

March 24, 2026

Meeting at 9:00 AM of the Clayton County Board of Supervisors at 600 Gunder Road NE, Elkader, Iowa.

Present: Steve Doepcke, Ray Peterson, and Doug Reimer

Guests: Douglas Puffett, Bill Bunting, Mary Bunting, Gary Bowden, Linda Zuercher, Patti Gerner, Lee Berns, Mark Kenan, Caytee Jones, Sarah Moser, Jamie McDermott, Jon Piersch, Garrett Baumgartner, Shawn Wirkler, Casey Stickfort, Peggy Lane, Brent Ostrander, Jenna Van Meeteren, Ean Popenhagen, Justin Williams, Kaitlyn Kuehl-Berns, and Jennifer Garms.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve the meeting minutes for March 17, 2026. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the claims as presented totaling \$131,544.10. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Garrett Baumgartner provided an Information Technology departmental update.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the contract with Ninjaone for remote management, ticketing, and backup services for \$25,734.00 annually. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve resolution #15-2026 "Advertise Rock Letting". Roll Call Vote: Doepcke-aye, Peterson-aye, Reimer-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #15-2026
ADVERTISE ROCK LETTING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clayton County, Iowa that the County Auditor is directed to advertise for bids on the following project:

Project 2026-R-1 Class 'A' Crushed Stone Resurfacing for various roads in Clayton County consisting of three divisions with the following approximate quantities:

Division 1 – 19,630 tons

Division 2 – 16,630 tons

Division 3 – 19,360 tons

Total estimated quantity: 55,620 tons

Sealed bids will be received until 10:55 A.M., April 21, 2026 at the Clayton County Engineer's Office in the County Office Building at 600 Gunder Road, Elkader, Iowa.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve resolution #16-2026 "Requesting Funds For Educational Program From Winneshiek County Solid Waste Agency". Roll Call Vote: Doepcke-aye, Peterson-aye, Reimer-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #16-2026
REQUESTING FUNDS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FROM
WINNESHIEK COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY

WHEREAS, Clayton County of Iowa is a participating jurisdiction in the Winneshiek County Area Solid Waste Agency Comprehensive Plan, and,

WHEREAS, the Winneshiek County Solid Agency (Agency) has established a program for disbursal of funds for educational purposes pursuant to Iowa Code 455B.310, and,

WHEREAS, a participating jurisdiction may use these funds for an education program designed to implement waste volume reduction and recycling requirements of comprehensive plans filed under Iowa Code 455B.306.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clayton County, Iowa:

1. This participating jurisdiction does request that the Agency make an educational grant to this participating jurisdiction on a per capita basis in an amount to be determined by the Agency.
2. By acceptance of any of these funds, the undersigned entity does hereby acknowledge that it is obligated to use all funds for an educational purpose designed to implement waste volume reduction and recycling requirements of comprehensive plans filed under Iowa Code 455B.306.
3. The undersigned does further acknowledge and understand that in the event the proceeds from this grant are not used for an education purpose, these sums will be repaid to the Winneshiek County Solid Waste Agency, as the Agency may in fact have to remit these funds pursuant to Iowa Code 455B and 455E of the Iowa Code.
4. This entity does further agree that as a condition of receiving these funds, it will submit a Final report, prior to May 31st, setting forth in detail the application of the funds for educational programs. This report shall be filed in a form substantially similar to that which was provided to the entity with this request form.

The Board discussed options for a health savings account to be added as an option to the county insurance renewal.

Jamie McDermott, Investment Adviser Representative with VOYA, outlined a 457(b) Deferred Compensation option available to the county and its employees for a minimal fee (\$100/year one; \$50 year two). Peterson moved, Doeppke seconded to approve adding a VOYA 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan (under Iowa Retirement Investors' Club) to the list of available options for the county. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Reimer moved, Doeppke seconded to appoint Isaac Frieden as Marion Township Trustee (Term Ending 12/31/2028). Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Reimer moved, Doeppke seconded to authorize the chair to sign a Subdivision Participation Form for an Opioid Settlement Agreement with Six Remnants. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Two quotes were received for the replacement of the backsteps located at the courthouse. The bids were: Bacon Concrete – \$32,600.00 and B&R Construction - \$24,570.00. There was discussion about different options other than full replacement. Additional quotes will be obtained for removal of the steps and finishing out the cement pad, composite decking, steel steps, and prefabricated steps.

The Board worked on the FY2027 County Budget.

Doeppke moved, Reimer seconded to set the public hearing date for the FY2027 Clayton County Budget 10:00 AM on April 28, 2026. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

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