

Clarke County Board of Supervisors  
March 7, 2022

**March 7, 2022** – The Clarke County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on March 7, 2022, at the Clarke County Courthouse with the following members present: Dean Robins, Larry Keller and Austin Taylor. Also present, Auditor Janice White, Public Health Assistant Administrator Heather Kimmel and Veterans Affairs Director Selena Humphrey. Chairman Dean Robins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Larry Keller made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Austin Taylor. All Ayes.

**Res 22-045** – Moved by Austin Taylor, seconded by Larry Keller, to appoint Sara Whirrett, to serve as Weed Commissioner for 2022,

Motion amended by Larry Keller and seconded by Austin Taylor to set the salary at \$18,354.38, effective March 14, 2022.

Vote was, “Ayes”: Dean Robins, Larry Keller and Austin Taylor. “Nays”: None.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

**Res 22-047** – Moved by Larry Keller, seconded by Austin Taylor to approve the appointment of Kimberly Hamilton as Deputy Treasurer beginning March 14, 2022. She will be paid 75% of the Treasurer’s salary.

Vote was: “Ayes”: Dean Robins and Larry Keller. “Nays”: Austin Taylor.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

**Res 22-048** – Moved by Austin Taylor, seconded by Larry Keller, to approve quarterly report of Recorder for quarter ending December 31, 2022.

Vote was, “Ayes”: Dean Robins, Larry Keller and Austin Taylor. “Nays”: None.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

**Res 22-049** – Moved by Austin Taylor, seconded by Larry Keller, to approve the following resolution to allocate American Rescue Plan Act Funds:

**WHEREAS**, in March, 2021, the federal government established the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) which included the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to provide state, local and Tribal governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of the Treasury issued an Interim Final Rule implementing the SLFRF program on May 10, 2021, which included replacing lost revenue to County governments, and

**WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2022, the Treasury issued final rules for the SLFRF program, including authorization for counties to allocate up to \$10,000,000 of their total SLFRF allocation as lost revenue to spend on government services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Clarke County Board of Supervisors approves allocating its total SLFRF allocation in the expected amount of \$1,824,869 as lost revenue to spend on government services.

**HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Clarke County Board of Supervisors this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Vote was, “Ayes”: Dean Robins, Larry Keller and Austin Taylor. “Nays”: None.

**Res 22-050** – Moved by Larry Keller, seconded by Austin Taylor, to approve the following disbursement of funds for the American Rescue Plan Act:

**WHEREAS**, in March, 2021, the federal government established the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and,

**WHEREAS**, Clarke County applied for and has received the first tranche of funds for the American Rescue Plan Act. Total received will be \$1,824,869, and

**WHEREAS**, the Clarke County Board of Supervisors has reviewed some requests and the following projects have been approved for the use of said funds:

- County wide emergency radio communication system - \$752,666
- East Lake Park pit restroom remodel - \$48,350

- Replacement of 43 heat pumps and 1 split system replacement - \$168,800
- Heat pump loop boiler replacement - \$82,500

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Clarke County Board of Supervisors endorses the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the items listed and authorizes the Auditor to make these payments as they are presented.

Vote was, “Ayes”: Dean Robins, Larry Keller and Austin Taylor. “Nays”: None.  
Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Ms. Kimmel left at 9:18 a.m.

**Res 22-051** – Moved by Larry Keller, seconded by Austin Taylor, to approve and sign Cyber Liability Renewal Application.

Vote was, “Ayes”: Dean Robins, Larry Keller and Austin Taylor. “Nays”: None.  
Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

**Res 22-052** – Moved by Larry Keller, seconded by Austin Taylor, to adopt the following Notice of Destruction of Noxious Weeds.

You are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa, Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Administrative Code, and amendments thereto; the Board of Supervisors and the appointed Weed Commissioner of Clarke County, Iowa declare that owners or persons in control of the real estate within said county shall eradicate all Class A noxious weeds and control all Class B noxious weeds.

