

JULY 20, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met at the Clinton County Fairgrounds, DeWitt, IA. Present were Supervisors Irwin, Srp and George. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

10:00 A.M. Review Correspondence and Claims Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

10:15 A.M. Formal Action & Motions Claims Approval

Resolutions 2023-167 through 2023-171 were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2023-167

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney is an elected official and the Board of Supervisors does neither consider nor appoint personnel for elected officials, but needs to authorize payroll for the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney's Office wishes to begin full-time employment of Wendy Merkel as a Secretary I, effective July 24, 2023; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, to approve the hiring of Wendy Merkel to the full-time position of Secretary I in the County Attorney's Office at the hourly rate of \$20.90 per hour, with an effective date of July 24, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue biweekly paychecks from the County Attorney's General Basic Fund in payment of salary to Wendy Merkel without further action of this Board.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2023-168

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 Xavier Brown for the position of seasonal concessions worker, at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective July 24, 2023.

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: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2023-169

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Conservation Board wishes to end seasonal employment of Andrea Donahue, as a Seasonal Concession Worker, effective July 11, 2023

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to stop issuance of biweekly paychecks on the Conservation General Fund in payment of wages without further order of the Board.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2023-170

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors will host a Public Hearing on the 7th Day of August, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B at the Clinton County Administration Building, 1900 North 3rd Street, Clinton, Iowa 52732 for the purpose of soliciting public comment on a proposed map amendment to the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance changing the designation of certain property in NW ¼ of the NW ¼ Section 12, Township 81 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M. from A-1 (Prime Agriculture) to M-1 (Limited Industrial); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors authorizes Planning and Zoning Director Thomas Barnes to prepare and submit the proper Public Hearing notice to the appropriate media outlets.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2023-171

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 Terry Thomas 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 Terry Thomas from the General Basic Miscellaneous Fund.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2023-172

PROCLAMATION DECLARING CLINTON COUNTY 4-H WEEK

WHEREAS, 4-H is an educational experience for Iowa youth and adults based on their interests and needs and 4-H assists youth define and evaluate their personal goals, identify community needs and develop leadership skills to meet the needs of their community, county, state and world; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is directed toward the development of the total person, their mind through decision making and scientific learning process and learning how to learn in different settings; their body by improving mental and physical health; their social skills through the development of positive self-esteem and increased communication skills; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is a research based learning program, facilitated through the cooperation of the United States Department of Agriculture, Iowa State University and County Extension Councils and is financially supported through private and public money; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is a family and community based youth development program which addresses the issues of youth and families, including those at risk, by supplementing and complementing programs offered by schools and other youth serving agencies. 4-H provides action oriented and practical education experiences for more than 120,000 youth under the leadership of more than 21,000 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, 4-H makes a difference in the lives of individual youth and adults and the communities where they live through these experiences; now

THEREFORE, WE THE CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF JULY 16, 2023, AS 4-H WEEK IN CLINTON COUNTY, IOWA.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2023-173

WHEREAS, to receive Federal Aid funds in accordance with the Federal Bridge Formula Program (BFP) it is necessary for Clinton County and the IDOT to enter into an agreement for administration and funding of project (BHS-CO23(134)—63-23); now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, shall approve the IADOT Agreement No: 6-23-HBP-S-016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of Clinton County, Iowa.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Supervisor Srp said he attended the Conservation Board meeting this past week and they approved some much needed equipment purchases. He added they did some additional review of the office at the grounds and have approved Origin Design to proceed with the bid process.

Chairman Irwin shared he attended Rustic Days over the weekend and a Mental Health meeting on Monday. At the Board of Health meeting this morning, he said they had a discussion about the Governor combining several agencies under Health and Human services in the State of Iowa. He said he feels in the long run it will be good to improve efficiencies and service within the region. He said that they are working with the homeless regions and domestic violence regions as well as several others.

Supervisor George said she attended a meeting with the City of Clinton to discuss problem properties and the affect it is having on families and properties and how we can all work together to address these issues. Another meeting with the same group is scheduled for next week. On Wednesday, we attended the Risk Management meeting and performed a walk through to identify any risks. She also attended the Clinton County Development Association meeting and received an update about the about the projects at the Bickelhaupt Arboretum.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson said he attended a District 6 training that focused on vehicle fraud and customer service. He said his office is preparing to do tax billings soon, with residents receiving a tax levy decrease due.

