

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met at the Clinton County Law Center, Clinton, IA. 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

Second-tier canvass of the November 5, 2024, General Election votes for the Calamus-Wheatland Community School District public measure.

The Board of Supervisors as the official Board of Canvassers conducted the second-tier canvass of the votes for the Calamus-Wheatland Community School District public measure from the November 5, 2024, General Election. Results of the canvass are posted on the Clinton County Elections website at: www.clintoncountyelections.com and available for review in the office of the County Auditor.

9:15 A.M. Formal Action & Motions Claims Approval

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 2024-300 through 2024-301 and one (1) Motion were approved on the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 2024-300

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that Medical Examiner Transporter services should be provided to the Medical Examiner's Office which is administered by the Clinton County Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined Kevyn Eckstrom to be qualified and appropriate to be hired and appointed as a Clinton County Medical Examiner Transporter; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, that Kevyn Eckstrom is hired and appointed as a Medical Examiner Transporter at the current per trip rate, hourly on-call rate of \$1.42, and hourly training rate of \$18.00 for Transporters. Starting date of employment with the Medical Examiner's Office will be November 18, 2024.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2024-301

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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, December 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in person at the Clinton County Law Center, Large Conference Room, 241 7th Ave. N., Clinton, IA; or as a courtesy and depending on internet 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 2024-2025 budget amendment.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to authorize the Chairperson to sign Utility Permit Number 9-63 for EI L&P. The project will include boring cable under 320th Avenue and install a transformer at private property. The work will be within the county right-of-way, along 320th Avenue, and located in Section 3 T83N R04E of Waterford Township.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-302

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) is planning to rehabilitate State Highway 136 from U.S. 61 east to Delmar (DOT Project Number STP-136-1(116)—2C-23, and

WHEREAS, the DOT has requested to utilize County Road 252d Ave (Y-60) north of Delmar as a detour for State Highway 136 while it is closed during reconstruction, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Engineer has reviewed the requested County Road detour and recommends the selected County Road as a reasonable detour route, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, shall approve the Iowa DOT Detour Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute said agreement 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 2024-303

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 26.3 requires that governmental entities follow the competitive bid process for public improvement projects with an estimated total cost that exceeds the competitive bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, bids were received for the construction of a parking lot and foundation for a building November 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of each bid received is as follows:

Contractor Name	Bid Amount
Centennial Contractors of the QC, Inc.	\$399,870.00
Tschiggfrie Excavating Co.	\$459,500.00
K&E Flatwork, Inc.	\$491,000.00
Clinton Engineering Co.	\$499,388.00
Boomerang Corp.	\$503,353.00
Portzen Construction, Inc.	\$570,430.00
JT General Contractors	\$578,894.97

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, concurs with Origin Design's recommendation that the contract for said work be awarded to the low bid, as follows:

Centennial Contractors of the QC, Inc. \$399,870.00

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

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Clinton County Auditor Eric Van Lancker said the Board is scheduled to meet November 25 and December 2. However, December 2 may be optional due to the quick turnaround for agenda items and he said it may be helpful to keep it open in case it is needed for the recount.

Chairman Irwin said the Workforce Commission is working toward replacing their fiscal agent. He said December 4 is their next scheduled discussion for the wind turbine ordinance.

County Treasurer Dustin Johnson submitted the fiscal year 2024 treasurer's report. He said they have also reached a settlement on Nevada Rail property tax. They are interviewing for the new clerk position this week.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Recount Request – US Representative IA District 1: Van Lancker said the Board of Supervisors by way of the Code of Iowa must take action to order the recount requested by Christina Bohannon, candidate for the seat. He said this allows the County Auditor to cut the seals on the boxes that hold the voted ballots.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2024-304

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Auditor's office administered the General Election of November 5, 2024, which included precincts in the United States Representative District 1; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors on November 13, 2024, canvassed and certified the results of said election per the Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Christina Bohannon, candidate for United States Representative District 1, properly filed a request for a recount of votes in United States Representative District 1 precincts in Clinton County as prescribed by Code of Iowa §50.48;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that a recount of said precincts be ordered and that the County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections be authorized to conduct said recount as prescribed by the Code of Iowa.

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

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

County Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Planning: County Budget Director Nicholas Manrique asked the Board when it would like to send out budget worksheets and what direction they would like to provide to County offices for their budgets. Irwin said he would like to request another 10% reduction. Srp said for many of those departments their costs are going up and the 10% cut is becoming more difficult. He said even if they got 10% he's not sure that will still get the budgets where they need to be. Manrique said valuation is pretty flat with maybe a half percent growth. He said that does not include utilities nor rollback.

County Administration Building Project Update: Van Lancker and Irwin reported the windows in the cafeteria are complete. They said window work on the north side of the building begins tomorrow because rain has delayed it by a day. After the north end is complete, they will move to the front entry, the boardroom windows and then the north entrance doors.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Law Center, 241 7th Ave N, Clinton IA.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jim Irwin, Jr., Chairperson

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County Auditor

Chairperson