

JANUARY 9, 2014

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.

10:00 A.M. Budget Presentation – Clinton Humane Society

10:30 A.M. Budget Presentation – Gateway Impact Coalition

Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Clinton County Fairgrounds Auditorium, DeWitt, Iowa.

5:30 P.M. Board of Trustees for Drainage District #20 – Discussion on Inspector Position

Motion was made by Supervisor Staszewski to adjourn as the Board of Supervisors and convene as the Board of Trustees for Drainage District #20.

Roll Call:

Staszewski:	Yes
Schmidt:	Yes
Davisson:	Yes

Motion carried. Board of Supervisors recessed and the Board of Trustees for Drainage District #20 convened at 5:35 p.m.

Paul Ketelsen, Drainage District Consultant, wanted to make sure Drainage District #20 was prepared to move forward with the inspector position before Union Pacific Railroad started work on the drainage district.

Clinton County Engineer Todd Kinney said there will be certain things to put into place before the work begins.

Details of the inspector job were discussed along with a proposed budget.

Kinney and Clinton County Auditor Eric Van Lancker will work on a job posting for the inspector position.

Motion was made by Supervisor Schmidt to adjourn as Board of Trustees for Drainage District #20 and reconvene as Board of Supervisors.

Roll Call:

Staszewski:	Yes
Schmidt:	Yes
Davisson:	Yes

Motion carried. Board of Trustees for Drainage District #20 adjourned and the Board of Supervisors reconvened at 5:49 p.m.

6:00 P.M. Public Hearing – To solicit public comments on Phase III Clinton County Satellite Offices 2014 Plan

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Davisson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Supervisor Staszewski and Schmidt; Administrative Assistant Roberta Lewis; County Auditor Eric Van Lancker; County Building Maintenance Manager Corey Johnson; County Sheriff Rick Lincoln; Sheriff's Office deputies; IIW, P.C. representative Mike Ruden, County Planning & Zoning Director Nathan Mueller; and members of the media and public.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to solicit public comments concerning Phase III of the Clinton County Satellite Office in DeWitt.

Proof of publication was presented, approved, and returned for filing.

Johnson and Ruden reviewed Phase III of the Clinton County Satellite Office renovation.

Sheriff Rick Lincoln addressed the history of the need to replace the previous Sheriff's annex building.

Ed Gaudet, DeWitt, questioned placing a bathroom in the garage. He also asked about adding storage in an attic area. Sheriff Deputy Steve Diesch explained the reason for the restroom in the garage. He said it's good to have that restroom because deputies have to remove their gun belt. He said that's not safe or convenient in a public restroom. Diesch also echoed comments he made during Monday's public meeting. Johnson explained the water and drainage was already in the garage for the Sheriff vehicles. He said the restroom did not cost much to add.

Johnson addressed an attic for storage. He said that would have added to the building square footage and the clearance and stairs into it would not have met the building code without expensive modifications.

Norlin Mommsen, Clinton County resident, asked if the storage building has to be on that property. Sheriff Lincoln explained it did because of how the garage is used. Ruden added taking the storage out of the building, approximately 20 feet of the end, would not realize that much cost savings. Mommsen said the costs are excessive compared to a similar construction he has been a part of. He said a new jail should be placed ahead of this project. He said the image of the garage in DeWitt may hurt the chances of a bond referendum for a new jail.

Davisson explained the project will provide more efficiency for County operations. She added that building from new would be double than what is invested in this building. Davisson said the storage for the Sheriff's office is not more than what it had at the previous location. She said the renovations have been done without bonding while the County tax levy has been reduced. She added the Sheriff's Reserves raised the money to build the first garage and believes the County should replace it.

Staszewski said he was hesitant about the price tag, but after speaking with the deputies he understood the need for the garage.

Schmidt said this project started before he joined the Board. He said it became evident while he was reviewing the project that it was needed. He said delaying the project will push the cost against other projects that need to be done in the future. Schmidt said the project can be completed now within the current budget.

Lt. Tom Paarmann, Sheriff's Office, explained the garage also provides a secure place to store a vehicle that may be involved in a crime.

Johnson reviewed the costs of the renovation.

Chief Deputy Kevin Cain, Sheriff's Office, said the garage is not luxurious. He said the Board has not been frivolous with this renovation. He said the garage is to protect the Sheriff's vehicles like a farm operation has a garage to store and protect its equipment. He said the price does appear high, but he hopes the bids will come in favorable to the County. He also reminded the room that the building must be built to code.

Dick Banowetz, Clinton County resident, said he supports the project and is excited to have the County building closer to home. He also said as an employee of the Department of Transportation he lets state law enforcement vehicles use their shops to thaw their vehicles. He knows the garage is important to the law enforcement.

Brian Grell, Sheriff's Deputy, said the County road crews aren't out all night, but the Sheriff's patrol cars are still operating. He explained how the snow gets into the wheels and prevents the driver from turning the vehicle. He said the storage is needed because the Sheriff's Office has a lot of equipment that is needed to perform their jobs and be properly trained.

Alicia Wirth, Sheriff's Deputy, said the ability to respond quickly is important. The garage provides an opportunity to keep the patrol vehicles in their best working condition to serve the County when they are required to respond.

Davisson thanked everyone for their participation.

Motion was made by Supervisor Schmidt to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Roll Call:

Staszewski:	Yes
Schmidt:	Yes
Davisson:	Yes

Motion carried. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, January 13, 2014.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jill M. Davisson, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson