,000 for the fiber loop around Clinton. Irwin said there were questions about providing radios to the six new firefighters added through a grant in the City of Clinton. He said there will also be an issue of air cards for the communications equipment. Irwin said the Mental Health budget surplus to be at 5% by the end of FY23. He said they tried to get the state-wide supervisors' organization to go 20% surplus, but it was negotiated to 15%. He said the regions will try to get together to lobby the state to increase the fund balance to 15%.

Chairman Determann said the American Legion recognized a firefighter and law enforcement officer of the year and this year Sgt. Steve Cundiff in the County Sheriff's Office was recognized.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson said last week the treasurers affiliate had a leadership conference to discuss the payment systems manager and that is still being worked through, but the system is working well and allowing more flexibility for payments. He said the county treasurers will ask for a \$10 increase on vehicle titling to help upgrade the statewide system.

County Facilities Director Corey Johnson said he will start bidding for snow removal at the DeWitt office. He said the elevator project will go out for bid in mid-December.

Kim Ralston said the Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center has tabled discussion to add Clinton County to the commission. She said it may be discussed again at the beginning of the year. She said juvenile detention claims have been very high lately. She said they were for juveniles transported from one facility to another. She is looking into a couple of issues with the claims.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Utility Scale Solar Fees: County Planning and Zoning Director Thomas Barnes said the current fee in place doesn't make sense for the larger projects the County is starting to experience. He said these are 250 megawatt projects with a quarter million project estimate that currently require only a \$500 fee. He said Louisa County based the fee off kilowatts the project is expected to produce. He said Linn County is based off acres being released. Srp asked for an example of each fee structure and how it is compared to other counties. Barnes said the fee would be paid as part of the construction permit. He added Louisa County has a maximum fee of \$10,000. Linn County is based on acres without a cap. Srp said he would like to see more proposals and review those before deciding on how to proceed.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, October 31, 2022.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Tom Determann, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson