

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

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

REPORTS

The January 2021 monthly report of the Commission of Veterans Affairs were presented, approved and filed.

9:00 A.M. Review Correspondence and Claims Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

9:15 A.M. Formal Action & Motions Claims were approved unanimously

Coronavirus/COVID-19 update: County Community Health Manager Michelle Cullen reported 20 new cases were reported in the County since Thursday. There are currently 419 active cases in the County which is down from last week. Cullen said Mercy is at four hospitalizations and Genesis is at 20 to 25 which have remained steady. Cullen said the positivity rate is at 10% but she would like to see it below that. She said vaccinations continue to move forward and increase with 3,127 start and 1,180 complete with the two doses. Cullen said they will continue to work on school staff vaccinations this week. She hopes to have Tier 1 completed in a couple of weeks. She said half of the vaccinations are going to citizens over 65 years old. Cullen said communication has also increased this week to inform the public about vaccinations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions #2021-46 was approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION #2021-46

WHEREAS, Clinton County and the Treasurer for Clinton County, Iowa are named defendants in Iowa Code 657A proceedings for the following properties:

2512 Roosevelt Street, Clinton, IA (EQCV047300) 2328 N 8th Street, Clinton, IA (EQCV046589)

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney requests authorization on behalf of the County to entry of an Order (in the above-listed cases) Disclaiming Interest in the above-listed properties and Consent to entry of an Order awarding title to these properties to the City of Clinton; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Clinton County Board of Supervisors authorizes Clinton County Attorney, Michael Wolf, on behalf of Clinton County to consent to entry of Orders in favor of the City of Clinton in the above 657A actions filed awarding title of the above-listed Properties to the City of Clinton, Iowa, free and clear of any claims, liens, or encumbrances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Clinton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Clinton County Treasurer, upon each entry of Judgment by the Court in favor of the City of Clinton in the above 657A actions filed, to make an entry in the county system canceling any tax sale certificate of purchase liens against the property and shall refund tax sale purchase money to the tax sale certificate holder(s) as named in the 657A actions.

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION #2021-47

WHEREAS, the City/County of Clinton recognizes the importance of maintaining the regulatory, warning, and school area signs on the road system in conformance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, a review of signs has been conducted by the City/County of Clinton or its agent to identify deficiencies in those signs eligible for replacement under the rules of the program, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation will reimburse up to \$10,000 per county and \$5,000 per city for conforming regulatory, warning, and school area signing materials for the replacement of existing signs to the County of Clinton and

WHEREAS, it is understood that applications will be considered in order of receipt and will be limited to replacing eligible regulatory, warning, and school area signs. See, "Signs eligible for SRPFCC".

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AGREED BY THE IOWA COUNTY OF CLINTON that the County is hereby directed to submit the grant application and request for signing materials to replace signs that have been identified as deficient in their review. This application is to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation's Program Coordinator for the Sign Replacement Program for Cities & Counties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

A) All signing materials must be ordered within 90 days of application approval.

B) All signing materials will be installed by the County of Clinton within 180 days after the sign materials are furnished, and,

- C) All signs will be installed in compliance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, as adopted per Iowa Administrative Rules 761, Chapter 130, and,
- D) The County of Clinton will certify in writing to the Department of Transportation's Program Coordinator within 30 days after the sign materials and/or signs have been installed.
- E) The County of Clinton recognizes that submission of this agreement along with an application, requesting signs and sign posts, represents approval by the city/county to participate in the Sign Replacement Program for Cities & Counties.
- F) Cities and counties not complying with the SRPFCC rules will be prohibited from applying for the program for two years.
- G) Application must be approved by Iowa DOT prior to ordering signs. Only signs and posts that are approved on the application will be eligible for reimbursement. Costs associated with sign/post installation are not eligible for reimbursement.
- H) Reimbursement, up to the program maximum, will be sent to the grantee AFTER:
- the signs/posts have been installed.
 - the IA DOT receives a copy of the sign-order invoice.
 - the IA DOT receives proof of payment (Reimbursement Certification).
- I) Requests for reimbursement must be made within one-year from the date that the SRPFCC application was approved by the Iowa Department of Transportation. After one-year, all claims for reimbursement will be forfeited.

