

APRIL 24, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met. Present were Supervisor 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

Resolutions 2023-98 was approved on the Consent Agenda:

**RESOLUTION 2023-98**

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Sheriff is an elected official and the Board of Supervisors does not consider nor appoint personnel for elected officials, but need to authorize payroll for the County Auditor; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue biweekly paychecks on the General Basic Fund, Office of Sheriff to Chris Turner, as a Community Service Officer, a part-time position. This will be in effect May 2, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$20 per hour.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

**RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

**RESOLUTION 2023-99**

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 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 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in person at the Clinton County Administration Building at 1900 N 3rd St., Clinton, IA; or by phone by dialing 1-253-215-8782 and entering the access code 9341856401. The public may also join through the internet by following this website: <https://zoom.us/join> and entering meeting Code: 9341856401 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 2022-2023 budget amendment.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

**DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

County Auditor Eric Van Lancker reported his staff attended an election training last week in Cedar Rapids and will have another one there this week.

Supervisor Srp reported he attended a meeting last week with Camanche officials and 3M officials about the water quality in the area and solutions being provided. He said there are concerns that some residents in the rural areas are not responding to communications from 3M. He said he offered to help with outreach.

Chairman Irwin reported he attended the broadband discussion in Maquoketa last week. He said hopefully the next round of funding may be able to better benefit Clinton County.

Supervisor George reported Grow Clinton announced last week that Atlas Roofing is locating in the railpark adding 100 full-time jobs.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson said delinquent notices went out last week and that produced a good number of payments.

County Conservation Director Phil Visser said a park supervisor is leaving, but there are several qualified applicants who have applied. He said Rock Creek has been closed due to the flood water. He said they worked hard last week to prepare for the flooding and believes things have been moved appropriately. He said they will document all the work related to flooding in case they are able to apply for FEMA funds. Visser said some field trips have been moved to different locations due to the flooding. He said his staff is also working on planned burns around the County.

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

Solar Project Application Update: County Planning and Zoning Director Thomas Barnes reported an application has been filed from Hawkeye Solar and is located mostly south of the current solar project around Grand Mound. He said it includes 700 acres, but not all of that would be solar panels. Sam O'Keefe, Hawkeye Solar, said it's an addition to the current project and includes 120 megawatts of solar and would be adjacent to the current project. He said they will move through the County permitting process first and then the state process. Barnes said there will be a Planning and Zoning Board public hearing in June. Irwin suggested the County use Origin Designs again to

represent the County's interest in reviewing the application. Srp recommended the County also again use attorney Bob McGee to represent the County. O'Keefe said the current projects are fully permitted. He said there is a lot of behind-the-scenes work happening now before construction starts. He said construction may not start until fall of 2024 to ensure that the panels are made in America. He said that work will take about 18 months to complete. Srp said he would like to see a preliminary timeline for the new application process.

10:02 A.M. Public Hearing

Chairman Irwin called a public hearing to order to provide a status of funded activities through CDBG funds for projects 20-CVN-012 and 20-CVN-013 for Gateway Area Community Center facility.

Present were Supervisors Srp and George, County Auditor Van Lancker, ECIA representatives, GACC representatives, public and media.

Proof of publication was presented, accepted and returned for filing.

ECIA representative Dan LoBianco reviewed the status of the CDBG funding for the projects. LoBianco presented the following information for 20-CVN-012:

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

Clinton County applied for and was awarded a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) to provide funding to purchase equipment, a delivery vehicle, and bulk food supplies for the food pantry. Bulk food supplies are waiting to be made upon completion of the kitchen remodel and installation of a new walk-in freezer.

Accomplishments To Date: On January 3, 2022, Clinton County contracted with ECIA for grant administration. IEDA released grant funds March 3, 2022.

**Grant Budget:**

CDBG Funding for Food Pantry Purchases:	\$90,000
GACC Match Funds:	\$16,000
Grant Administration Funds:	\$10,000
Total Cost:	\$116,000

**Change Orders:**

- None

Adjusted Total Project Cost \$0.00

**Summary of Expenditures to Date:**

• Food Pantry:	\$51,198
• GACC Match Funds:	\$12,810
• Administration:	\$4,075
Total expended/requested to date:	\$68,083

Project is to be completed by May 31, 2023.

LoBianco presented the following information for 20-CVN-013

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

Clinton County applied for and was awarded a \$476,722 Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) to provide funding to make facility improvements at Gateway Area Community Center including: new roof on the building, installation of new HVAC system, and kitchen remodel.

**Accomplishments To Date:**

On January 3, 2022, Clinton County contracted with ECIA for grant administration.

IEDA released grant funds March 25, 2022.

Invitation to Bid published May 26, 2022, with bids due June 9, 2022. Builder Bee Construction was the only bidder at \$513,900.

IEDA Approved single bidder July 1, 2022.

**Grant Budget:**

CDBG Funding for Facility Improvements:	\$451,722
GACC Match Funds:	\$115,278
Grant Administration Funds:	\$25,000
Total Cost:	\$592,000

**Change Orders:**

- None

Adjusted Total Project Cost \$0.00

**Summary of Expenditures to Date:**

• Facility Improvements:	\$250,322
• GACC Match Funds:	\$115,278
• Administration:	\$8,306
Total expended/requested to date:	\$373,906

Project is to be completed no later than May 31, 2023.

Van Lancker explained the supply chain has delayed some of the spending on the project, but it is still expected to be completed by May 31.

MOTION by Supervisor George to adjourn the public hearing.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes. Motion carried. The public hearing was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

10:13 A.M. Public Hearing

Chairman Irwin called a public hearing to solicit public comment on proposed plans and specifications for a County Secondary Road shed construction in Elvira.

Present were Supervisors Srp and George, County Auditor Van Lancker, County Engineer Todd Kinney, public and media.

Proof of publication was presented, accepted and returned for filing.

County Engineer Todd Kinney reviewed the project. He hopes the project can be completed by the end of December.

MOTION by Supervisor George to adjourn the public hearing.

Roll Call: George: Yes; Srp: Yes; Irwin: Yes. Motion carried. The public hearing was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to approve the plans and specifications for the Secondary Road Department shed in Elvira.

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

REPORTS

The Commission of Veteran Affairs March 2023 monthly and 3rd Quarter FY23 reports were presented, approved and filed.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, May 1, 2023.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

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County Auditor

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Chairperson