

Clarke County Board of Supervisors
December 16, 2024

December 16, 2024 - The Clarke County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on December 16, 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 and members of the public. Chairman Austin Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Dean Robins made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Randy Dunbar. All Ayes.

Newly elected county officials were sworn in today, but will not begin their new term until January 2, 2025. Officials being sworn in were Board of Supervisor Dean Robins, Board of Supervisor Brian Sorensen, Auditor Jessica Graves, Sheriff Rob Kovacevich and Attorney Johanna Olson.

Res 24-213 - Moved by Dean Robins, seconded by Randy Dunbar to approve and sign ICAP (Iowa Communities Assurance Pool) insurance renewal documents for 2025.

Vote was: “Ayes”: Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. “Nays”: None.
Signed this 16th day of December, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-214

Resolution authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection with the sale of General Obligation Emergency Communications Bonds, Series 2025A

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Clarke County, Iowa (the “County”), heretofore proposed to enter into a General Obligation Emergency Communications Loan Agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 331.402 of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of acquiring, constructing and installing emergency communications system equipment and improvements, and pursuant to law and duly published notice of the proposed action, has held a hearing thereon on December 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a Preliminary Official Statement (the “P.O.S.”) has been prepared to facilitate the sale of General Obligation Emergency Communications Bonds, Series 2025A (the “Bonds”) to be issued in evidence of the County’s obligation under the Loan Agreement, and it is now necessary to make provision for the approval of the P.O.S. and to authorize its use by Northland Securities, Inc. (the “Underwriter”) as the underwriter of the issuance of the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Clarke County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to take such action as shall be deemed necessary and appropriate, with the assistance of the Underwriter, to prepare the P.O.S. describing the Bonds and providing for the terms and conditions of their sale, and all action heretofore taken in this regard is hereby ratified and approved.

Section 2. The use by the Underwriter of the P.O.S. relating to the Bonds in substantially the form as has been presented to and considered by the Board of Supervisors is hereby approved, and the Underwriter is hereby authorized to prepare and use a final Official

Statement for the Bonds substantially in the form of the P.O.S. but with such changes therein as are required to conform the same to the terms of the Bonds and the resolution, when adopted, providing for the sale and issuance of the Bonds. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a final Official Statement for the Bonds, if requested. The P.O.S. as of its date is deemed final by the County within the meaning of Rule 15(c)(2)-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 3. Further action with respect to the Loan Agreement and the Bonds is hereby adjourned to the meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled for January 14, 2025.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

Passed and approved December 16, 2024.

Heidi Kuhl with Northland Securities reviewed the financial plan for the General Obligation Emergency Communication Bonds, Series 2025A.

Res 24-215 - Moved by Dean Robins, seconded by Randy Dunbar to approve and sign a Safety Action Plan Pledge in support of the strategies outlined in Iowa's Five-Year Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2024-2028 and to take the necessary steps to improve safety on the county's roadways.

Vote was: "Ayes": Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. "Nays": None.
Signed this 16th day of December, 2024.

Res 24-216 - Moved by Dean Robins, seconded by Randy Dunbar, to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation, at 10:14 a.m.

Roll call vote was: "Ayes": Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. "Nays": None.

Moved by Randy Dunbar, seconded by Dean Robins, to go back into open session at 10:26 a.m.

Roll call vote was: "Ayes": Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. "Nays": None.

Signed this 16th day of December, 2024.

Res 24-217 - Moved by Randy Dunbar, seconded by Dean Robins to direct legal counsel to move forward with settlement agreement in current litigation case.

Vote was: "Ayes": Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. "Nays": None.
Signed this 16th day of December, 2024.

Res 24-218 - Moved by Dean Robins, seconded by Randy Dunbar, to approve the following holiday schedule for nonunion employees for calendar year 2025:

President's Day

Monday, February 17

Memorial Day	Monday, May 26
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 1
Veteran's Day	Tuesday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 27
	Friday, November 28
Christmas	Thursday, December 25
	Friday, December 26
New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1, 2026

Vote was: "Ayes": Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. "Nays": None.
Signed this 16th day of December, 2024.

RESOLUTION #24-219

**Resolution to Establish a Temporary Moratorium on the
Construction of Commercial Solar Panels
in the Unincorporated Areas of Clarke County, Iowa**

Motion made by Dean Robins and seconded by Randy Dunbar for the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "Board," has concerns that in the future persons may desire to construct commercial solar panels in the unincorporated areas of Clarke County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that before any such construction takes place in Clarke County, a temporary moratorium should be put into place to ensure that the Board has sufficient time to consider whether to impose a permanent moratorium on the construction of commercial solar panel or pass ordinances to ensure that the Board and Engineer are aware of these projects in Clarke County and that the construction, operation, and deconstruction of these commercial solar panels would be subject to reasonable regulations that would ensure that said facilities are constructed and operated in a safe manner, the rights of persons or property within reasonable distance of said facilities are appropriately protected, and the conditions of County roads are protected; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to have said temporary moratoriums in place until such time as the Board determines whether a permanent moratorium should be imposed, or to be able to prepare and pass ordinances to provide appropriate regulation of said commercial solar panels.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Clarke County Board of Supervisors that:

1. The Board does hereby establish and impose a temporary moratorium on the construction of commercial solar panels in the unincorporated areas of Clarke County. This moratorium will remain in place until such time as the Board passes a resolution

placing a permanent moratorium on the construction of said structures, passed an ordinance for the regulation of said structures, or rescinds this temporary moratorium.

2. This resolution shall become effective upon passage.

Vote was: “Ayes”: Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. “Nays”: None.
Signed this 16th day of December, 2024.

Res 24-220 - Moved by Dean Robins, seconded by Randy Dunbar, to approve payment of claims submitted from December 10, 2024 through December 16, 2024.

Vote was: “Ayes”: Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. “Nays”: None.
Signed this 16th day of December, 2024.

Fund totals for claims as follows:

0001 GENERAL BASIC FUND	22,623.80
0002 GENERAL SUPPLEMENT FUND	161,338.42
0011 RURAL SERVICES BASIC FUND	654.00
0020 SECONDARY ROAD FUND	273,742.09

Having no other agenda items, Randy Dunbar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dean Robins. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Signed: Austin Taylor, Chairman

Attest: Janice M. White, Auditor