

APRIL 22, 2024

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

Resolutions 2024-99 and 2024-100 were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2024-99

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, upon recommendation from the Clinton County Engineer, hire Jason Rickertsen for the position of Patrol Operator (Elvira Shed M-13), and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County Iowa, to approve the appointment of Jason Rickertsen to the full-time position of Patrol Operator (Elvira Shed M-13), at the hourly wage of \$25.03 for said position effective April 29, 2024,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue bi-weekly warrants on the Secondary Road Fund in payment of salaries without further order of the Board.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2024-100

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner for Clinton County has determined the need for a Clinton County Medical Examiner Investigator; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined Ramon Tieso to be qualified and appropriate to be appointed as a Clinton County Medical Examiner Investigator and this appointment is contingent upon approval by the State Medical Examiner; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ramon Tieso is appointed as Clinton County Medical Examiner Investigator and authorize Clinton County Emergency Management to sign a contract with Tieso starting immediately and until July 1, 2024 with Tieso contracted at the rates of \$25.75 per hour and \$1.38 per hour on-call.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-101

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget for Clinton County requires a budget amendment as allowed per conditions under Iowa Code 331.435; and

WHEREAS, it is required per Iowa Code 331.435, Iowa Code 331.434(3) and Iowa Code 331.434(4) to set a time and place for a public hearing on the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget amendment to allow taxpayers to present objections to or arguments in favor of any part of the budget amendment; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that a public hearing be conducted on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in person at the Clinton County Satellite Office at 226 11th St., DeWitt, IA; or by phone by dialing 1-253-215-8782 and entering the access code 5274202329. The public may also join through the internet by following this website: <https://clintoncounty-ia-gov.zoom.us/j/5274202329> and entering meeting Code: 5274202329 and then password clinton23; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is hereby directed to cause a publication to be made of a notice of the meeting in the official county newspapers and that such publication to be not less than 10 nor more than 20 days before the date of the public meeting on the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget amendment.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-102

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Mound is fundraising to install a splash pad at the Grand Mound Ballpark; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Mound, in an effort to fully fund the project, has applied for a State of Iowa CAT Grant; and

WHEREAS, said CAT Grant includes a requirement of financial commitment from the County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Mound has requested a financial commitment from the Clinton County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors wishes to support the City of Grand Mound's CAT Grant for the installation of a splash pad; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that Clinton County, Iowa, fully supports the City of Grand Mound CAT Grant application for a splash pad and commits County funding toward the project in an amount of \$1,000.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reminded the Board that all Board meetings in May will be conducted at the County Satellite Office in DeWitt. He added that the Zoom link for the meetings in DeWitt is different than the traditional link and will be included on the Board agendas.

Supervisor Srp said he met with University of Iowa officials last week who are studying the effects of forever chemicals in the area. He said U of I officials will be reaching out to more residents in that area for cooperation for the study.

Supervisor George said last week she received an email from the Clinton Herald seeking comment about a recent ruling from Iowa Public Information Board. She said last fall after speaking out about the YWCA transitional housing project, Camanche City Administrator Andrew Kida filed a freedom of information act requesting several items from her. She pointed out that Kida supported the project. She said everyone is entitled to their opinion. She said she sought assistance from the County Attorney and also from a private attorney at her own cost to make sure she was compliant with the request. She said Kida only filed requests from female officials who spoke against the YWCA project. She stated Kida filed a formal complaint against her with IPIB. She said Kida accused her of working with a city councilwoman to collude against the project for a lawsuit. She said she is pleased with the result of the IPIB board voting for acquittal. She is appalled at Kida for weaponizing government. She said it cost \$2,500 for the attorney that will be paid out of county funds. She said Clinton County needs leaders who will speak their mind. She added she will not be bullied or intimidated by an unelected bureaucrat.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson reported the legislature addressed cross-county titling bill so in 2025, if the Iowa DOT can get their programming done in time, they will be able to do all treasurer services for anyone in the state. He said the impact to Clinton County could be about \$300,000 a year more for the Treasurer's Office income. He said delinquent notices were sent out early last week to give folks more time to pay their property taxes without penalty.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency Update: Chairman Irwin said the agency is asking the County to increase its contribution. The history of the 28E agreement was reviewed by Supervisor Srp and Auditor Van Lancker. Irwin said the contribution increase being requested is \$15,000 more than what the County budgeted for the next fiscal year.

