

MARCH 3, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met at the Clinton County Administration Building, Clinton, IA. Present were Supervisors George, Irwin and Srp. 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

The following Resolution 2025-49 and one (1) Motion were approved on the Consent Agenda. Resolution 2025-50 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

RESOLUTION 2025-49

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner for Clinton County has determined the need for Clinton County Medical Examiner Investigators; and has found Rodney Crowe qualified and appropriate for the position; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined Rodney Crowe to be qualified and appropriate to be hired and appointed as Clinton County Medical Examiner Investigator. This appointment is contingent upon approval by the State Medical Examiner; now

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has approved a budget in order to employ Medical Examiner Investigators, Rodney Crowe will receive the following:

1. A flat rate of \$200 per call. An hourly rate of \$26.00 for work greater than 6 hours with EMA approval.
2. Mileage reimbursement per the County policy.
3. An hourly rate of \$26.00 for training or for justifiable work at the discretion of EMA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Rodney Crowe is hired and appointed as Clinton County Medical Examiner Investigator, effective March 3, 2025.

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

Erin George, Chairperson

MOTION by Supervisor Srp to assess the following 2025 billing assessment amounts to the respective Drainage Districts and the Board of Supervisors will allow waivers as indicated for these assessments:

DRAINAGE DISTRICT	AMOUNT LEVIED	WAIVER AMORTIZATION
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5	\$998.27	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 6	\$700.66	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 7 MAIN	\$1,000.00	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 10 ALL POINTS	\$407.57	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 10 LATERAL 1	\$332.50	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 15 ALL POINTS	\$250.65	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 15 LATERAL 9	\$394.45	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 17	\$11,250.65	20 YEARS
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 18	\$6,190.95	10 YEARS
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 20	\$1,093.75	10 YEARS
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 23 LATERAL 2	\$318.00	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 23 LATERAL 4	\$441.65	N/A
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 28	<u>\$841.05</u>	N/A
TOTAL	\$24,220.15	

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Discussion on Resolution 2025-50: Supervisor Irwin expressed his concerns with the timing and manner of this resolution. Supervisor Srp remains opposed to this action philosophically even if he does not have the legal authority to oppose it with his vote. Supervisor George felt it was underhanded, after the previous discussions on attorney salaries increases, to force the board's approval now when they were agreeable to do it in the new fiscal year. The motion was approved by force of the Iowa Code.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2025-50

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.904(3) provides in part: "The annual salary of each assistant county attorney shall be determined by the county attorney within the budget set for the county attorney's office by the board"; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.757(2) provides in part: "The county attorney shall determine the compensation paid to a full-time prosecutor within the budget set for the county attorney's office by the board"; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code does not authorize the Board of Supervisors to exercise discretion in the determination of the base salary for full-time assistant county attorneys; but, instead requires the Board to authorize the payroll (of each full-time prosecutor as determined by the county attorney) for the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney's Office has determined the following revised annual salaries for fiscal year 2024-2025 are necessary (effective March 3, 2025) to provide public safety by helping to retain experienced prosecutors, as well as to recruit prosecuting attorneys in the future, given the current prosecuting attorney shortage:

Ross Barlow	Assistant County Attorney	\$131,984
Robin Strausser	Assistant County Attorney	\$106,091
Lisa Maidak	Assistant County Attorney	\$102,111
James McHugh	Assistant County Attorney	\$92,919; and

WHEREAS, the above annual salaries meet the threshold requirements of the above-cited code sections; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, the Board acknowledges the county attorney has the statutory right to establish the above revised full-time assistant county attorneys' annual salaries for fiscal year 2024-2025, effective Monday, March 3, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue biweekly paychecks in payment of same, effective March 3, 2025, without further action of this Board.

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

Erin George, Chairperson

Resolution 2025-51 discussion: Treasurer Johnson explained that as their operations have been appropriate for a property tax exemption, and after conversations with the County Attorney as well as their council, it is appropriate to grant the Tax abatement for the 2023 tax year.

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2025-51

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Dialogue Foundation requests abatement of property taxes, fees, and interest due for the 2023 assessment year, which is reflected (payable) for the Fall of 2024 and the Spring of 2025 (hereinafter 2023 taxes) for real estate described on the attached deed (hereinafter parcel 80-36060000) and located within the City of Clinton, in Clinton County, Iowa;

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") is authorized pursuant to Iowa Code § 427.3 to abate said property taxes, fees, and interest if the property would have been exempt under Iowa Code § 427.1(8);

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Dialogue Foundation Clinton property qualifies as exempt under Iowa Code § 427.1(8) as the real property's actual use has been solely dedicated for the appropriate objects of the charitable institution, namely, it is being renovated and upgraded for use as a nonprofit educational institution, for the period of abatement requested;

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Attorney has informed the Clinton County Treasurer regarding the Board's intention to abate the 2023 taxes, fees and interest on parcel 80-36060000.

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve abatement of the 2023 taxes, fees, and interest levied against said property;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that, pursuant to Iowa Code §427.3, the property taxes, fees, and interest are abated for the 2023 tax bill. Specifically, the Clinton County Treasurer is authorized to abate the 2023 tax bill for parcel 80-36060000.

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

Erin George, Chairperson

The following resolution was presented and on motion approved:

RESOLUTION 2025-52

Whereas, Data Mining is the commercial process by which volumes of data are analyzed to find patterns, discover trends, and gain insight into how the data can be used; this shall constitute a commercial data mining operation/center; and

WHEREAS, the county has interests in protecting the county's infrastructure, natural resources, and property rights though our Zoning Ordinance, and Planning and Zoning Director along with the Planning and Zoning Commission will require time to gather information and coordinate with other agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating, or creating ordinances, policies, and procedures related to Data Mining Facility development; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Supervisors shall enact a moratorium on the development and construction of Data Mining Facilities and Data Centers and on issuing application for zoning permits relating to the development and construction of Data Mining Facilities and Data Centers, from March 4, 2025 until September 1, 2025, which may be extended upon resolution of the Board of Supervisors, to allow the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance that balances the rights of property owners seeking to have Data Mining Facilities and Data Centers on their property and be mindful of the health and safety of others.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors that the moratorium on the development and construction of Data Mining Facilities and Data Centers, and applications for Zoning permits related to the development and construction of Data Mining facilities and Data Centers be in effect from March 4, 2025, until September 1, 2025; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to end the moratorium prior to the approved term of the moratorium by resolution.

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

Erin George, Chairperson

DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

The Supervisors shared their meetings they will each be attending this week.

David Troester County Auditor gave an update on the March 4th and April 8th Special elections.

Dustin Johnson County Treasurer gave a reminder for March property tax collections. DeWitt office hours will be changing to 3 days a week starting the second week in April.

Bill Greenwalt County Sheriff said AAIR training with the county Fire Departments, Communications, EMS, Sheriff's Office and local police departments will be conducted on the weekend of March 8.

Alexandria Weller Human Resources Director gave a reminder for National Employee Appreciation Day on March 7.

Philip Visser County Conservation Director told us of a trivia night for the Conservation Foundation this Saturday at Rock Creek.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Rediscover Recovery Center funding request: Dominic Capella, Director, requested funds to purchase a van to transport people who utilize services of the center.

MOTION by Supervisor Irwin to approve up to \$55,000 expenditure from the Opioid settlement funds to purchase a van and pay for one or two years of insurance coverage for Dominic Capella and Rediscover Recovery Center.

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

Motion carried.

10:30 A.M. FY2026 Budget discussion

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

David Troester, County Auditor

Erin George, Chairperson

-APPROVED-

County Auditor

Chairperson