

APRIL 14, 2021

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met at the Calamus-Wheatland Activity Center in Wheatland, IA. Present were Supervisors Determann, Irwin and Srp. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

6:00 P.M. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

DISCUSSION

Old Highway 30 Bridge Update: Hometown Pride representatives spoke about proposals for the old bridges located between Calamus and Wheatland.

County Engineer Todd Kinney spoke about options for the bridges. He said the east bridge was closed in the 90s, the Wapsi bridge was closed a few years ago and the overflow bridge was closed during the last few weeks. He explained the reasons for the bridge closings. Kinney said he has put together three options for the Board of Supervisors to consider. He said the first option is to build a gravel road between two of the bridges to provide access to the properties for the property owners. He said the second option is to rehab the overflow bridge to provide access to the land for the landowners. He said the third option is to pay damages to the landowners and vacate the bridges. Kinney said building a gravel cutoff road between the bridges will be around \$1.2 million. He said the estimate to vacate would be around \$600,000. Kinney said to rehabilitate a current bridge would cost around \$1.6 million. A representative from DNR said he doesn't believe the DNR would seek damages as long as they had access to a boat ramp. Kinney said if the County purchases the road then the land would revert to County ownership. Kinney said building the road would include impact statements and a report that could cost \$200,000 and then the report could show an adverse effect which would halt the project if a permit could not be issued. Kinney said another boat ramp could be located on the river. The Highway 30 Heritage group would like to see one of the bridges repaired. Kinney said replacing one of the bridges would take up to five years worth of contracted bridge replacement in the County budget. Kinney said the money doesn't exist to repair the main channel bridge. Kinney said he is still waiting for an answer if trail grants can be used for a vehicle bridge. Supervisor Irwin said they have received letters supporting rehabbing the bridges for emergency access to the boat ramp. Various ideas and grant opportunities were discussed. The Board would like to gather more information before making a final decision. The Board placed this matter on its April 26 agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Administration Building, Clinton, IA.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Tom Determann, Chairperson

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County Auditor

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Chairperson