

OCTOBER 9, 2023

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2023-256 was approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2023-256

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff has accepted the resignation of Bryan McClimon, as a full-time correctional officer; 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 General Basic Fund, Office of the Jail, to Bryan McClimon. Bryan's last day is September 22, 2023, with accrued benefits to be paid out until September 22, 2023.

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2023-257

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors has considered the contract bids for the property at 612 2nd Street Clinton, IA; and

WHEREAS, the bid received is as follows: Get Bats Out \$48,000.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, the bid be awarded to Get Bats Out for the bid amount of \$48,000.00 which is recommended by Clinton County Facilities Director Corey Johnson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute the proposal 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 2023-258

WHEREAS, the following individuals have petitioned to suspend their property taxes for the 2022 assessment year under provision of Code of Iowa, Section 427.8:

- Greg Dykes, 1606 Middle Rd, Clinton, IA	Parcel #1017090000	Taxes Currently Suspended: \$20,268.00
	2021 Taxes: \$2,012.00	Assessed Value of Property: \$156,830.00
- Faye Davis, 1911 Circle Dr. N Clinton, IA	Parcel #8046580000	Taxes Currently Suspended: \$24,713.00
	2020 Taxes: \$2,470.00	Assessed Value of Property: \$124,370.00
- Kim Richardson, 1117 Woodland Dr, Clinton, IA	Parcel #8402090013	Taxes Currently Suspended: \$28,476.00
	2021 Taxes: \$3,816.00	Assessed Value of Property: \$183,445.00

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 tax suspension [for the collection of taxes, special assessments, and rates or charges, including interest, fees and costs] be and is hereby approved and the County Treasurer is authorized to make entry on the records accordingly, all under provision of Section 427.8, Code of Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that tax suspension under provision of Section 427.8, Code of Iowa, is for the 2022 Assessment Year and all prior years, and it is the responsibility of the petitioning taxpayer to reapply for further tax suspension.

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

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2023-259

WHEREAS, the following individuals have petitioned to suspend their property taxes for the 2022 assessment year under provision of Code of Iowa, Section 427.8:

-Jody Sweely, 646 8 th Avenue S, Clinton, IA	Parcel #8024640000	
	Taxes Currently Suspended: \$4,500.00	2021 Taxes: \$970.00
-Richard Geronzin, 644 7 th Avenue S, Clinton, IA	Parcel #8024930000	
	Taxes Currently Suspended: \$67.00	2022 Taxes: \$14200
-Myrna Kruse, 1900 Camanche Ave, Clinton, IA	Parcel #8208250000	
	Taxes Currently Suspended: \$1668.00	2022 Taxes: \$778.00

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 tax suspension [for the collection of taxes, special assessments, and rates or charges, including interest, fees and costs] be and is hereby approved and the County Treasurer is authorized to make entry on the records accordingly, all under provision of Section 427.8, Code of Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that tax suspension under provision of Section 427.8, Code of Iowa, is for the 2022 Assessment Year and all prior years, and it is the responsibility of the petitioning taxpayer to reapply for further tax suspension.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to approve the final plans for the bridge deck overlay on F-1552 (Z-50 north of Andover) Project No. BHS-CO23(134)—63-23).

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

Motion carried.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to approve the final plans for the Cold In-Place Recycling and HMA overlay Project No. STP-S-CO23(136)—5E-23, on F-12 from Z-24 to Z-36 (Elvira).

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

Motion carried.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of agreement with Ahlers & Cooney to develop a lease agreement with the City of Clinton for the property at 121 6th St., Clinton, which houses the DHS offices.

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

Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC

Scott Abbott, Bloomfield Township, said taxes have gone up over the years and he understands how government works. But this year they were not expecting the bill they got this year. He said he had heard to expect about a 20% increase and he received a 50% increase on his property taxes. He wonders where things went off the rails. He said he heard the legislators have passed legislation to help seniors and understands it doesn't take effect right away. He said this is fitting, they raise it before they get frozen. He wonders what the rest of the people in the same boat as him are feeling about where this is going. He wanted the Supervisors to know it's caused some sleepless nights in his home. He said he's going to visit with the Assessor's Office and Treasurer's Office today while he's in the building.

