

AUGUST 30, 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.

1:00 P.M. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

County Farmland Lease Options: County Attorney Mike Wolf said notice will need to be given to the landowners by Sept. 1 if the Board wants to seek bids. However, Wolf said the Board may not want to take action on the lease as projected crop budgets are not looking great. Wolf recommended letting the lease automatically renew. However, he said the tenant could ask to be let out of the lease before the deadline. If that were to happen the Board may want to consider going out for bids to lease the property. Wolf said the Sheriff would serve the notice tomorrow if the Board chose to end the lease on its own and go out to bid. Srp said land values have remained flat or risen slightly, but input costs have increased. Srp said since the County hasn't heard from tenant then he's comfortable to let the lease renew next year. Srp recommended to put something in policy or in the next lease that the County open the lease bid process every three years since it is publicly owned land. George supported Wolf's recommendation. A cap on two annual automatic renewals was discussed when the next agreement is written.

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to let the current County farmland lease automatically renew per the agreement.

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

Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Clinton County Law Center, 241 7th Ave N, Clinton, IA.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson