

DECEMBER 21, 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.

9:00 A.M. Review Correspondence and Claims Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

9:15 A.M. Formal Action & Motions Claims Approved Unanimously

Coronavirus/COVID-19 update: County Community Health Manager Michelle Cullen reported Clinton County saw an increase of 81 positive cases from last week. She said positive cases are going down. She said hospitalizations in the area are decreasing – Genesis had 36 and Mercy had 6. Cullen said the next couple of weeks will be important as families may be getting together for the holidays. She said residents should continue to practice precautions. Cullen said this week the positivity rate is 16% down from 18% last week. She said Moderna vaccine has been approved. She hopes those shipments will be in her office this afternoon or tomorrow. She said Phase I clinics will begin on Wednesday and two more are scheduled for next week. County HR Director Dawn Aldridge said she has spoken with Jewel/Osco for when county employees are eligible to receive the vaccination.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

**RESOLUTION #2020-309**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Clinton County to establish and review policies from time to time; and WHEREAS, the Clinton County Human Resources Department has recommended the edit of the Clinton County Emergency and Expanded FMLA and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Request Policy to be extended to January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the Clinton County Policy on Emergency and Expanded FMLA and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Request be filed in the County Human Resources Department be and is hereby adopted with said recommended changes effective this date;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy be distributed by the County Human Resources Department to all County employees and a copy of the policy and request form be placed on the Clinton County website for the viewing and access of the public.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolutions #2020-310 through #2020-312 were approved on the Consent Agenda:

**RESOLUTION #2020-310**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa code section 445.63 the City of Clinton is entitled to abatement of penalty interest, taxes / rates, and charges owed as detailed:

Clinton	8039060000	662 13 AVE S	\$7,393.58
Clinton	8005710000	1302 CAMANCHE AVE	\$2,186.00
Clinton	8059740000	1004 S 4 TH	\$1,272.00
Clinton	8023870000	LOCUST PL	\$ 389.00
Clinton	8009550002	7 AVE N	\$ 76.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Code of Iowa Sections 445.63 taxes, penalty interest, rates, and charges outstanding and billed to the City of Clinton shall be abated and the treasurer is hereby authorized to make amendment to the county records indicating said abated tax for the parcels as noted, and the County Auditor shall update the county record for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the same manner.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION #2020-311**

WHEREAS, Carl Feuss has petitioned for a property tax suspension under provision of Code of Iowa, Section 427.8, on the following described property: 800 Winter Street, Lost Nation, IA Parcel #50-02410000

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 2020 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 #2020-312**

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Smith has petitioned for a property tax suspension under provision of Code of Iowa, Section 427.8, on the following described property: 2422 Pershing, Clinton, IA Parcel #86-05390000

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 2019 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 #2020-313

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and advisable that Clinton County, State of Iowa, should issue General Obligation Bonds, to the amount of not to exceed \$5,000,000, as authorized by Section 331.443, of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs of carrying out essential county purpose project(s) as hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, before the Bonds may be issued, it is necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code, and to publish a notice of the proposal to issue such bonds and of the time and place of the meeting at which the Board proposes to take action for the issuance of the Bonds and to receive oral and/or written objections from any resident or property owner of the County to such action.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CLINTON COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Board meet in the Board Room, 1900 North 3rd Street, Clinton, Iowa, at 9:45 A.M., on the 11th day of January, 2021, for the purpose of taking action on the matter of the issuance of not to exceed \$5,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, for essential county purposes, the proceeds of which bonds will be used to provide funds to pay the costs of acquisition, installation and construction of emergency services communication equipment and systems including radios, repeaters, towers and other communications equipment and systems.