The following recommended dates are guidelines only. All Class A noxious weeds to be eradicated and all Class B noxious weeds to be controlled from Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Administrative Code, 21-58.4(317) are listed below. Measures of control shall take place at such time, in each year, and in such manner as shall prevent such weeds from blooming or coming to maturity throughout the growing season. Weather conditions may cause weeds to mature several weeks ahead of normal and consequently require control measures prior to the listed dates. Any landowner with property under CPR contract with the USDA is encouraged to consult with their local office and must abide by contract requirements.

Propriety Weed Species as specified by IDALS Admin. Code 58(2019)

Class A noxious weeds for eradication include:

May 15, 2022 - Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*).

Class B noxious weeds for control include:

June 1, 2022

- Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*).
- Teasel (*Dipsacus* spp.) biennial.
- Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*).
- Bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*).
- Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*).
- European morning glory or field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*).
- All other species of thistles belonging in the genus of *Carduus*. (Musk Thistle, etc.)

Other Noxious Weed Species listed in Chapter 317.1(A) to be controlled are:

Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Horse Nettle, Perennial Peppergrass, Russian Knapweed, Buckthorn, Butter print, Cocklebur, Wild Mustard, Wild Carrot, Buckhorn Plantain, Sheep Sorrel, Sour Dock, Smooth Dock, Poison Hemlock, Wild Sunflower, Puncture Vine and Shatter cane.

In Case of Landowners and tenants failing to comply with any order to destroy weeds made pursuant to Chapter 317, Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture Administrative Code, and amendments thereto, the Weed Commissioner or Deputies assigned by the Weed Commissioner may enter private lands

five days after service a destruction notice in order to conduct control on any weed infestation. The cost of this destruction, the cost of serving notice, and other related costs will be billed. If the bill is not paid, the cost of said destruction will be assessed to the tax roles of the weed violator. Also, the weed commissioner may pose a fine for each day of non-compliance up to ten days at the rate of ten dollars per day.

The County Auditor be and is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering of the foregoing order to be published in the official newspaper of the County.

Vote was: "Ayes": Dean Robins, Larry Keller and Austin Taylor. "Nays" None.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

**Res 22-053** – Moved by Larry Keller, seconded by Austin Taylor, that costs for non-compliance with the Order for Destruction of Noxious Weeds for 2022 are as follows:

\$40.00 per man hour for labor and cutting weeds; \$175.00 per hour for tractor and mower if needed; current county mileage rate per mile for any mileage associated with the expense of destroying weeds; cost of certified letter and a 25% administrative fee (administrative fee excludes Clarke County Secondary Roads and Conservation Departments).

Vote was, "Ayes": Dean Robins, Larry Keller and Austin Taylor. "Nays": None.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Ms. Humphrey left at 9:25 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING** - The Board of Supervisors met on March 7, 2022, in the Clarke County Courthouse, Board of Supervisor's room, to hold a public hearing for the purpose of allowing the public an opportunity to be heard regarding the County Fiscal Year 22/23 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Members present were Dean Robins, Larry Keller and Austin Taylor. Also, present were County Auditor Janice White.

Moved by Larry Keller to open the hearing at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Austin Taylor. Motion carried.

No one representing the public was present and no written comments were received.

Moved by Larry Keller to close the hearing, seconded by Austin Taylor. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 10:05 A.M.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

**Res 22-054** – WHEREAS, the Clarke County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed Fiscal Year 22/23 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county website, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on March 7, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clarke County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for Fiscal Year 22/23 shall not exceed the following:

- General County Services – \$3,644,745; an increase of .88% from the prior year
- Rural County Services – \$1,275,707; a decrease of 1.07% from the prior year

Motion was made by Austin Taylor and seconded by Larry Keller.

Vote was, "Ayes": Dean Robins, Larry Keller and Austin Taylor. "Nays": None.

Passed and adopted the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

**Res 22-055** – Moved by Larry Keller, seconded by Austin Taylor to set March 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. as the date and time to hold a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 county budget.

Vote was: "Ayes": Dean Robins, Larry Keller and Austin Taylor. "Nays": None.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Having no other agenda items, Larry Keller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Austin Taylor. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Signed: Dean Robins, Chairman

Attest: Janice M. White, Auditor