

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met. Present were Supervisors Davisson, Schmidt and Staszewski. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

REPORTS

The March 2011 monthly report and the 3rd Quarter FY2010-2011 report of the Commission of Veterans Affairs, submitted by Ed Staszewski, Director, was presented, approved and filed.

9:15 A.M. Resolutions / Formal Action

The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted.

RESOLUTION #2011-75

WHEREAS, Shery Shadlu has petitioned for property tax suspension under provision of Code of Iowa, Section 427.8, on the following described property:

1529 Spring Valley Lane, Clinton, IA

Parcel #88-15040000

WHEREAS, eligibility for said suspension has been verified by Kim Ralston, CAP Director.

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 is authorized to make entry on her records accordingly, all under provision of Section 427.8, Code of Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that tax suspension under provision of Section 427.8, Code of Iowa, is for the 2010 Assessment Year and all prior years and it is the responsibility of the petitioning taxpayer to reapply for further tax suspension.

Roll Call:

Davisson: Yes

Schmidt: Yes

Staszewski: Yes

John F. Staszewski, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted.

RESOLUTION #2011-76

WHEREAS, Cheryl Froemming has petitioned for property tax suspension under provision of Code of Iowa, Section 427.8, on the following described property:

1516 Prospect Ave., Clinton, IA

Parcel #80-06060000

WHEREAS, eligibility for said suspension has been verified by Kim Ralston, CAP Director.

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 is authorized to make entry on her records accordingly, all under provision of Section 427.8, Code of Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that tax suspension under provision of Section 427.8, Code of Iowa, is for the 2010 Assessment Year and all prior years and it is the responsibility of the petitioning taxpayer to reapply for further tax suspension.

Roll Call:

Davisson: Yes

Schmidt: Yes

Staszewski: Yes

John F. Staszewski, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted.

RESOLUTION #2011-77

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 309.93 and Section 309.22, Code of Iowa, it is required that a County Secondary Road Budget and Five Year Construction Program be adopted by the Board of Supervisors, on or before April 15, 2011 for 2011-2012 FYE, and

WHEREAS, such a budget and program setting forth the amounts to spend on the various items of construction and maintenance for the said year, had been prepared, and

WHEREAS, said budget and program are subject to the approval of the Iowa Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that said budget and program as set forth in detail be and are hereby adopted and that same be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation for their approval.

Roll Call:

Davisson: Yes

Schmidt: Yes

Staszewski: Yes

John F. Staszewski, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted.

RESOLUTION #2011-78

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff has accepted the resignation of Richard Peasley, Correctional Officer for the Clinton County Jail due to his retirement.

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 General Basic Fund, Office of Sheriff, to Richard Peasley after accrued benefits are paid effective after his last day of employment on April 16, 2011.

Roll Call:

Davisson: Yes
Schmidt: Yes
Staszewski: Yes

John F. Staszewski, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted.

RESOLUTION #2011-80

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved the resignation of Beau Eversoll with an effective date of April 21, 2011, via Resolution #2011-73, and

WHEREAS, the resignation of Beau Eversoll, Targeted Case Manager, Office of Case Management, has been adjusted to a new resignation date effective midnight April 18, 2011, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors here do rescind Resolution #2011-73 and accepts the resignation of Beau Eversoll with the new effective date of April 18, 2011, and that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to discontinue pay checks on the effective said date.

Roll Call:

Davisson: Yes
Schmidt: Yes
Staszewski: Yes

John F. Staszewski, Chairperson

Motion made by Supervisor Davisson to authorize the Chairperson to sign Utility Permit Number 13-14 for Miles Cooperative Telephone Association to place underground cable within the county right-of-way in Sections 6, 7, 18, and 19 Elk River Township.

Roll Call:

Davisson: Yes
Schmidt: Yes
Staszewski: Yes

Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding Resolution #2011-79. County Attorney Mike Wolf stated the Iowa Code is unclear as to when and how reaching gender balance is to be reached on County board appointments. However, he added Clinton County is ahead of the curve since it has been discussing the issue and has taken steps toward addressing gender balance. His recommendation is that the Board of Supervisors vote down Resolution #2011-79 and allow the previous appointment of Sheryl Ernst to stand. He also suggested the Board of Supervisors continue to keep gender balance in mind when appointing people to County boards and commissions.

