

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met. Present were Supervisors Determann, Irwin and Srp. Minute of the previous meeting were read and approved.

10:00 A.M. Review Correspondence and Claims Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Anticipated Closed Session:

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to enter into a closed session per Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes. Motion carried. The Board entered into a closed session at 10:04 a.m.

Chairman Determann adjourned the closed session at 11:30 a.m. The Board reconvened in general session at 11:31 a.m.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize outside counsel to proceed as discussed in the closed session.

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

County Attorney Request to Contract for Consulting Services with Vera Causa: County Attorney Mike Wolf said Scott County has used this firm and was very happy with them and the study estimate of \$13,500 will fit in his budget. He said it will do a lot of good things for the County and for his office. Wolf said the funds would be taken from the recovery funds budget which is discretionary to the County Attorney. Irwin said he's frustrated because another company was paid \$10,000 to do a similar study. Irwin recommended that an in-house study be done. Irwin said he's getting calls that the County Attorney is saying the Board cut his budget. Irwin said they did not cut his budget. He said they added staff after one attorney was laid off by Wolf. Irwin said law enforcement officers are upset with what is happening. Srp explained it was a reduction of Wolf's initial budget request, but the budget was not cut. Irwin said he will approve this, but he's frustrated with what he hears is happening from law enforcement and from the jail. Irwin said there are people in the jail who should not be in there that long and increasing costs to the County. Wolf said the decisions for some of those inmates have to do with taking the safety of the public into account and trying to get services for the inmates. Srp said he will support the assessment and likes that it includes outside stakeholder feedback. Irwin would like to see numbers from other counties of similar size with their number of cases filed and closed along with a timeframe for those cases.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2022-271

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney desires to improve organizational efficiency and meet public safety needs through proper resources; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney has identified professionals in the Vera Causa Group, which is capable of the following outcomes:

- the office has a definitive sense of the resources needed to best serve the people of Clinton County.
- leaders can utilize the assessment to do a workload and manpower estimate for future budgeting, resource requests and optimal performance.
- the Clinton County Attorney's Office is a more efficient and effective office and government resource.
- best practices in prosecution are implemented where appropriate.
- clarity in performance expectations has increased the effectiveness of all team member functions; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney's office has discretionary funds available in the County Attorney Recovery Fund (0029) to provide for such an assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney's Office seeks to enter into an agreement with the Vera Causa Group to perform such an assessment not to exceed \$13,500 plus related expenses; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors, without approval or denial, acknowledge that the Clinton County Attorney is currently budgeted and authorized to enter into the Vera Causa Assessment Agreement with the Office's Recovery Funds wherefrom such funds will be expended to pay for the assessment.

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

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, September 12, 2022.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Tom Determann, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson