

Clarke County Board of Supervisors  
September 9, 2024

**September 9, 2024** - The Clarke County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on September 9, 2024 at the Clarke County Courthouse with the following members present: Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. Also present, Auditor Janice White, Osceola Sentinel Editor Candra Brooks, Treasurer Jessica Smith and Engineer Tech Corey Eckels. Chairman Austin Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Randy Dunbar made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dean Robins. All Ayes.

**RES #24-155** - Moved by Randy Dunbar, seconded by Dean Robins, per recommendation of County Treasurer Jessica Smith, and in accordance with Iowa Code 445.16, to approve the City of Osceola's request to write off the City's special assessment at 101 West Washington Street, Parcel 00763, as the City now owns the property through tax sale certificate process. Prior to the deed being issued to the City a special assessment was placed on the parcel by the City for demolition of the building,

Vote was: "Ayes": Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. "Nays": None.  
Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

Treasurer Smith left at 9:05 a.m.

**RES #24-156** - BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Supervisors of Clarke County, Iowa, that Christian Boehmer, the interim County Engineer of Clarke County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications in connection with all Farm-to-Market and federal or state aid construction projects in this county.

Moved by Dean Robins, seconded by Randy Dunbar to approve the foregoing resolution.  
Vote was, "Ayes": Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. "Nays": None.  
Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

**RES #24-157** - Moved by Dean Robins, seconded by Randy Dunbar to award and sign Bridge Replacement Contract BROS-5772(606) --5F-20 and performance bond, to lowest bidder Herberger Construction; and approve signing all documentation for this project.

Vote was: "Ayes": Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. "Nays": None.  
Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

Mr. Eckels left at 9:10 a.m.

**RES #24-158** - Moved by Randy Dunbar, seconded by Dean Robins, to approve payment of claims submitted from September 5, 2024 through September 9, 2024.

Vote was: "Ayes": Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. "Nays": None.  
Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

Fund totals for claims follows:

0001 GENERAL BASIC FUND	16,829.70
0002 GENERAL SUPPLEMENT FUND	306.81
0020 SECONDARY ROAD FUND	44,237.09
4000 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND	10,683.74

## **PUBLIC HEARING #24-159 ORDINANCE #39**

The Board of Supervisors met on September 9, 2024, in the Clarke County Courthouse, for the purpose of a public hearing on Section 23 Wind Energy Conversion Systems Regulations of Zoning Ordinance #39. Members present were Austin Taylor, Dean Robins, and Randy Dunbar. Also present were Auditor Janice White, Zoning Director Rob McCaulley and members of the public.

Moved by Dean Robins to open the hearing at 10:05 a.m., seconded by Randy Dunbar. Roll call vote was: “Ayes”: Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. “Nays”: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Taylor called for public comment. Below is a summary of the comments.

Rita Griffith stated that our landscape is sacred, that it is not always about money and that the turbines just tear up the landscape. Once they are in, they will never leave.

Conservation Director Scott Kent said he appreciated the setback from parks, bald eagle nests and other wild life.

Kathleen Johnson said she did not think someone should have a wind turbine unless they live on that parcel of land and that we should have the strictest setbacks.

A citizen stated that there is a two-mile setback from towns and he would like a two-mile setback from his property. He also has a problem with taxes reverting back to the landowner.

Another citizen stated soon as let one in, they will be everywhere. It will be like hog confinements. They are not good for Clarke County.

Someone thought the setback should include from county parks, also.

Rod Fleming questioned what all did public parks include? Whose job is it to be sure there is no dozing of bat habitat and other wildlife.

Mike Jackson voiced concern that the ordinance should address shadow clicker. He also was concerned about preserving our national birds.

Mark Johnson voiced concerns about representation on the zoning board, wind turbines disrupting life flight pattern, issues about wind farms and weather. He was also concerned about the upkeep of the roads and that we need to have guidelines for that.

A citizen stated that they thought the decision to have wind turbines in our county should go to a vote.

There were several other comments concerning problems that could arise with the wind turbines.

The Board stated there had been prior informational meetings to answer numerous questions and concerns regarding the wind ordinance. Randy Dunbar stated the Zoning Board consisted of members from various parts of the county and various age groups. The Zoning

Board reviewed ordinances from other counties and worked hard on what they have in Section 23.

Dean Robins stated we have to look at finances of the County. Austin Taylor stated we have to look at ones who may want them – everyone has rights.

Austin Taylor stated that this hearing was for the ordinance and that removing the moratorium is not being voted on today.

There were no objections in writing.

Moved by Dean Robins to close the hearing, seconded by Randy Dunbar. “Ayes”: Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. “Nays”: None. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 10:40 a.m.

Moved by Randy Dunbar, seconded by Dean Robins to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Section 23 of Ordinance #39. Vote was “Ayes”: Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. “Nays”: None. Motion carried.

Randy Dunbar moved, seconded by Dean Robins to adopt Ordinance #39. Vote was “Ayes”: Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. “Nays”: None. Motion carried.

Dated September 9, 2024.

Due to the large number of public attending, the Public Hearing was moved upstairs to the courtroom with a note being placed on the Supervisor’s door directing the public to the upstairs courtroom.

Having no other agenda items, Randy Dunbar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dean Robins. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Signed: Austin Taylor, Chairman

Attest: Janice M. White, Auditor