

NOVEMBER 11, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met. Present were Supervisors Srp, Determann and Irwin.

8:30 A.M. Review Correspondence and Claims Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION by Supervisor Determann to call to order an emergency meeting with less than 24-hours notice as provided by Code of Iowa Section 21.4(2)(c).

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

Coronavirus/COVID-19 update: County Community Health Manager Michelle Cullen reported in two days there are 144 more cases and the positivity rate is now 26.2% and Jackson County is over 31%. She said her main concern is our healthcare systems are becoming taxed. She said the numbers are climbing as Genesis reported 105 hospitalizations. Mercy is at 15 where they have been closer to 11. She said staffing is an issue as both institutions are having staff infected. Cullen said we have to be flexible and take preventive measures. Emergency Management Director Chance Kness reported the PPE stockpile is still doing well for now, but that could change in the near future. He said the State is directing a change of shipments. He said they won't deliver supplies directly, but will have to travel to Cedar Rapids to collect supplies in the future. Chairman Srp said there is now discussion of the County returning to how they were operating earlier this year. He said it is about protecting staff so the County services may continue to be offered. Srp said if buildings are closed there will still need some concessions made for court proceedings. Srp said County Recorder Scott Judd was not able to join the meeting, but supported closing buildings for the safety of County staff so County services may continue. County Auditor Eric Van Lancker said his office was already making plans to work as remotely as possible before this meeting was set. He said most of his staff is ready to work from home after today's holiday. County Treasurer Dustin Johnson said he would like the opportunity to continue to work by appointment. He said otherwise efficiency will be affected for his office and citizens. He said he would still encourage things to be done remotely, but would like to be able to work in person with some of the more challenging issues. County Sheriff Rick Lincoln said weapon permits can be done by mail. He said his staff is spread out enough in the new office that his staff feels comfortable working in the office. County Attorney Mike Wolf said the Supreme Court has postponed all jury trials until February 1. He said that includes no meetings of the Grand Jury until February 1. Wolf said other proceedings in person are still scheduled in court. He said it has been working well with the security making sure people know where to go and when. Community Assistance Director Kim Ralston said her and Mental Health Director Becky Eskildsen have discussed how they can work remotely. Planning and Zoning Administrator Thomas Barnes said he has a Board of Adjustments meeting on Tuesday and asked how that meeting could be conducted. Srp asked if the meeting could be postponed. Barnes said the applicants would like to have it done as soon as possible. Van Lancker said the issue is how long would it be postponed. Srp said everyone who can join the meeting electronically should do so. Determann said they are talking about taking proactive measures to address the issue before all of the employees are out ill. Srp suggested the buildings be closed starting at noon on Thursday. He said the building will be closed to the public, but staff will continue to work in the building or remotely from home. He said the public may work with the departments in the building by appointment. Srp said the public can interact with our departments through phone and emails.

MOTION by Supervisor Determann to close County buildings starting at noon on Thursday, November 12, until further notice but allow offices to make appointments in an effort to control the number of people in County buildings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, November 16, 2020.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

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County Auditor

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Chairperson