Section 2. That the Auditor is hereby directed to cause at least one publication to be made of a notice of the meeting, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published at least once weekly, and having general circulation in the County. The publication to be not less than four clear days nor more than twenty days before the date of the public meeting on the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 3. The notice of the proposed action to issue bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

(To be published on or before: January 6, 2021)

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CLINTON COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA, ON THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY (FOR ESSENTIAL COUNTY PURPOSES), AND THE HEARING ON THE ISSUANCE THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, State of Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the 11th day of January, 2021, at 9:45 A.M., in the Board Room, 1900 North 3rd Street, Clinton, Iowa, at which meeting the Board proposes to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$5,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, for essential county purposes, to provide funds to pay the costs of acquisition, installation and construction of emergency services communication equipment and systems including radios, repeaters, towers and other communications equipment and systems.

The public may also join the meeting by phone by dialing 1-408-418-9388 and entering the access code 623839162. The public may also join through the internet by following this web address: <https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join> enter meeting Code: 623839162 and then password clinton23.

At the above meeting the Board shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the County to the above action. After all objections have been received and considered, the Board will at the meeting or at any adjournment thereof, take additional action for the issuance of the Bonds or will abandon the proposal to issue said Bonds.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, State of Iowa, as provided by Section 331.443 of the Code of Iowa.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION #2020-314

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Secondary Roads Five Year Construction Program includes HMA Fog Seal on Z-36 from Hwy 136 to Hwy 67, Project No. FM-C023(120)—55-23, and

WHEREAS, construction of said project FM-C023(120)—55-23 has been completed by the Contractor and the work has been approved and accepted by the County Engineer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, shall approve the final payment to said Contractor.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION #2020-315

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, hereby order the following appointments:

Clinton County Eminent Domain Compensation Commission (One-Year Term; expires Dec. 31, 2021)

Doug Yegge, Clinton	Kayla Minor, Lost Nation	Jenny Boysen, Clinton
Ryan Maher, DeWitt	Kathy Klahn, Camanche	Dan Nielsen, Camanche
Mary Swanson, Clinton	Evan Trenkamp, Maquoketa	Tami Guy, Grand Mound
Alan McNeil, Grand Mound	Joel Dieckmann, DeWitt	Cody Seeley, Clinton
Monica Laufenberg, Clinton	Jerome Burken, Clinton	Jennifer Graf, Clinton
Bob Hilbert, DeWitt	Beth Lippens, Grand Mound	Lance Goettsch, Calamus
Leatha Melton, Clinton	Paul Ketelsen, Grand Mound	Joe Carstensen, Camanche
Paul Mulholland, Clinton	Jane Mason, Calamus	Lydia Whitman, Calamus
Jacie Rannfeldt, Clinton	Dave Whitman, Grand Mound	Curtis Dosland, Calamus
John Eisenman, Clinton		

Clinton County Conservation (Five-Year Term; expires Dec. 31, 2025)

Gloria Freiderichsen, Delmar

Clinton County Historic Preservation (Three-Year Term; expires Dec. 31, 2023)

Ann Soenksen, DeWitt                      Ruth Wilson, DeWitt

Elwood Community Sanitary District (Three-Year Term; expires Dec. 31, 2023)

David Riggs, Elwood

Clinton County Pioneer Cemetery (Three-year Term; expires Dec. 31, 2023)

Allen Rogis, DeWitt                      Alan Green, Calamus  
Ruth Wilson, DeWitt                      Linda Gasper, Calamus

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION #2020-316

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, hereby order the following appointments:

Clinton County Judicial Magistrate Appointing (Six-Year Term; expires Dec. 31, 2026)

Mary Ketelsen, Grand Mound                      Traci Weber, DeWitt                      Tyler Funke, Clinton

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

MOTION by Supervisor Determann to authorize the chairman to sign the engagement agreement with Ahlers & Cooney for the communications bond issue.

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

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Clinton County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reported the traditional County swearing in ceremony is scheduled for the morning of December 29. He reminded the Board that its next scheduled meeting is January 4, 2021. He said the budget planning topic was left off this agenda, but he said projected revenues will increase by about 4%. He said his office will send out the budget worksheets with requests to budget status quo.