The following resolution was presented and on motion failed.

RESOLUTION #2011-79

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2011, Resolution #2011-59, the Board of Supervisors appointed Sheryl Ernst, DVM to serve on the Board of Health filling an open position; and

WHEREAS, per Iowa Code, Section 69.16A, it states that boards and commissions are to be gendered and per this rule the correction of gender balance needs to be applied to the Board of Health and Resolution #2011-59; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2011-59 is hereby rescinded complying with Iowa Code, Section 69.16A and the Board of Supervisors hereby appoint Scott G. Solberg, DVM to serve on the Board of Health for a three year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Roll Call:

Davisson: No
Schmidt: No
Staszewski: No

John F. Staszewski, Chairperson

9:34 A.M. General Public

Wayne Bott, Clinton County resident, said he would like to see the County and the Clinton Humane Society reach an agreement. He shared a story of being able to return two dogs to their owner through the Human Society. He believes the people of Clinton County would support their tax dollars going to the Humane Society.

9:45 A.M. Department Heads, Elected Officials and Employees

Walt Wickham, Clinton County Conservation Director, asked the Board of Supervisors to consider allowing departments to use on-line auction sites, such as Purple Wave, to sell surplus equipment. He said Scott County

reports it has utilized the on-line service and has gotten better sales results than other traditional methods. Board of Supervisors agreed to consider the process and would be interested in further information.

10:00 A.M. Discussion County Administration Building Phone System Update/Recommendation – IT Director Smith and IT Specialist Briese – Possible Action to Follow via Resolution in Awarding of Phone System Contract

Betsy Smith, Clinton County IT Director, reported that she and IT Specialist Brian Briese reviewed the recently submitted RFPs. They offered three options:

Option 1 – Only upgrade the Administration Building, but allow the County IT department to purchase the switches.

Option 2 – Upgrade all three County buildings (Administration Building, Law Center and Courthouse) and allow the IT department to purchase the switches.

Option 3 – Accept the current RFP from Tri-City as it was presented.

Smith said her department recommends Option 2. She said it will cost approximately \$68,000 more than the current RFP. However Option 2 will allow for future expansion and it would be more cost effective over time to upgrade all three buildings now than piece by piece over the next few years.

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reported Option 2 could require a budget amendment of up to \$30,000 in this fiscal year. Smith noted that some of the cost could be billed in the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2011.

Supervisor Schmidt said he is comfortable with Option 2 since he has received more information and he especially liked the ability with Option 2 to expand in the future.

Supervisor Davisson agreed with Schmidt, but wanted Smith to work with County Budget Director Jeaninne Clark to work out the details of how to pay for Option 2.

Motion made by Supervisor Davisson to present a resolution during the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 18, 2011, to approve Option 2 with details on how the County will pay for the upgrades.

Roll Call:

Davisson:	Yes
Schmidt:	Yes
Staszewski:	Yes

Motion carried.

10:16 A.M. Flood Plain Map & Ordinance Update/Discussion – Zoning Administrator

Paul Ketelsen, Clinton County Zoning Director, said the County Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed flood maps as requested by the Board of Supervisors. He said the Board of Supervisors now needs to approve the maps and corresponding ordinance which will require a Public Hearing. The maps need to be approved before July 18, 2011. Ketelsen said he will present a resolution at the Board of Supervisors next meeting to set a Public Hearing date for May 2, 2011.

10:32 A.M. Discussion with Board of Supervisors Executive Assistant

- County Recorder / Board of Supervisors Executive Assistant
- Proposal given to Board of Supervisors for Middle Management Benefits

Steve Mangan, County Recorder, told the Board of Supervisors that due to new federal rules, his office will no longer be able to offer passport services. He will need to notify the federal government before the end of the month that his office cannot separate the duties of vital records administration and passport administration in his office. He said he would be willing to recommend that the Board of Supervisors office continue the service. That would allow the County to continue to collect the approximately \$5,000 a year from passport services. The Board of Supervisors will work with the Recorder's office to transfer passport duties.

The Board of Supervisors was asked to consider a personnel handbook for middle management employees of the County. The Board of Supervisors declared the current County employee handbook covers those employees.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, April 18, 2011.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

John F. Staszewski, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

Chairperson

County Auditor

