

FEBRUARY 26, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met. Present were Supervisors Irwin, Srp and George. Minutes from 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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 2024-53 and 2024-54 were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2024-53

WHEREAS, Jared Farrell has submitted his resignation to Clinton County and wishes to end employment, as a Motor Grader Operator, effective February 29, 2024; 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 Secondary Road Fund in payment of wages without further order of the Board.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.    Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2024-54

WHEREAS, Gary and Janet Carstensen have petitioned for a tax sale certificate redemption under provisions of Code of Iowa, Section 447.9, and a property tax suspension under provisions of Code of Iowa, Section 427.8 on the following described property:

Address: 3419 235<sup>th</sup> Street, DeWitt, IA    Parcel #: 2203640000  
Taxes Currently Suspended: \$0.00    2021 & 2022 Taxes: \$7,432.00

WHEREAS, eligibility for said 447.9 tax sale certificate redemption and 427.8 property tax suspension has been verified by Kim Ralston, CAP Director.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the redemption of the tax sale certificate 22-00263 is approved as the applicant has paid the interest and costs due to the holder(s) of the tax sale certificate to the Clinton County Treasurer. Additionally, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors approves the payment of the interest due to the Tax Sale Certificate holder. The County Treasurer is authorized to make entry on this record accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the property tax suspension [for the collection of taxes, special assessments, and rates or charges, including interest, fees and costs] be and is hereby approved for the 2022 assessment year and all prior years, and that the County Treasurer is authorized to make entry on the records accordingly, all under provision of Section 427.8, Code of Iowa.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.    Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-55

WHEREAS, under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa, Clinton County, Iowa, may as a public agency, enter into an agreement with a public agency which is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa, such as a City governing body, to cooperate in such a way as to provide joint service to their constituents and to cooperate in other ways of mutual advantage; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors and the City of Clinton wish to define and clarify the division of responsibility, action and cost in the construction of turn lanes on 380<sup>th</sup> Avenue north of the City of Low Moor as part of the City's 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue road construction project, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of Clinton County and the City of Clinton, a city organized and existing under the laws of the State of Iowa, and their respective citizens that the County and said city jointly undertake to construct the turn lanes; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, hereby approves and directs the Chair to sign the 28E Cooperative Agreement for 380<sup>th</sup> Avenue turn lanes as part of the 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue road construction project.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.    Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-56

WHEREAS, the following quotations were received on February 21, 2024, for one new motor grader:

Dealership	Martin Equipment	Altorfer
Manufacturer	John Deere	CAT

Model	770 GP	150
Base Price (plus front fenders and wing plow)	\$431,405	\$414,129
2012 John Deere 770G trade	\$55,000	\$48,026
Net Cost After Trade	\$376,405	\$366,103

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends based on the projected resale and historical operational costs the quote be awarded to Altorfer for the purchase of a new CAT 150M machine, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the quote for a Motor Grader be awarded to: Altorfer CAT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer be authorized to execute said purchase agreement on behalf of Clinton County, Iowa.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

**RESOLUTION 2024-57**

WHEREAS, the following quotations were received on February 21, 2024, for new tandem dump truck cab and chassis:

Dealer	Thompson	Truck Country	Truck Country	GATR Truck
Manufacturer	International	Freightliner	Western Star	Maack
Model	HX 520	114SD	47X	GR64F
Base Price	\$152,500	\$158,698	\$169,839	\$151,485
Trade Value	\$20,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
Delivery Date	12-2024	3rd quarter 2025	No Bid	8-2024

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has reviewed the quotes with the Shop Manager and recommends that the quote be awarded to Thompson Truck for the purchase of two new International HX520 model tandem axle dump trucks; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Engineer be authorized to execute said purchase agreement on behalf of Clinton County, Iowa.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

**DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reviewed the Board’s schedule, and it is still planning on not having a meeting the week of March 11.

Supervisor Srp said the Courthouse Security Committee met last week and discussed recent questions about cell phone usage in the Courthouse and the court staff was adamant that no changes be made to the security policy.

County Engineer Todd Kinney reported he will need to adjust his budget during the budget amendment to provide spending authority for the RAISE Grant and for a bridge project that was moved up in the construction schedule.

County HR Director Alexandria Ellison said they are keeping tabs on some federal employment law updates. She said it is employee appreciation week and her department is delivering small thank you gifts to each department. She said the comment cards are being distributed around the County.

County Conservation Director Phil Visser said the Wildness Art Project will open at Rock Creek on Saturday afternoon. He said the Grand Mound project contractor expects the work to be done there in April.

County EMA Director Chance Kness said there is a temporary burning ban in Clinton County today.

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

County Attorney Office Space Renovations: County Facilities Director Corey Johnson said he and County Attorney Mike Wolf had Welter Storage review the office space and make a proposal for new cubicles for the office as the current ones are very old. Johnson said the proposal estimate is \$18,577. Johnson explained the sequencing of how this project would be done along with the current carpet replacement project. He said this project may result in a budget amendment, but that isn’t yet known. It was generally agreed to proceed with the project.

Board of Supervisors Chairperson Wage Stipend: Chairman Irwin said he doesn’t believe the chairperson of the Board should receive the stipend of \$1,200 a year more than the other board members. Van Lancker explained this was in place before he started 16 years ago. He said it was put into place because before cell phones and email the Chairperson was the main contact for the Board and may have served on more boards. He said that has changed considerably during his time with the County and the work and contact from citizens has been more evenly distributed. Srp mentioned there are some things that Chairman still does that other board members don’t. George said she doesn’t have a problem with the stipend as the Chairman does have to be available for more things than the other supervisors do. Srp agreed it should stay in place.

FY25 Budget Discussion: Van Lancker said the changes that were discussed last week were made to the budget. He said the revenue estimate was raised to cover most of the change that included adding a potential position to the County Attorney's Office.

10:01 A.M. Public Hearing

Chairman Irwin called a public hearing in to order to solicit public comments on the adoption of the re-codification of the Clinton County Code of Ordinances.

Present were the Board of Supervisors, County Auditor Eric Van Lancker, public and media.

Proof of publication was presented, accepted and returned for filing.

No comments were received before the meeting.

No comments were received during the public hearing.

Van Lancker explained this re-codification is required by the Code of Iowa to be completed once every five years.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to adjourn the public hearing.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes.  
at 10:02 a.m.

Motion carried. The hearing was adjourned

Van Lancker said a resolution to adopt the ordinances will be presented next week.

The Board of Supervisors approved the following claim be allowed and check issued on the fund in payment thereof:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Payable Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
REDISCOVER RECOVERY COMMUNITY CENTER	OPIOID SETTLEMENT	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
	Grand Total:	\$50,000.00
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Expense Amount</u>	
0001 GENERAL BASIC		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
	Grand Total:	\$50,000.00

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

Motion carried.

I, Eric Van Lancker, Clinton County Auditor, do hereby certify this to be a complete and accurate list of all claims presented to the Clinton County Board of Supervisors on this date. Signed: Eric Van Lancker, Clinton County Auditor

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, March 4, 2024.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

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County Auditor

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Chairperson