Sheriff Rick Lincoln thanked the Board of Supervisors and many others whom he worked with to administer his duties of office during his time as Sheriff. He said he is proud of how well the elected officials in Clinton County work together because that is not the case in other counties. Lincoln is retiring at the end of the year.

Chairman Srp reported the Conservation Board met last week. It will start meeting the third Tuesday of the month instead of the second Tuesday of the month. He said that will help the board with preparation. Srp said Director Phillip Visser will be speaking with each Supervisor about the proposed budget. Srp said the Board also discussed how it will fill two open park officer positions. He said a committee is being formed to consider if those positions should be hired again as a park officer.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson reported property tax collections increased last week. He said there is now \$948,000 outstanding for FY21 first half payments. He said about \$500,000 for the previous fiscal year remains outstanding.

Supervisor Irwin asked if during the budgeting process the Board could host some of the meetings in DeWitt. Van Lancker said he will keep that suggestion under consideration while developing the budget schedule.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Elvira Wastewater Project Update: County Sanitarian Shane McClintock reported he will be working with Supervisor Determann to work with residents who have not yet signed the agreement with the County. He said four are remaining unsigned. He said one person would like to put in her own system. She believes she can find someone to do it for less money. McClintock told her it has to be the same system as her lot does not have space for another system. Irwin said he's not sure how to stop her from doing that. McClintock said he could ask the County Attorney if a time limit can be placed on her to have the system installed. McClintock said they are currently sitting at 10 signed up, but 11 is the minimum to start the project. Determann said the residents should be given until the January 4 Board meeting to sign on. He suggested those who haven't signed yet should be contacted again immediately. Determann said he will reach out to those residents.

County Administration Building Parking Lot Plans and Cost Estimate: County Facilities Director Corey Johnson reviewed the plans that were provided from the engineer. Johnson said the cost estimate is what he expected. He said the contingency is at 10%. He said they would like to do a public hearing on January 18 to begin the bid process. The possibility of a drive up window at the Treasurer's Office was also discussed. The plan will be reviewed further and reported back at a later meeting.

Record Preservation Proposal: Van Lancker said the County Attorney reviewed the agreement and it is ready for the Board to sign the agreement.

MOTION by Supervisor Determann to authorize the chairman to sign the agreement with ArcaSearch.

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

10:29 A.M. Drainage Districts

MOTION by Supervisor Determann to recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene as Board of Trustees for Drainage Districts.

Roll Call: Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes; Srp: Yes. Motion carried. The Board of Supervisors recessed and the Board of Trustees convened at 10:29 a.m.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

**RESOLUTION #2020-DD7-01**

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors acting as Trustees for Drainage District #7 (DD7) have received a request for repair on the main ditch and the subsequent completed County Engineer's evaluation report on condition of the DD7 main ditch, and;

WHEREAS, the estimated repair cost is greater than \$50,000 and, according to the Code of Iowa, a public hearing is required to consider objections to the feasibility of the repairs and provide notice to the drainage district landowners pursuant to Iowa Code Section 468.15 (estimated cost less than the vertical infrastructure competitive bid threshold).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that a public hearing be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 13, 2021, at the Clinton County Satellite Office, 226 11<sup>th</sup> Street, DeWitt, Iowa, and the public may also join the meeting by phone by dialing 1-408-418-9388 and entering the access code 623839162. The public may also join through the internet by following this web address: <https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join> enter meeting Code: 623839162 and then password clinton23.

Roll Call: Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes; Srp: Yes. Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

MOTION by Supervisor Determann to adjourn as the Board of Trustees for Drainage Districts and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors.

Roll Call: Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes; Srp: Yes. Motion carried. The Board of Trustees adjourned and the Board of Supervisors re-convened at 10:35 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, January 4, 2021.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

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County Auditor

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Chairperson