County Building Emergency Action Plan Training: County EMA Director Chance Kness said employee training on the plans is tentatively scheduled to take place July 23-24. He said each training would be about 90 minutes and two would be hosted in the Administration Building.

County Facilities Director Position: Irwin said he believes the County should proceed without filling the position at least through July 1 because the County will still be paying out exiting Facilities Director Corey Johnson's benefits through that period. Irwin said Van Lancker has committed his office to helping with claims and budgets. Irwin said Matt Lancaster will oversee the Law Center and Courthouse while Ed Reuter will oversee the Administration Building and other properties. Director Johnson said Lancaster and Reuter would report larger issues to Van Lancker who would bring the matters to the Board. Irwin said this will be a good time to consider a transition in the staff in the Maintenance Department. He doesn't believe after the Administration Building project is completed that a director-level position would be needed and that a building supervisor plan may work and be more efficient. Johnson said instead of hiring a Director, it would be better to hire a second person behind Lancaster at the Law Center. County HR Director Alexandria Ellison said the position was not a facility director until Johnson was hired; it was more of a supervisory/working position. She said that is what the Board will need to decide how they want it to look during the next five years. Johnson said he doesn't see many large projects after the Administration Building is completed. Srp thanked the Auditor's Office for agreeing to take more on as it has done in the past. Irwin said this is worth a try and if we get through June and it isn't working then we'll consider another idea. Treasurer Johnson believes the position should be filled because then that person gets the experience to learn the projects going on and somebody should be the point person for those projects. He believes that a more hands-on person could help with more in-house projects. reasurer Johnson said this is managing a major asset and this project will end up poorly if it isn't done right. He said it is a lot to ask of the project team. George asked if the current maintenance staff will have time to oversee the project and complete their regular work. Irwin said the Board isn't doing their due diligence if they don't review this restructuring. Ellison said she believes the Facility Director's 40 hours could be covered through reassignment of duties and moving some work to the Auditor's Office. Srp said he understands the County will be in a reduced project position after the projects are completed this year.

County Administration Building Project Update: Irwin said the project team met and resubmitted a proposal for the work phasing to avoid certain areas during certain office busy times. Van Lancker reported extra parking spaces have been secured if they are needed during the construction.

Other Boards Posting Agendas and Minutes on the County Website: George asked for this discussion as someone asked about minutes to a meeting, but they couldn't find them on the website. IT Director Paul Banowetz said he's sure the web developer could likely create a page with links to all the agendas and minutes for the County boards. However, he said it is up to the elected officials and department heads to update their own pages.

REPORTS

The County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected 3rd Quarter FY24 report was presented, approved and filed.

The Board of Supervisors approved the following claims be allowed and checks issued on the funds in payment thereof:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Payable Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
BUILDER BEE CONSTRUCTION	GAX 4 REIMB	\$50,000.00
GATEWAY AREA COMMUNITY CENTER	GAX 6 REIMB	<u>\$11,405.00</u>
	Grand Total:	\$61,405.00
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Expense Amount</u>	
0040 MISC. GRANTS	<u>\$61,405.00</u>	
	Grand Total:	\$61,405.00

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

Motion carried.

I, Eric Van Lancker, Clinton County Auditor, do hereby certify this to be a complete and accurate list of all claims presented to the Clinton County Board of Supervisors on this date. Signed: Eric Van Lancker, Clinton County Auditor

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet at 11:00 a.m. for a Public Hearing.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

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County Auditor

Chairperson