

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

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

Coronavirus/COVID-19 update: County Community Health Manager Michele Cullen reported there were 161 new cases in the last seven days and the positivity rate is up to 14.1% from 12.2% last week. She said the vaccination rate has held steady in the County. Cullen said the hospitalizations in the region are at 145 with 36 in Genesis and four in Mercy which are pretty much the same number of patients as last week. She said the vaccination rate for those in the hospital is 76% not vaccinated. She said the CDC/FDA approved boosters for people who received Pfizer shots and those will be available for people 65 and older and those with chronic conditions. She said Moderna was distributed by public health in Clinton County, but Pfizer was distributed in long-term care facilities where boosters may begin. She said the FDA is looking at Moderna but it has not yet been approved for boosters. Supervisor Irwin said the new case numbers are up significantly from the last two weeks. County HR Director Dawn Aldridge said her office has been working on updating employee vaccination records in preparation of the federal vaccination mandate. She said they are not aware of the vaccination status of 120 employees. She said they are looking at tests which could cost up to \$80 a test. She spoke with the Alverno on how they are conducting their tests and learned there are tests that provide fast results and testing can be done on site. Aldridge said the tests could cost from \$5-\$10 per person a week. She would like to work with public health on working toward obtaining the tests that require a certification. She said some staff continue to call off due to COVID. Aldridge said the testing would have to be done at one location and employees would have to come in before work to test once a week. County Auditor Eric Van Lancker said that is \$1,200 a week for the tests and is not included in any budgets. He guessed that ARP funds could be used for the tests. Irwin said he believes employees should pay for the test. He said he didn't get the vaccination and he would pay for the test. Irwin said those who can't take the vaccination for medical reasons would be exempt from paying for the tests. Cullen said she would be willing to help with the acquisition of the tests, but only after she's had some time to review it. Van Lancker suggested the Board take action to authorize the email to seek vaccination certification from County employees. Irwin said that email should come from the Board. Irwin said it is possible the Board may have to require masks for all employees if there is no compliance by non-vaccinated employees who don't wear masks and outbreaks in the county continue. Irwin said he does not want OSHA fines that could be preventable.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the HR department with Public Health to pursue certification that the County can use for implementing testing of staff.

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

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the HR department to communicate with all County staff about reporting their vaccination status in preparation of possible testing based on federal mandates.

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

Chairman Determann expressed concerns about getting the tests because there will likely be runs on those tests. Cullen said she encouraged the Board to wait for the final guidance as she is not sure employers will be able to charge employees for the test. Aldridge said the person she spoke with about the tests said they are opening another facility to produce the tests. Srp said I'm not sure how we can meet those testing requirements if tests are not available. Van Lancker suggested HR also start working on or thinking about a policy that will go along with the mandatory testing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 2021-261 through 2021-264 were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2021-261

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that Susan K. Peters and Brenda L. Shultz, d/b/a BS General Store, will electronically file a new application for a Class C Commercial liquor license with endorsements for Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service, effective November 1, 2021. Said application be and is hereby approved by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes. Tom Determann, Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2021-262

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that Carey and Benjamin Arndt, d/b/a TYCOGA Vineyard & Winery, will electronically file an application for a native distilled spirits liquor license effective October 1, 2021, and said application is hereby approved by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors.

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

Tom Determann, Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2021-263

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff's Office desires to enter into an agreement with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau to provide overtime and equipment to the county for the purpose of enforcing traffic safety laws; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff desires the Clinton County Board of Supervisors to authorize the signing of said agreement effective October 1, 2021 and expires September 30, 2022.

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: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes.

Tom Determann, Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2021-264

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors desires to submit CDBG-CV applications through the Iowa Economic Development Authority's (IEDA) Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Public Facilities for the Gateway Area Community Center project; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG regulations require a Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment to be prepared by applicants in a public hearing to solicit public comments on the County's needs; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Clinton in the State of Iowa, that a public hearing on the proposed Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment be conducted on Monday, October 11 at 9:50 a.m. before the Clinton County Board of Supervisors at Clinton County Administration Building, 1900 N 3rd St, Clinton, IA 52732; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this hearing shall be published in accordance with the law.

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

Tom Determann, Chairperson

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2021-265 discussion: Planning and Zoning Director Thomas Barnes asked the Board to not approve the ordinance in its current form. Barnes said he and the County Attorney spoke about changes that are needed in the ordinance. He said he will provide a resolution to conduct another public hearing to start the process over from the start.

The following resolution was presented and on motion failed:

RESOLUTION 2021-265

WHEREAS, on the matter herein, the Clinton County Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a Public Hearing on August 24, 2021, and following said hearing the Commission recommended approval of the attached text amendments to the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing and first reading of the proposed text amendments on September 13, 2021, to consider said amendment and to hear comments for and against; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors conducted a second reading of the proposed text amendment on September 20, 2021, to consider said amendment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The attached ordinance numbered 2021-02 is hereby adopted.
2. The Auditor is directed to publish said ordinance as required by law.
3. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its adoption and publication as required by law.

Roll Call: Srp: No; Irwin: No; Determann: No.

Tom Determann, Chairperson

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Van Lancker said the broadband study firm met with various groups last week in DeWitt and there were good conversations with those groups. He said the broadband survey is open through the end of the week. Van Lancker encouraged voters to review their races for their city councils and school boards on the Clinton County Elections website.

Supervisor Irwin said the Mental Health Regional Board is watching the COVID numbers before setting up a time for an all-supervisors meeting. He said the board did discuss the concern about appealing to the DHS for funding if thresholds aren't achieved.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson said first-half property taxes become delinquent on Friday. He said there were big payments made last week through the website. He said changes to the website have made making payments much easier.

County Facilities Director Corey Johnson said the parking lot project at the County Administration Building is moving along well. He said the retaining wall is being extended and will be taken out of the regular maintenance budget. He said the wall should be done by the end of this week. He said the parking lot could be done within the next two weeks. Johnson said the Seniors vs Crime office is being moved to the third floor of the Courthouse to make way for the new state public defender's office. He is also working with the City in regards to the parking lot across the street from Law Enforcement Center.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

County Prescription Benefits Manager Update: Van Lancker and Chairman Determann explained the current manager has not been meeting the contract which caused the County to conduct an RFP. They said the RFP has been completed and they are suggesting that the County end the current contract with Elixir and consider a new pharmacy benefit manager. They said the termination letter must be sent this week and the new pharmacy benefit manager can be selected next week.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to terminate the contract with Elixir by notifying them by prescribed notification in the contract.

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

County Veterans Affairs Office update: HR Department has sent out a posting of the job position and has touched base with the VA Commission. Srp suggested one of the Supervisors attend job interviews with the VA Commissioner during the process. Determann said he could sit in those interviews.

9:51 A.M. Clinton Regional Development Corporation (CRDC) Update

Erin Cole, CRDC President, provided the Board with an update of activity within the CRDC. She said workforce development has taken center stage as many employers need workers. Cole said businesses looking at the area do ask about hooking into solar or wind energy. She said they are working on recertification of the railpark. Cole believes that Project MG coming to the railpark will be what sparks the connection with Iowa American's water service.

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

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Tom Determann, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson