

Clarke County Board of Supervisors
March 17, 2025

March 17, 2025 - The Clarke County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on March 17, 2025 at the Clarke County Courthouse with the following members present: Dean Robins, Randy Dunbar, and Brian Sorensen. Also present, Auditor Jessica Graves and Osceola Sentinel Editor Candra Brooks and Ronnie Decker. Chairman Randy Dunbar called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Dean Robins made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Brian Sorensen. All Ayes.

Res 25-046 - Moved by Dean Robins, seconded by Brian Sorensen, to approve, in accordance with Iowa Code 331.903, Deputy appointment of the County Auditor – Deputy Garla LaFollette and Deputy Rachel Paulus for one-year term starting January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; Deputy appointment of County Recorder - Deputy Jolene Louder, for one-year term starting January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Vote was, “Ayes”: Randy Dunbar, Dean Robins, and Brian Sorensen. “Nays”: None.
Signed this 17th day of March, 2025.

Res 25-047 - Moved by Dean Robins, seconded by Brian Sorensen, 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, 2025 - Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*).

Class B noxious weeds for control include:

June 1, 2025

- a. Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*).
- b. Teasel (*Dipsacus* spp.) biennial.
- c. Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*).

- d. Bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*).
- e. Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*).
- f. European morning glory or field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*).
- g. 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”: Randy Dunbar, Dean Robins and Brian Sorensen. “Nays” None.
Signed this 17th day of March, 2025.

Res 25-048 - Moved by Brian Sorensen, seconded by Dean Robins, that costs for non-compliance with the Order for Destruction of Noxious Weeds for 2025 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”: Randy Dunbar, Dean Robins and Brian Sorensen. “Nays”: None.
Signed this 17th day of March, 2025.

Decker left at 9:25 a.m.

Res 25-049 - Moved by Dean Robins, seconded by Brian Sorensen, to approve payment of claims submitted from March 11, 2025 through March 17, 2025.

Vote was: “Ayes”: Randy Dunbar, Dean Robins and Brian Sorensen. “Nays”: None.
Signed this 17th day of March, 2025.

Fund totals for claims as follows:

0001 GENERAL BASIC FUND	22,428.71
0002 GENERAL SUPPLEMENT FUND	70.40
0011 RURAL SERVICES BASIC FUND	3,254.37
0020 SECONDARY ROAD FUND	63,746.96

4000 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND
4100 ASSESSOR

205.72
3,369.34

Having no other agenda items, Dean Robins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Sorensen. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Signed: Randy Dunbar - Chairman Attest: Jessica Graves, Auditor