

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met. Present were Supervisors Srp, Determann and Irwin. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

9:00 A.M. Review Correspondence and Claims  
Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance  
Canvass of City/School Elections

The Board of Supervisors met as the Board of Canvassers and proceeded to canvass the votes of the November 5, 2019 City/School Elections. Official results are on file in the Clinton County Auditor's Office. The official results will also be posted online at [www.clintoncountyelections.com](http://www.clintoncountyelections.com).

9:15 A.M. Formal Action & Motions

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2019-289 through #2019-297 were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION #2019-289

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff has terminated Jordan Walters, as a full-time correctional officer.

THEREFORE BE IT and it is hereby 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 to Jordan Walters, after accrued benefits are paid effective after his last day of employment on October 22, 2019.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTION #2019-290

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff is an elected official and the Board of Supervisors does not consider nor appoint personnel for elected officials, but need to authorize payroll for the County Auditor.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue biweekly paychecks on the General Basic Fund, Office of Jail, to Jonathan Dobson, as a full-time Civilian Correctional Officer. This will be in effect at an hourly rate of \$18.32 during the probationary period of 6 months, then increasing to \$20.35. Jonathan Dobson's starting date of employment with the Sheriff's Office will be November 18, 2019. This is subject to the terms and conditions of the Sheriff's Bargaining Unit agreement without further action of this Board.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTION #2019-291

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Communications Commission has authorized the hiring of additional staff and the Board of Supervisors does not consider nor appoint personnel for the Communications Commission, but needs to authorize payroll for the County Auditor. Clinton County Communications Director Eric Dau desires to appoint James Alderson 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 James Alderson, as a full-time Telecommunicator. This will be in effect at an hourly rate of \$17.54 during the first 6 months of employment, then increasing to \$19.73 for the next 6 months of employment, and then increasing to \$21.92 after 1 year of employment. Alderson's starting date of employment with the Clinton County Communications Commission will be November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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: Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes; Srp: Yes.

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTION #2019-292

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Communications Commission has authorized the hiring of additional staff and the Board of Supervisors does not consider nor appoint personnel for the Communications Commission, but needs to authorize payroll for the County Auditor. Clinton County Communications Director Eric Dau desires to appoint Rebecca Goodhart 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 Rebecca Goodhart, as a full-time Telecommunicator. This will be in effect at an hourly rate of \$17.54 during the first 6 months of employment, then increasing to \$19.73 for the next 6 months of employment, and then increasing to \$21.92 after 1 year of employment. Goodhart's starting date of employment with the Clinton County Communications Commission will be November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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: Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes; Srp: Yes.

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTION #2019-293

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Health has one seat opening; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined Chelsea Sullens to be qualified and appropriate to be appointed as a member of the Clinton County Board of Health; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Chelsea Sullens is appointed to a three year term set to expire December 31, 2022.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTION #2019-294

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff's Office desires to enter into an agreement with the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division for the purpose of providing and funding tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor product enforcement activities to the county; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff desires the Clinton County Board of Supervisors to authorize the signing of said agreement effective November 13, 2019; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the Clinton County Sheriff is hereby authorized to sign the agreement, which has been reviewed and approved by the Clinton County Attorney.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTION #2019-295

WHEREAS, Kenneth Hartmann filed for a forest and fruit tree exemption on parcel 18-09330200 and the assessor has advised that the parcel has qualified for the exemption in the fiscal year 2019-2020 but the record does not indicate the exemption and must be amended to include said exemption; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Hartmann received a tax billing statement for the parcel and paid the taxes billed in error on the parcel 18-09330200 with a \$5 penalty interest; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors that property tax adjustments and corrections as detailed shall be made to the county records and the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make said changes to the county system for fiscal year 2019-2020, and payment received on 10/4/2019 shall be refunded to Kenneth Hartmann in the amount of \$266.00.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTION #2019-296

WHEREAS, Steve Kammerer has petitioned for a property tax suspension under provision of Code of Iowa, Section 427.8, on the following described property: 311 N 5<sup>th</sup> St., Clinton, IA Parcel #80-35430000

WHEREAS, the 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 2018 Assessment Year and all prior years and it is the responsibility of the petitioning taxpayer to reapply for further tax suspension.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTION #2019-297

