

APRIL 2, 2020

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.

9:30 A.M. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Coronavirus/COVID-19 update: County EMA Director Chance Kness reported community spread is being reported in Clinton County and the EMA is using the IDPH daily updates. He said things are expected to get worse and peaks are expected later this month. Kness said they are pushing the message of social distancing. Chairman Srp said he has been meeting with IT Director Paul Banowetz, HR Director Dawn Aldridge and County Auditor Eric Van Lancker to discuss the next steps to address employee safety in the County. Srp said some incidents recently in Iowa started that conversation about how to isolate staff. He said some offices have already been practicing that. He said the goal today is to speak about reduction of staff in County buildings. Van Lancker explained the goal is to find some sort of work that employees can do from home. Van Lancker said that could include training and other projects that can be taken to employees' homes. Supervisor Irwin said they are leaning on department heads and elected officials to determine how to separate employees while in the building and who can be sent home to work. Irwin said he would also like to discuss hiring part-time and temporary staff. Srp said the Board has asked offices to prepare for the next step and he and the group he was meeting with believes now is the time to start that next step. Srp said they talked about setting a goal of reducing employees in the building by 50% or some other amount. He recognizes some will be able to reduce more than others.

MOTION by Supervisor Determann to issue a directive to reduce staff working the Clinton County Buildings.

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

Motion carried.

Irwin wanted to clarify about a temporary hiring freeze. He said the Engineer Department and County Treasurer's Office should be allowed to continue with their full-time position hires. However, he would like to see temporary or seasonal part-time hires not happen. County Attorney Mike Wolf suggested this discussion be scheduled for Monday's agenda.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, April 6, 2020.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

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County Auditor

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Chairperson