

NOVEMBER 3, 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 Resolutions 2025-291 through 2025-295 and one (1) Motion were approved on the consent agenda:

RESOLUTION 2025-291

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Conservation Board wishes to end employment of Katie Brandenburg as a Seasonal Conservation Technician for the Clinton County Conservation Board effective November 3rd, 2025.

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 Conservation General Fund in payment of wages without further order of the Board.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Erin George, Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2025-292

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff is an elected official, and the Board of Supervisors does not consider nor appoint personnel for elected officials but need to authorize payroll for the County Auditor.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue biweekly paychecks on the General Basic Fund, Office of Jail to Emily J. Drury, as a full-time Civilian Correctional Officer. This will be in effect at an hourly rate of \$24.36. Emily’s starting date of employment with the Sheriff’s Office will be November 3, 2025. This is subject to the terms and conditions of the Sheriff’s Bargaining Unit agreement without further action of this Board.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Erin George, Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2025-293

WHEREAS, the Sheriff determines the needs of the Sheriff’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has identified a need for a temporary change in title for Special Deputy, Steve Cundiff, to Community Service Office.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to temporarily change the title of Steve Cundiff to Community Service Officer at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective 11/3/2025 to 6/30/2026.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Erin George, Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2024-294

(Presented and approved with incorrect numbered. To be rescinded at next Board of Supervisors meeting.)

WHEREAS, Kristopher Koontz has petitioned for a Property Tax Suspension under provisions of Code of Iowa, Section 427.9 on the following described property:

Address: 809 Market St., Delmar, IA Parcel #: 0402520000
Taxes Currently Suspended: \$830.00 Taxes: \$554.00

WHEREAS, eligibility for said 427.9 property tax suspension has been verified by HHS.

BE IT 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 2023 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 427.9, Code of Iowa.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Erin George, Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2025-295

WHEREAS, the following individuals have petitioned to suspend their property taxes for the 2024 assessment year under provision of Code of Iowa, Section 427.8:

Beverly Grant, 315 N 13 th St., Clinton, IA	Parcel #8022900000
Taxes Currently Suspended: \$10,660.00 2024 Taxes: \$1,876.00	Property’s Assessed Value: \$144,770.00
Myrna Kruse, 1900 Camanche Avenue, Clinton, IA	Parcel #8208250000
Taxes Currently Suspended:\$ 3,270.00 2024 Taxes: \$778.00	Property’s Assessed Value: \$63,640.00
Brian Fallesen, 2046 442 nd Avenue, Clinton, IA	Parcel #3204970000/71000
Taxes Currently Suspended:\$ 18,024.00 2024 Taxes: \$960.00	Property’s Assessed Value: \$154,60.00

WHEREAS, the eligibility for said suspension has been verified by Kim Ralston, CAP Director.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the above petitioner’s property tax suspensions [for the collection of taxes, special assessments, and rates or charges, including interest, fees and costs] be and are hereby approved and that the Clinton County Treasurer is authorized to make entry on the records accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property tax suspension under provision 427.8, Code of Iowa is for the 2024 assessment year and all prior years and it is the responsibility of the petitioning taxpayer to reapply for further property tax suspensions.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Erin George, Chairperson

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the Chairperson to sign Utility Permit Number 9-75 for Eastern Iowa Light and Power’s (REC) proposed work. The work will consist of placing a new pole and spanning the existing overhead line across 308th Avenue. The work will be located within Clinton County Right-of-Way along 308th Avenue in Section 28 T82N R04E of the Washington Township.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2025-296 discussion: The Board of Supervisors reviewed wage data sent to the wage committee and a follow-up email showing historical comparisons (2015–present) with surrounding counties (Cedar, Jones, Jackson). Wages were previously higher than peers but have declined since 2021 and are now about \$1.30/hour lower. The proposed banding change would start new hires around the 40th percentile (not the 50th), improving competitiveness—for example, motor grader starts would rise by nearly \$1.80/hr—while not immediately matching competitors. Steps and periodic band adjustments aim to close the gap over time. The wage committee reviewed and recommended proceeding.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2025-296

WHEREAS, the Wage Study Committee has been appointed to manage the County compensation strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Committee was asked to review the Banding of the Secondary Roads Department Titles in the B22 and B23 bands based on a pattern of data identifying market mis-alignment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to adjust the following titles to the assigned bands, effective 7/1/2026:

- Truck Driver- B23
- Bridge Crew- B24
- Sign Crew- B24
- Patrol Operator- B24
- Shop Mechanic- B24

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Erin George, Chairperson

Resolution 2025-297 discussion: A change order for \$7,674 was proposed to add rooftop computer control of an air handler as part of the administration building HVAC controls upgrade with Northwest Mechanical. The item was missed during initial walkthroughs. Despite frustration, the cost is still significantly less than TMI’s proposal.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2025-297

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors have reviewed the proposed change to the contract with Northwest Mechanical for the Administration Building HVAC controls upgrade; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Manager has determined that the changes are necessary to control and monitor the cooling tower;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, concurs with the Maintenance Managers recommendation that Change Order #1 for the contract change be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute said change order on behalf of Clinton County, Iowa.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Erin George, Chairperson