Sheriff Greenwalt said he is very proud of all the events going on in Clinton County. He said there was over 500 participants in the volunteer fire department ride and also great events in Grand Mound and Lost Nation this past weekend.

Conservation Director Phil Visser said the Grand Mound office renovation project has started, as well as electrical renovations at Rock Creek, Eden Valley and Sherman Park, and Walnut Grove. He said the summer camps are well attended and they are also having a canoe camp event, Hunters Education class, a 'Fishing Has No Boundaries' event, a Catfish Classic event and a Wilderness Art show with projects creating art out of all items found in nature. He said he is thankful for the CCDA grant to add new restrooms to Malone Park, Follets and Rock Creek.

Supervisor George congratulated John Bray, Emergency Management Operations Officer, on his new position as the County Veterans Affairs Director. Bray introduced himself and said he is looking forward to his new position with the county effective August 7.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Severance of Territory from the City of Welton: Srp explained what was discussed in the previous BOS meeting. He said that the Board of Supervisors do not have to take any action, per the County Attorney. Srp said the Board only needs to acknowledge that we have the notice from the City of Welton on file.

Clinton Humane Society and County Animals: Srp briefly explained the status of the issue. He said he now understands why the Humane Society was requesting \$10,000 funding back in March. He said he and Greenwalt attended the Humane Society meeting on Monday to explain where the Board of Supervisors stand and the Humane Society explained their request. Srp said that he feels the County needs to have an option available for handling animals that are picked up by the Sheriff and his team at this time. He said the Humane Society provided him a list from FY2022 of all the animals brought in as identified coming from rural areas, however Greenwalt checked and several of the animals were from residents that live within cities, rather than rural county residents. Srp said he asked the Humane Society for a per animal cost but has not received that as of today. Greenwalt said he wanted to discuss an issue where there is an animal that needs to be quarantined or an animal is disrupting traffic and what they do with that animal. Srp said the Humane Society is just asking for funding to cover their expenses for animals brought in by the Sheriff's office. Irwin said he has talked with the City of DeWitt but they are not able to work with the County as their facility is not equipment to take on any additional animals. He said it is an issue that needs to be addressed. Irwin said he is open to hear from the public of any concerns or ideas on how this situation can be handled. Greenwalt said told the Humane Society that they would bring the information they received from the Humane Society meeting back to the Board of Supervisors and then get back in touch with them. Srp said we would set another agenda item in an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting and invite the Humane Society to attend that meeting. Srp said it was an excellent discussion with the Humane Society and appreciated their concern for funding.

County Secondary Roads Update: Todd Kinney County Engineer provided an update on road projects currently underway and those upcoming for the remainder of the season.

County Sheriff Office Update: Sheriff Greenwalt provided an update on the jail. He said they are working on a process to ensure the jail is providing the services that help reduce people from coming back to jail. He said there are several services/programs available to the people like a HiSET program, which is a GED program. He said they have several people enrolled in several of the programs. He said the jail has been able to accept inmates from other counties, but he will never house a Clinton County inmate out of county to help our taxpayers save money. Greenwalt said the Reserve Deputy program has been improved and has increased members of that team. The Reserve Deputies provide traffic direction, community policing and additional staffing for emergency and community events as needed. He said he receives questions about the county K-9 program which is no longer in existence but he is working to bring that program back. He said traffic enforcement is an area which he receives the most complaints from citizens reporting reckless driving, speeding, etc. and now has a grant that will fund traffic enforcement. He said he appreciates the comments from citizens recognizing the professional service they received from the officers. He thanked the Board of Supervisors for the support they provide to the Sheriff's office.

REPORTS

The Commission of Veterans Affairs June 2023 monthly and 4th Quarter FY23 reports, County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected 4th Quarter FY23 and FY23 Annual reports and Sheriff's Fees and Expenses 4th Quarter FY23 report were presented, approved and filed.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 31, 2023, at the Clinton County Administration Building, Clinton, IA.

Rebecca Weaver, County Deputy Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

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County Deputy Auditor

Chairperson