WHEREAS, Gary Vance has petitioned for a property tax suspension under provision of Code of Iowa, Section 427.8, on the following described property: 800 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Clinton, IA Parcel #86-20670000

WHEREAS, the 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 2018 Assessment Year and all prior years and it is the responsibility of the petitioning taxpayer to reapply for further tax suspension.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION #2019-298

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 Darron Foster 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 Darron Foster from the General Basic Miscellaneous Fund.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION #2019-299

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors has considered the only bid for the snow removal at the Clinton County Satellite Office: and

WHEREAS, the bid received is as follows: AEJ Enterprises

Snow removal from sidewalks ½” – 6” \$45      Salt parking lot per application \$65

Snow removal from parking lots ½ “ – 6” \$65      Hauling snow – loader per hour \$75

7” or more % per inch \_\_\_\_\_0%      Hauling snow – tandem dump truck per hour \$75

Salt sidewalks per application \$35

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the proposal be approved for AEJ Enterprises recommended by the Facilities Director Corey Johnson; and

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

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GENERAL PUBLIC

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reported they have heard from the IRS that the audit of its jail bond issue has been closed without need for follow up. He also reminded the Board it will meet on Monday, November 18, and then is not scheduled to meet again until December 2.

County Facilities Director Corey Johnson said the courtroom on the second floor is receiving an updated sound system by the Court system. He met with Court officials to approve the plan as some wires run on the floor, but are covered by an ADA-approved cover.

Supervisor Determann reported he went to a DOT meeting yesterday and one of the commissioners brought up the US 20 study about how it has benefitted northern Iowa. He said those study results could be a benefit for a four-lane Highway 30.

Chairman Srp reported appointments need to be made to boards and commissions. He will bring a recommendation with him on Monday on how to have the Board work to fill those positions.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Update on the Old Highway 30 bridges between Calamus and Wheatland: County Engineer Todd Kinney reported there are two concerns moving forward. He said the group wants to know if the Wapsi bridge can be rehabbed to use for a trail. Kinney said the bridge will need to be rehabbed or torn out. He said a rough estimate for the bridge to be removed is \$300,000 to \$400,000. He said if the bridge has been closed for 10 years then it is not eligible for federal rehab money. He presented three rehab options to the Board that ranged in cost from \$1.65 million to \$2.01 million. Kinney said all options would allow pedestrian and snowmobile and emergency equipment. He said there is program funding available, with certain conditions. He said the overflow bridge will also have to be address as part of the larger trail plan. He said Nov. 19 is the next meeting at Wheatland City Hall. He plans to attend to see how that group would like to continue.

Law Enforcement Building project update: Johnson reported the building is operating well, but there are some hiccups to work through. He said there are some minor heating and cooling issues. He said a couple of cell issues were recognized. He said there was no heat plumbed into a couple of cells in the booking area. He said it was left off the drawings. Supervisors Irwin and Determann asked how that was missed. Johnson said he is speaking with the contractor about that this afternoon. He said there are also issues with keys and locks in the office areas. Johnson believes they can get at least half of the parking lot complete which would include several parking spaces including handicap spaces before the winter stops construction. He said they will stop when they need to, but would like to continue to push through as long as they can. He said the County has concrete blankets to assist the project to move forward. He said if a majority of the parking lot is finished then the bus services from the ballpark can be terminated. He said the demolition of the buildings across the street should start next week. He said the old jail is 100% gone.

Possible bond for capital projects: Van Lancker reviewed the projects for which the bonds could be used and reviewed the scheduled payment options after receiving updated information from the bond consultants. He said according to figures from Budget Director Lynn Kirchhoff the current debt service levy in the next fiscal year is scheduled to reduce approximately 26 cents. The proposed February bond issuance is expected to require approximately 13 cents from the debt service levy. He said if the Board decides to proceed a resolution to set a public hearing on the proposed bond issuance will be scheduled for Monday's Board meeting.

10:30 A.M. Anticipated closed session in accordance with Code of Iowa Sec. 21.5(1)(c)

MOTION by Supervisor Determann to enter into a closed session in accordance with Code of Iowa Sec. 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent.

Roll Call: Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes; Srp: Yes.  
entered a closed session at 10:31 a.m.

Motion carried. The Board of Supervisors

Chairman Srp adjourned the closed session at 11:38 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, November 18, 2019.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

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County Auditor

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Chairperson