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

Tom Determann, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION #2021-48

WHEREAS, the Illinois Fiber Resources Group (iFiber), a not-for-profit organization based in DeKalb County, IL, is applying for PWEAA2020 funding from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) to support expansion of its open-access fiber optic network in Clinton, Iowa, and Fulton, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, iFiber previously received funding from state and federal agencies to construct a highly reliable, redundant, and scalable network throughout Northwest Illinois to serve public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, iFiber's mission is to expand access to broadband and support economic development within the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, response and recovery actions related to COVID-19 emphasize broadband's essential nature, especially for continuity of business and government operations; and

WHEREAS, the County of Clinton finds value in fiber optic investments that encourage competition and support individual, industry, and governmental resiliency; and

WHEREAS, iFiber is acting in cooperation with the County of Clinton, a political subdivision where a substantial portion of the network will be constructed, on activities pertaining to the project, including general planning, route guidance, grant application support, permitting, design, and construction; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Clinton hereby adopts this resolution of support for iFiber's fiber optic expansion project and application to the US Economic Development Administration.

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

Tom Determann, Chairperson

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reminded the Board it meets Thursday and Friday of this week to work on the proposed FY22 County budget. He also reported he passed along information to township officials about an online training being offered by the ISU Extension Service.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson reported \$800,000 is currently outstanding for tax collections for 2019 and \$479,000 for 2018. His office is reviewing the suspension program to update their policies. He said that will allow the taxpayer to suspend less and for the County to collect more from the state for tax credits.

County Engineer Todd Kinney reported the DOT has proposed to distribute pandemic relief funds to counties and cities based on normal road use tax. He said it's a back fill to the normal road use tax formula. He said the County could be in line for \$351,000 for roads and \$113,000 in farm to market funds.

Supervisor Irwin said the Mental Health Region board met Friday to discuss its budget. Irwin said the budget was ran out three years with current assumptions and reported the current tax levy rates would have to be adjusted due to local county balances. Irwin said they are trying to reach out to the local legislators about this projection.

County Conservation Director Philip Visser reported the Polar Plunge is in two weeks and there are still spots open for it. He said the Winter Fun Day is coming up at Rock Creek and includes cross country skiing. He said there will

be some indoor activity. He said the Conservation Board meets tomorrow night. Visser said some ramps at the parks have been blocked off due to safety issues.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

YWCA Funding Request: County EMA Director Chance Kness reported the letter of request is almost complete. He said there is not a sunset date for the program yet, but anticipates it will end when the emergency proclamation for the pandemic has ended. Kness said he is waiting for the Board of Health action and then a public assistance program will need to be added to the County’s list. He hopes FEMA could issue approval as soon as this week.

FY22 Budget Work Session: The Board reviewed the proposed FY22 budget work session.

9:54 A.M. Drainage District - Consider Bids and award contract for repair project in Drainage District #7

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene as Board of Trustees for Drainage Districts.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes. Motion carried. The Board recessed and the Board of Trustees convened at 9:54 a.m.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION #2021-DD07-02

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors acting as Trustees for Drainage District #7 (DD7) held a public hearing on January 13, 2021 to solicit comments from DD7 landowners and interested parties on the proposed repair project prior to authorizing the repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors acting as Trustees for DD7 approved the County Engineer’s recommendation for the scope of the repair work in DD7 and authorized the Engineer to solicit quotes for the recommended repairs; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2021, quotes for the repair work were received as listed below; and

Contractor	Total Quote
Rittmer Inc	\$87,573.54
Top Line Outdoor Solutions	\$88,588.00
Schroeder Dozing and Excavating	\$124,700.00
End Line Excavating	\$129,850.00
Dexter Dozing & Scraping	\$196,500.00

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Engineer has reviewed the quotes and recommends the repair project be awarded to Rittmer Inc.; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, accept the low competitive quote submitted by Rittmer, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute said contract documents on behalf of Clinton County, Iowa.

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

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to adjourn as the Board of Trustees for Drainage Districts and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors.

Roll Call: Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes; Determann: Yes. Motion carried. The Board of Trustees adjourned and the Board of Supervisors re-convened at 10:04 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Tom Determann, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson