

December 16, 2025

Meeting at 9:30 AM of the Clayton County Board of Supervisors at 600 Gunder Road NE, Elkader, Iowa.

Present: Steve Doeppke, Ray Peterson, and Doug Reimer

Guests: Linda Zuercher, Shawn Wirkler, Josie Fettkether, Caytee Jones, Justin Williams, Kaitlyn Kuehl-Burns, J.J. Rochford, Michael Beck, Amos Troester, Darla Kelchen and Amanda Sargent.

Doeppke moved, Peterson seconded to approve the meeting minutes for December 9, 2025. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Peterson moved, Doeppke seconded to approve the claims as presented totaling \$281,321.22. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Peterson moved, Doeppke seconded to approve an application for the 2025 Family Farm Credit. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Peterson moved, Doeppke seconded to table the Anderegg Farm Subdivision located in Section 29, Township 91-2 until all required documents are secured and present. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Two bids were received for the courthouse railing project. They included Fannon Welding for \$4,500 to \$5,000 and Avery's Welding and Fabrication for \$7,410.82. Doeppke moved, Peterson seconded to award the bid to Fannon Welding for up to \$5,000 for 120-foot handrail for the courthouse. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Peterson moved, Doeppke seconded to renew the county insurance at \$538,049.00 for the 2026 year. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Chairperson Reimer opened a public hearing regarding open bids and leases for county-owned real estate. The bids included: Property One: Oberbroeckling Family Farms - \$376/acre, Growing LLC - \$210/acre; Property Two: Oberbroeckling Family Farms - \$376/acre, Growing LLC - \$210/acre; Property Three: T-A Cattle & Covers \$2,000/property, Spring Valley Ranch Land & Cattle LLC - \$2,600/property; Property Four: Growing LLC - \$210/acre. Amos Troester with T-A Cattle & Covers wanted to mention that they had Property Three for the past 30 years and have done a lot of fence maintenance over those years and that should be taken into consideration. The public hearing was closed. Peterson moved, Doeppke seconded to award the bid for Property One and Property Two to Oberbroeckling Family Farms at \$376 per acre and reject the bid for Property Four. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried. Reimer moved, Doeppke seconded to approve a bid for Property Three from T-A Cattle & Covers at \$2,000 for the property taking into consideration their history and maintenance with the property. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

The appointment of citizens to various boards/commissions will be placed on the next agenda to allow for more applications.

Peterson moved, Doeppke seconded to allow for Darla Kelchen to notify the Board of Supervisors by email with each property approval by the Clayton County Economic Development Group for the affordable housing project applications. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

/s/ Doug Reimer, Board of Supervisors Chair

Attest: Amanda Sargent, Clayton County Deputy Auditor