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reviewed the election schedule with the Board. It was decided they will meet on Tuesday, November 21 for a regular meeting and second-tier canvass.

Chairman Irwin reported the career fair last week was a big success with 77 individuals attending including one from Spencer. He said the Pioneer Cemetery Commission is discussing a large investment in stone restoration next year since none was completed this year. He also thanked Van Lancker and County Treasurer Dustin Johnson for the work they have done to work through the tax abatements with the Lighthouse Academy.

County Conservation Director Phil Visser said the Halloween event at Rock Creek will be coming up this weekend and it's usually a big event. He said the campgrounds were full this past weekend.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

County Health Plan Agreements with Outside Agencies: County HR Director Ally Ellison reviewed the discussion from last week. Srp said he supports the recommendation to remove the outside organizations from the county health benefits plan. He said he's sure it was never planned that the county hold up the other organizations in the health benefits plan. George said she spoke with Ellison a lot about the recommendation and supports the recommendation.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the outside health benefits agencies to notify them of termination from the County plan at the end of the fiscal year.

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

Motion carried.

Clinton Human Society Funding Request Update: Irwin said the temporary agreement with the Humane Society runs through October. George said she met with Humane Society Director Jennifer Gerdes and Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. She's also taken calls from farmers in the County. She proposed funding the Humane Society up to \$5,000 to cover any animals brought in from County law enforcement or a County resident. Gerdes said her Board is in favor of the deal as something is better than nothing. She said they have just completed the City of Camanche deal for three years. George said the contract should allow for the Sheriff's Office to bring in animals even after the cap has been achieved. Irwin said he's not a fan of the agreement. He said most people take care of these issues on their own. He said there are just a few making an issue about this through Facebook. Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Steve Diesch said he's concerned about the County getting a bill for animals that come from the cities. Srp said he's not willing to place something into the budget right now when they are facing a tight budget due to state legislation. George said that is why she said it would be for a year with review after that. Irwin said his struggle is the County hasn't been

funding this operation since he's been on the Board. He said it's a gesture to pay for the ones the Sheriff's Office brings to the Humane Society. Gerdes said that's fine to continue with the deal with the Sheriff's office, but they will continue to turn away the general public from the County. Irwin said he understood that is the deal.

YWCA Property Purchase Options Transfer to the County: Irwin said the YWCA approached him about the options they are currently paying on the two remaining homes on the block across the street from the Law Center. Srp said it doesn't appear those parcels are needed to meet their parking and building needs. George said she reviewed the information for the two parcels and is not interested in the sale price of one of the parcels when the County doesn't need it. Irwin agreed. George said County Facilities Director Corey Johnson has said everything can be done on the property the County currently owns.

County Budget Planning: Van Lancker and Budget Director Nicholas Manrique asked what the Board would like in their budget letter to department heads and elected officials. Srp would like those heads of departments to participate in the cuts instead of the Board just making cuts. Van Lancker reviewed a recommended list of potential reductions. Srp said before visiting cuts we should review how current deals the county has are structured. He mentioned having cities pay for the time one of their residents is in jail before seeing a judge. Srp said the County should still be involved in economic development. Irwin said he wants to meet with departments about purchasing equipment. Irwin said it's been difficult to purchase vehicles because the time to get the vehicle is taking so long. George said she spoke about ARPA funds with Van Lancker and Manrique last week. She said the unassigned portion of ARPA will be needed to cover the expanded work on the Administration Building and the parking lot across from the Law Center. Srp said there is also an unresolved matter with the City of Clinton and those funds can only be used on capital projects. He said that could be as much as \$5.2 million.

REPORTS

The County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected 1st Quarter FY24 report and the Sheriff's Fees and Expenses 1st Quarter FY24 report were presented, approved and filed.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, October 16, 2023.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson