

OCTOBER 26, 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 the County has started to climb with cases. She said there are 83 new cases since the 22nd of the month. She said the County now has 372 active cases. She said Mercy is staying consistent with around nine or 10 hospitalizations. She said the hospitalization needs to be watched. Cullen said the positivity rate is 11.1% for the County which is up from around 8% a week ago. She said some increased testing is catching more positive cases.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions #2020-272 through #2020-277 were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION #2020-272

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, having adopted “Regulations for Non-Union County Engineer’s Personnel” applicable to the employment of non-union personnel, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make certain changes in the regulation as to the appointment of non-union employees, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the following changes are made: Terminate the employment of Gaylon Truelsen for the position of temporary summer labor, effective October 26, 2020.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTION #2020-273

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff has accepted the resignation of Dawn Schuetzle, as a part-time transport personnel; now

THEREFORE BE IT 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 on the General Basic Fund, Office of Sheriff, to Dawn Schuetzle. Dawn’s last day of employment is November 4, 2020.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTION #2020-274

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 October 27, 2020; 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 #2020-275

WHEREAS, a mobile home identified on the county system as 06L16049 owned by Cheryl Koenes has been junked and pursuant to Iowa Code Section 435.25 taxes in the amount of \$59.00 shall be abated; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that mobile home taxes for the above referenced parcel in the amount of \$59.00 shall be abated in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 435.25 and the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make adjustment to the Clinton County system accordingly.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTION #2020-276

WHEREAS, a mobile home identified on the county system as 1470PBI3252 owned by Joyce Lange has been junked and pursuant to Iowa Code Section 435.25 taxes in the amount of \$78.00 shall be abated; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that mobile home taxes for the above referenced parcel in the amount of \$78.00 shall be abated in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 435.25 and the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make adjustment to the Clinton County system accordingly.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTION #2020-277

WHEREAS, a mobile home identified on the county system as CH1AL22710 has been sold to Brian Mass and Kimberly Knapp by Royal Pines Village, a mobile home park and mobile home dealer in Clinton County and pursuant to Iowa Code Section 435.23 taxes in the amount of \$146.00 shall be added as an adjustment; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that mobile home taxes for the above referenced parcel in the amount of \$146.00 shall be adjusted in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 435.23 and the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make adjustment to the Clinton County system accordingly.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION #2020-278

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Engineer recommends a delay in the process to vacate a road right-of-way in Township 80, East, Range 4 East; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2020-265 on October 12 setting a public hearing date for said vacation of a road right-of-way; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that Resolution 2020-265 approved on October 12 setting a public hearing date for said vacation of a road right-of-way be rescinded and accordingly cancels the public hearing.

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

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reported Moody's has published its bond rating for Clinton County and it has held steady at a high rating.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson reported there is an uptick in 90 day notices being filed on delinquent taxes. He said tax sale buyers are noticing property is being cleaned up in Clinton and values may be increasing. He said that shows people that their property may be at risk and so they are prioritizing paying their taxes. He said taxes due from the last fiscal year have not dropped too much since his last report.

County Conservation Director Phillip Visser said water has been shut off to campgrounds, but campers will be allowed to use the properties without water.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

911/Communications equipment replacement update: County Communications Director Eric Dau reported a couple of mayors approached ECIA about grants for the needed equipment or a new tower. Dau said a USDA grant is available for the tower, but it would have to be the County or City as an entity to apply for the grant. Dau asked if the County would be interested in being the applicant. Srp said the City of Clinton is willing to be the applicant, but he believes the County is the better applicant as the project benefits the entire county. Dau said the USDA request would be \$500,000 without a match. Irwin and Determann said they are comfortable with the County applying for the grant.

MOTION by Supervisor Determann to authorize the chairman to sign the USDA grant application.

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

Motion carried.

Dau said the inventory numbers have been returned to him from area emergency agencies. He said Motorola should now be able to submit their final estimate. He said they will use state bid prices for grant applications for now. Dau said they now know a tower will be needed to cover the eastern portion of the County. He said there may still be options to placing equipment on another tower, but there are pros and cons to the County owning their own tower. Dau said if the county owned the tower it could lease spaces on the tower. Dau said the FEMA grant is sounding more of a possibility. But he said a final decision needs to be made after Motorola provides a final estimate. Brian Flynn of Motorola said the next package could be completed by the end of this week. Van Lancker said he and the budget director will meet with Dau later next week and try to have a financial plan draft to present to the Board on November 9.

270th Street Pavement Request: Brandi Pray, Low Moor Councilwoman, presented a petition and other documents to support the paving of 270th Street. Supervisor Determann said Pray had spoken with him previously and he asked her to speak with County Engineer Todd Kinney. She said the road paving would also be good for the railport area. She said this would also provide an alternative route to avoid train tracks. Kinney said this will also involve some portion of the road in the City of Camanche. He said the whole project is just less than two miles. He said the cost depends on if drainage structures need to be replaced and then it would be mostly surface work. Kinney said the City of Camanche needs to agree to the project for it to move forward.

Advocacy Strategies Lobbying Agreement: Determann reported the costs are the same as the previous agreement. Srp said he would continue to support the investment. Determann said the County commitment is \$5,500 a year.

MOTION by Supervisor Determann to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Advocacy Strategies.

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

Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule for the Week of November 2: Srp said the Auditor’s Office will have its hands full with the General Election. It was generally decided to not have a meeting the week of November 2. However, if a matter needs attention a meeting will be scheduled.

11:01 A.M. Drainage Districts – Repair request in Drainage District #7

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 11:01 a.m.

Kinney reviewed a repair request received from Drainage District #7. It includes clearing tree and brush debris from a portion of the drain. Kinney estimates the cost would put it over the \$50,000 threshold that requires an engineer report and a public hearing. He said the project could also actually be extended to clear out more debris up stream. Kinney said he will put together an engineer’s report.

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 reconvened at 11:22 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, November 9, 2020.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson