

DECEMBER 18, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met. Present were Supervisors 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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2023-291 through 2023-294 and one (1) Motion were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2023-291

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Communications Commission has authorized the hiring of additional staff and the Board of Supervisors does not consider or appoint personnel for the Communications Commission, but needs to authorize payroll for the County Auditor. Clinton County Communications Director Eric Dau desires to appoint Madison Adkins as a Telecommunicator for the Clinton County Communications Commission; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue biweekly paychecks on the Communications Commission Budget, to Madison Adkins, as a full-time Telecommunicator. This will be in effect at an hourly rate of \$19.59 during the first 6 months of employment, then increasing to \$22.04 for the next 6 months of employment, and then increasing to \$24.49 after 1 year of employment. Adkins' starting date of employment with the Clinton County Communications Commission will be December 18, 2023. This is subject to the terms and conditions of the Clinton County Communications Commission Bargaining Unit agreement without further action of this Board.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2023-292

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 immediate employment of Carolyn Page as a "temporary employee" in the position of Secretary I, effective December 18, 2023; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, to approve the hiring of Carolyn Page as a temporary employee in the position of Secretary I in the County Attorney's Office at the hourly rate of \$20.90 per hour, with an effective date of December 18, 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 Carolyn Page without further action of this Board.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2023-293

WHEREAS, Clinton County and the Treasurer for Clinton County, Iowa, are named respondents in Iowa Code 657A proceedings for the following property: 2929 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Clinton, IA, [Parcel 86-01500000] (EQCV049534)

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney requests authorization on behalf of the County to entry of an Order Disclaiming Interest in the above-listed property and Consent to entry of Order awarding title to this property to the City of Clinton; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors authorizes Clinton County Attorney, Michael Wolf, on behalf of Clinton County to consent to entry of an order in favor of the City of Clinton in the above 657A action filed awarding title of the above-listed property to the City of Clinton, Iowa, free and clear of any claims, liens, or encumbrances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Clinton County Treasurer, upon the entry of judgment by the court in favor of the City of Clinton in the above 657A action filed, to make an entry in the county system canceling any tax sale certificate of purchase liens against the property and shall refund tax sale purchase money to the tax sale certificate holder as named (if any) in the 657A action as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code § 657A.10B(6).

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2023-294

WHEREAS, Section 331.323(2)(d) of the Code of Iowa states the Board of Supervisors may authorize a county officer to destroy records that are not required to be kept as permanent records; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor's Office has identified records appropriately for destruction and has inventoried said records as follows: - Northeast Special Election – 09/13/2022

- Drainage District Election – 01/21/2023

- Midland/Northeast/Central DeWitt/ Cal-Wheat Special Election – 03/07/2023

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the County Auditor be authorized to destroy said records in an appropriate and secure manner.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes. Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

Motion by Supervisor Srp to authorize the chairman to sign memorandum of agreement between the Clinton County Advocacy Control Board and Eide & Walton for lobbying services.

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2023-295

WHEREAS, Clinton County has allocated \$104,000.00 in County funds for county libraries FY 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, thirty percent (30%) of the funds, \$31,200, are divided equally to the libraries in the cities of Calamus, Camanche, Clinton, DeWitt, Lost Nation and Wheatland, in the amount of \$5,200.00; and

WHEREAS, seventy percent (70%) of the funds, \$72,800 are disbursed to the libraries based on circulation as follows:

	Circulation	% of total (rounded)	Amount
Calamus	97	.48%	\$350.99
Camanche	793	3.94%	\$2,869.45
Clinton	3,531	17.55%	\$12,776.82
DeWitt	15,025	74.68%	\$54,367.51
Lost Nation	268	1.33%	\$969.75
Wheatland	405	2.01%	\$1,465.48

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue checks on the Rural Basic Fund in the following amounts representing the first-half allocation for each library:

Library	30% portion	Circulation portion	Half allocation
Calamus	\$2,600.00	\$175.50	\$2,775.50
Camanche	\$2,600.00	\$1,434.72	\$4,034.72
Clinton	\$2,600.00	\$6,388.41	\$8,988.41
DeWitt	\$2,600.00	\$27,183.76	\$29,783.76
Lost Nation	\$2,600.00	\$484.87	\$3,084.87
Wheatland	\$2,600.00	\$732.74	\$3,332.74

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes. Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2023-296

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue checks on the General Basic Fund and Rural Basic Fund to the following listed entities for the amounts detailed, representing the first-half allocation FY 2024:

Clinton Municipal Airport Commission	\$12,500.00
Quality Jobs 4 A Strong Future (Grow Clinton)	\$40,000.00
Clinton County Agriculture Society (4-H Clubs)	\$18,750.00
Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation	\$ 1,500.00
DeWitt Development Company (includes business education coordinator)	\$24,500.00
Camanche Historical Society/County Gateway Genealogical Society	\$ 5,000.00 (full request)
Clinton County Historical Society	\$ 3,000.00

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes. Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2023-297

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue checks on the General Basic Fund to the following listed entities for the amounts detailed, representing the first-half allocation FY2024:

Carroll Assistance Center	\$ 1,500.00
DeWitt Referral Center	\$ 2,500.00
Milestone Area Agency on Aging	\$ 3,000.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 2,625.00

YWCA Clinton

\$20,012.00

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker said the Board will meet next on Wednesday, December 20, at the Rock Valley EcoCenter. He asked that the Board provide dates they will not be able to meet in January so he can start working on a budget work session calendar.

Supervisor Srp said he was pleased to see the departments in the Administration Building on Friday participating in a building-wide holiday event. He said the Eden Valley Nature Center remodel will begin after some generous donations to the Conservation Foundation.

Chairman Irwin said the committee to propose a plan to the Board for spending the opioid funding met last week and are making progress.

Supervisor George said they have been receiving emails ahead of Wednesday's public hearing. George said the committee to work on the County rules for property tax suspensions continues to work though the policy and has shared a draft with the County Attorney.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson said they are now starting to see car titles coming out of Vermont to be laundered in Iowa. He said they appear to be picking out states that have gaps in some laws, but he said the Iowa DOT is doing a good job of keeping Treasurer's Office updated. He said he started a three-year CD with some of the County funds to take advantage of interest rates.

County Facilities Director Corey Johnson said, for the January 2 meeting, there will be an update to present to the Board for the remodel of the Administration Building. He said the Courthouse elevator project should be finished tomorrow. He said they continue to work on value engineering on the generator project and will report back when that is completed, but said so far, they have reduced the bid by \$15,000.

County Engineer Todd Kinney reported the bridge south of Grand Mound has been completed. He said the bridge construction has stopped for the season and will start again in the spring. He said he will present to the Board next month about the RAISE grant for the Wapsi bridge. He said he has meetings about the grant this week. Kinney said he has been receiving no-spray requests since it was discussed at the Board meeting.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funds: Irwin and Van Lancker will meet with the County Facilities Director about the grant and report back to the board.

County HR Legal Services: HR Director Ally Ellison said the County contracts with Lynch Dallas for services on certain legal matters. She said she has been informed their rates will be increasing in 2024. Van Lancker suggested now is a good time to review options that are out there. He said he has no problem with Lynch Dallas, but it's a matter of due diligence since the County has been with Lynch Dallas for several years.

REPORTS

The Commission of Veteran Affairs November 2023 monthly report was presented, approved and filed.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at the Clinton County Rock Creek Eco Center, 3942 291st Street, Camanche, IA, 52730.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

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County Auditor

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Chairperson