

MARCH 27, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met. Present were Supervisor Irwin, Srp and George. 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 Approval

Resolutions 2023-75 and 2023-76 were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2023-75

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 Hannah Pannell for the position of Naturalist, at the rate of \$20.18 per hour, effective March 27th, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue bi-weekly paychecks on the Conservation Administrative General Fund –Salaries of Regular Employees in payment of wages without further order of the Board.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2023-76

WHEREAS, the listed Clinton County mobile home records have been purchased from mobile home dealer Scottsman Homes LLC and qualify for a property tax adjustment pursuant to Iowa Code section 435.23:

- HD1968 owned by Susan Eads qualifies for an adjustment of \$102.00.
- FH100850 owned by Anna McEowen and David Muench qualifies for an adjustment of \$98.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that Mobile Home taxes for the above referenced parcels shall be adjusted in accordance with Iowa code chapter 435.23 and the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make adjustment to the Clinton County system accordingly.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Supervisor Srp said the Conservation Board met last week and is reviewing a vehicle purchase. He mentioned the Conservation budget is looking a little tight and they will keep an eye on it.

Chairman Irwin said there was a good showing of County elected officials at the Children’s Discovery Center omelets fundraiser on Sunday. He said property taxes are due on Friday.

Supervisor George said the Risk Management committee met last week and a lot of claims from the Sheriff’s Office have to do with mental health commitments.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson said there is \$12 million outstanding in property tax collection and payments are increasing online.

County Sheriff Bill Greenwalt said his office is participating in an active shooter training this afternoon in DeWitt.

County Conservation Director Phillip Visser introduced the new naturalist with Conservation. He said Conservation is starting to transition from the winter to summer schedule.

County Communications Director Eric Dau reported his employees are training on the new radio counsels.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

County Sheltering FEMA Match Extension and Continuation After May 11: Regan Michaelsen of Information and Referral asked the Board to consider extending the 25% match for non-congregate sheltering for FEMA funds through May 11. She also asked the Board to consider providing some funding for sheltering after May 11. She said Information and Referral and the YWCA sheltered more than 500 adults and children at more than \$175,000 this winter. She said the weather is getting better, but there is still a need to help folks shelter. Irwin thanked both organizations for their efforts with sheltering. Michaelsen said her organization does very little sheltering without the federal dollars. Srp said he understands that, but it also was not traditionally funded out of the County budget as well. Srp said the City of Clinton should be approached as a large majority of those served are from the City of Clinton. Michaelsen said those receiving these services now are being made aware that the FEMA funding will be running out soon. She said they are having those folks fill out applications for HUD when they ask for temporary sheltering. Supervisor George said she thinks it is time some folks start making plans for sheltering. She said she would support an extension of the match through May 11, but nothing after that. Srp said he’s not sure the County would be able to fund enough to be effective. George said her concern is making sure the folks using the sheltering know that the program is ending May 11. Michaelsen said her organization has 25 adults and two children sheltered and doesn’t believe the YWCA has anyone right now. Irwin said it would be less than \$10,000 to extend through May 11.

Michaelsen was asking for up to \$30,000 from the City and County to address more short-term sheltering issues. Srp asked for more information on funding anything past May 11.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2023-77

WHEREAS, in March of 2021, Clinton County was given approval by FEMA for public assistance funding for costs related to emergency non-congregate sheltering in the County in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, said public assistance was awarded to Clinton County at a 100% reimbursement for costs associated with non-congregate homeless sheltering; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has announced it will revert said public assistance back to its traditional public assistance award formula of 75% federal funding and 25% local match starting April 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors approved continuation of the local match through March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Clinton County has identified the continued need for said funding in the County; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors commits to funding said public assistance up to 25% of the required local match through May 11, 2023, or when the FEMA public assistance ends, whichever happens earliest.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

Irwin asked the budget director to send the Board an average amount of each month which the County has assisted. He said possibly they could then go to the City of Clinton to ask them for support.

Clinton High School Incident Response Review: Chairman Irwin read into record a letter from Clinton Police Chief Kevin Gyrion and Clinton Fire Chief Joel Atkinson. The letter was placed on file in the County Auditor's Office. Srp said he had similar response from school officials. Greenwalt thanked the Board for funding the training. He said it benefited all first responders. He said that training was a huge benefit to the call to the Clinton High School last week. He said he has been contacted by law enforcement outside of the County to learn what training the County had provided. Greenwalt said all the responding agencies and communications operators did a phenomenal job. Dau also thanked the Board for the training and complimented his staff for their work during the incident. Dau said the new radio system also allowed for a better response. Greenwalt said this is the first time in his career that, during an event debrief, communications wasn't the biggest complaint. He said the new communications radios played a big role in the success of response to the call last week.

ARPA Funding Review: County Facilities Director Corey Johnson reported they met with the engineers who studied the administration building for HVAC issues. He said they provided various recommendations and encouraged the Board to adopt the top four that were recommended at an estimate of \$155,000. Johnson suggested that amount be more like \$300,000. The Board also wanted a resolution to include committing funds for the Treasurer's Office remodel, a County master plan and a generator upgrade at the Administration Building.

9:45 A. M. FY24 Budget Discussion

The Board discussed the proposed budget.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Friday, March 31, 2023.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson