

December 18, 2024

Meeting of the Clayton County Board of Supervisors at 600 Gunder Road NE, Elkader, Iowa.

Present: Steve Doepcke, Ray Peterson, and Doug Reimer

Guests: Patti Ruff, Sawn Ramler, Jared Bucksa, Casey Stickfort, Sarah Moser, Sue Meyer, Bob Kurdelmeyer, Linda Zuercher, Michael Beck, JJ Rochford, Roxy Knockel, Donna Hines, Cindy Middleton, Jon Erickson, Steve Richardson, Jacob Callahan, Audrey Posten, Julian Merritt, Lucas Merritt, Dan Duwe, Randy Kramer, Craig Kluesner, Mark J. Fisher, Elaine Stocks, Terry Boardman, Michael Boardman, Jim Hankes, Richard Bahls, Steve Holst, Dustin Clinton, Carol Moser, Judy Clefisch, Diane Greve, Devin Reimer, Lynn Fettkether, Adam Meyer, Phil Kulper, Denny Kingdon, Larry E. Meyer, Steve Clefisch, Robert Ludovissy Jr, Gabriele Young, Anne Brockway, Mark Brockway, Michael W. Finnegan, Tammy Klingman and Jennifer Garms.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve the meeting minutes for December 10, 2024. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the claims as presented totaling \$176,880.48. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

The following bids were received for a new motorgrader with a trade-in of a 2015 John Deere 772 GP: Ziegler – Caterpillar 140AWD for \$324,440.00; Martin Equipment – John Deere 772GP for \$343,250.00; and Martin Equipment – John Deere 772GP for \$344,250.00; Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the purchase of the Caterpillar 140AWD for \$324,400.00 (with trade in of 2015 John Deere 772 GP included) from Ziegler. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Bids were received for two new tandem trucks. Truck chassis bids included: Mack Granite – \$157,099.00 and Western Star – \$153,141.00. Box and Snow equipment bid was Henderson - \$152,730.00. Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve the purchase of two truck chassis from Western Star at \$153,141 each and two box and snow equipment sets from Henderson at \$152,730.00 each (\$305,871 total per). Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve and authorize signing plans for the county construction project HSIP-SWAP-C022(104)—FJ-22 which is a HMA Resurfacing Project on Golden Avenue and Pleasant Ridge Road. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

As per the 28E agreement between Fayette County, Clayton County and the City of Volga; Clayton County will act on the behalf of the City of Volga for the Washington Street construction. And on good faith, Clayton County has asked the City of Volga to review the plans, specifications, and estimated costs for the project; which the City of Volga approved on December 9, 2024. Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve and authorize signing plans for a construction project L-105—73-22 which is a HMA Resurfacing Project on Washington Street in the City of Volga. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to set the public hearing date to consider rezoning of parcel 15-31-151-007 owned by Terry Gould to change from Agricultural to Light Industrial for 10:45 AM on January 7, 2025. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Information Technology Director Bob Kurdelmeyer provided a departmental update.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve having the Treasurer advertise to replace a part-time deputy with a full-time deputy. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

JJ Rochford and Michael Beck presented the Clayton County 2025 Insurance Renewal with an overview of Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) coverage. Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the invoice of \$510,654.00 which includes an increase in cyber coverage to \$1,000,000.00. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to acknowledge and accept the Iowa Department of Revenue report of length and value for railroads, utilities, gas and electric lines for FY2026 as presented (the full report with tax district breakdowns may be viewed at the Auditor's Office) outlining total assessed value of \$144,069,000 and taxable value of \$40,141,447. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Reimer moved, Doeppke seconded to approve funding for the Auditor's Office to conduct a township officials training. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doeppke moved, Reimer seconded to approve the wage certification of 67% for Chris Doeppke as Deputy Sheriff with a start date of December 18, 2024. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

The Board discussed potential obligations of American Rescue Plan Act and LATCF funds. Reimer moved, Doeppke seconded to de-obligate the following items for payment through American Rescue Plan Acts funds as they were funded through other sources: sewer project (\$30,805.07), sewer engineering fees (\$4,000.00), solar panel grant writing (\$500.00), imaging project for Health and Zoning (\$10,901.49), imaging projects for Recorder (\$15,394.00 and \$3,168.27), and to obligate the remaining \$75,101,.45 for information technology infrastructure projects. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding rural garbage disposal with public comments being heard against the removal of satellite sites and requests to find an alternative to work for rural residents and the budget.

The Board did not discuss County Recorder candidates, but set a meeting on Friday, December 2024 to make the County Recorder appointment.

/s/ Ray Peterson, Board of Supervisors Chair
Attest: Jennifer Garms, Clayton County Auditor