

OCTOBER 20, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met. Present were Supervisors George, Irwin and Srp. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Full video recording of meetings are available on the Clinton County website at www.clintoncounty-ia.gov/board_of_supervisors/meetings_minutes/.

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

9:15 A.M. Formal Action & Motions Claims Approval

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Resolution 2025-285 and two (2) Motions were approved on the consent agenda:

RESOLUTION 2025-285

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff has accepted the resignation of Deputy Dawson Stoll.

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 the Sheriff to Dawson Stoll. Dawson's last working day was 10-13-25 using accrued leave until his resignation, effective 10-29-25.

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

Erin George, Chairperson

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the Chairperson to sign Utility Permit Number 9-72 for Eastern Iowa Light and Power's (REC) proposed work. The work will consist of placing a new timber utility pole on the west side of 200th Avenue and then spanning overhead line across the road. The work will be in the county Right-of-Way along 200th Avenue in Sections 10 and 11 T80N R02E of the OLIVE Township.

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

Motion carried.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the Chairperson to sign Utility Permit Number 9-73 for Eastern Iowa Light and Power's (REC) proposed work. The work will consist of spanning overhead line across 380th Avenue. The work will be located in the county Right-of-Way along 380th Avenue in Sections 22 and 23 T82N R05E of the CENTER Township.

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

Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC

Chief Judge Henry Latham introduced Andrea Daslin as the new District Court Administrator—formerly Clinton County scheduler—and noted she will be the county's point person for court-related issues. He thanked the county for courthouse security and described recent investments in furniture and updates to the clerk's office. Latham explained that recent legislative changes to the code on court furniture were unexpected and not supported by the judicial branch; they hope to have the rule reversed. He mentioned a new clerk appointment process: Jennifer is moving to Scott County, applications are open, and judges will meet on November 5 to select the next clerk.

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

- Supervisors shared the meetings they will each be attending this week.
- David Troester, County Auditor, reported the auditor's office is focused on the upcoming elections and early absentee voting, now in its second week.
- Dustin Johnson, County Treasurer, announced delinquent notices will be mailed later this week. Although technically for November, they're being sent early as a heads-up so recipients can pay sooner and potentially save a month of interest.
- Mike Wolf, County Attorney, thanked the board and county for the new parking lot (at the courthouse), noting it worked well during a jury trial and that jurors and judges appreciated the extra spaces.
- Ally Weller, Human Resources, recognized two employees (Kim Clark, Carrie Graves) for five-year milestones and thanked them. HR will communicate to employees about the supervisors' upcoming wage proposal after discussion; staff should stay tuned. Job openings for a nurse practitioner for the jail, as well as positions for medical examiner investigators and transporters, were also discussed.
- Phil Visser, County Conservation, reported on recent successful Halloween events at Rock Creek and Walnut Grove campgrounds and noted that the foundation banquet on November 1 has tickets available. By midweek, all campgrounds will be winterized (water shut off, restrooms closed except vault toilets); campgrounds remain open for self-contained units, and rates (including electric sites) will stay the same (\$25/night). Some select hydrants/dump stations will remain available, but most site hydrants will be winterized.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

28E Agreement for the Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance: The discussion centered around remaining a stakeholder despite reduced influence, so the county stays informed. They agreed the chair should sign the amended 28E agreement with Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance; action will be taken by motion and recorded in the minutes.

Motion by Supervisor Irwin to authorize the Board Chair to Sign the 28E Agreement for the Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance.

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

Motion carried.

Compensation Policy Proposal: The Board discussed projected wage/step movement costs—about 2.5% annually from band movement plus periodic increases—raising concerns that total annual compensation growth may average 3–3.5% (possibly higher than historical averages). Some employees move less frequently but with larger jumps, which affects the averages. The Board acknowledged trade-offs: higher costs vs. turnover and training expenses if wages lag. They praised the wage committee, agreed that communications to employees and department heads about the proposal and staffing/savings reviews are appropriate, and supported working toward the committee’s recommended solution, without promising an outcome.

IPIB training for Boards & Commissions in Clinton County: The Board discussed arranging local Open Meetings law training through the County Attorney's office to serve Clinton County and simplify compliance. The Board emphasized broad outreach to schools, cities, townships, boards and commissions, and the use of the auditor’s office for communications. Concerns were raised about limited free training availability, costs, accessibility, and potential fines for noncompliance; attendees supported offering local or online sessions to reduce barriers.

Data center ordinance: The Board reviewed proposed changes and agreed that the document is a strong starting point. Items added include fire-safety coordination with local fire departments and EMA, and responsibilities related to costly radio/tower systems. They’ll return the draft to next week’s agenda for further work.

Wind Ordinance update and work session scheduling: The Board confirmed consultants (Eric Uptagraph, Bob McGee) are available to help finalize ordinance provisions, recommending supervisors meet using the May 28 draft as the starting point. They discussed scheduling work sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, October 22 and 23.

REPORTS

The Commission of Veteran Affairs August and September 2025 monthly reports were presented, approved and filed.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

David Troester, County AuditorErin George, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County AuditorChairperson