Resolution 2025-298 discussion: Two Board of Health members are resigning and two replacements were identified. The first appointment is Amanda Horschelmann for a three-year term ending 12/31/2028.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2025-298

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Health has two seat openings; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined Amanda Hoerschelmann to be qualified and appropriate to be appointed as a member of the Clinton County Board of Health; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Amanda Hoerschelmann is appointed to a three-year term set to expire 12/31/2028.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Erin George, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2025-299

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Health has two seat openings; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined Jeff Sander-Welzien to be qualified and appropriate to be appointed as a member of the Clinton County Board of Health; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Jeff Sander-Welzien is appointed to a three-year term set to expire 12/31/2028.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Erin George, Chairperson

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

- Supervisors shared the meetings they will each be attending this week.
- David Troester, County Auditor, Early absentee voting at the Auditor's office is open until 4:30 today, with a noticeable uptick in ballots; election equipment was sent to precincts. Canvassing is scheduled for 1:00 PM on Thursday; two additional canvass meetings were set for 9:00 AM on the 12th and 9:00 AM on the 18th.
- Dustin Johnson, County Treasurer, noted the Fed cut rates another 0.25% last week, marking about a 20% decline from the peak, which has long-term financial impact. Delinquent notices were sent last week; staff handled many calls and provided early reminder outreach to help citizens avoid additional penalties.
- Todd Kinney, County Engineer, Two construction projects are moving to closeout: the mixer was removed from the ditch on one site, and on Bleed Horn Rd. stop signs will be moved per DOT review before closing that pavement rehab project. Bridge crews are finishing a bridge, will do piling repairs at the county line, then shift to maintenance tasks.
- Ally Weller, Human Resources, Wage committee meeting tomorrow at 10. Benefits platform is moving from Ease to Employee Navigator for next open enrollment. Incident reporting training Wednesday 8:30 AM for supervisors on the new form and SOP covering injuries/liability/property. HR will attend a community college recruiting event Wednesday.
- Phil Viser, County Conservation, thanked attendees of the foundation banquet and Supervisor Srp for serving as the auctioneer. Crews will remove docks at Rock Creek today/tomorrow using a crane; low water and silt are making removal challenging and exposing. Meetings about dredging occurred last week; more information will be provided and dredging will be an agenda item at an upcoming supervisors' meeting.

9:50 A.M. Drainage Districts

MOTION by Supervisor Irwin to recess as Board of Supervisors and reconvene as Board of Trustees for Drainage District #7.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Motion carried at 9:51 A.M.

Two property owners requested repair/maintenance in Lateral B and a section of the main channel. County staff inspected (Oct 23) and found limited work needed: straighten channel alignment within existing banks, remove siltation pockets, and repair several bank-erosion spots — not major dredging. Estimated cost is under \$50,000 (no public hearing required), and board authorization is needed to solicit quotes. Work should be scheduled to finish by April 15 next spring or else start after October 15 (post-harvest).

MOTION made by Supervisor Irwin to authorize the County Engineer to get quotes for the repair.

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

MOTION made by Supervisor Srp to adjourn as Board of Trustees for DD #7 and reconvene as Board of Supervisors in general session at 9:56 A.M.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Motion carried at 9:56 A.M and the Board of Supervisors reconvened.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Pipeline Court Case: The Board has received a request along with Iowa's 98 other counties to contribute \$500 to support an amicus brief. about Shelby and Story Counties taking a local-control pipeline zoning case to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Supervisors discussed merits and concerns about state vs. local control.

Motion made by Supervisor Irwin to support ISAC's amicus brief and authorize a \$500 contribution by November 21st.

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

10:00 A.M. Public Hearing with Possible Action to Follow

Chairperson George called the Public Hearing to order at 10:03 A.M. Present were Supervisors Srp, Irwin, and George; County Auditor David Troester; and members of the press and public. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to solicit comments for budget amendment to the fiscal year 2026. Proof of publication was presented, accepted, and returned for filing. No comments were received. MOTION made by Supervisor Srp to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Motion carried. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:
RESOLUTION 2025-300

WHEREAS, certain departments in the various funds of the County may overspend and there are sufficient funds available in the said service areas to cover these expenditures; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that the following office funds be adjusted to wit:

General Basic Fund – Revenues	from	\$15,897,872	to	\$16,294,132
General Basic Fund – Expenses	from	\$21,405,452	to	\$21,983,550
General Supp. Fund – Expenses	from	\$7,496,965.20	to	\$7,541,264.20
Conservation Land Acquisition				
Fund - Expenses	from	\$75,000.00	to	\$287,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to make the above adjustments to the fiscal year 2026 County Budget.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; George: Yes. Erin George, Chairperson

REPORTS

The County Recorder’s Report of Fees Collected 1st Quarter FY2026 report was presented, approved and filed.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet at 11:00 a.m. today to conduct a work session and discussion concerning the County Renewable Energy Wind Turbine ordinance.

David Troester, County Auditor Erin George, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson