

Clarke County Board of Supervisors  
April 7, 2025

**April 7, 2025** - The Clarke County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on April 7, 2025 at the Clarke County Courthouse with the following members present: Randy Dunbar, Dean Robins, 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 9:02 a.m. Dean Robins made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Brian Sorensen. All Ayes.

**Res 25-058** - Moved by Brian Sorenson, seconded by Dean Robins to approve the following Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention month in Clarke County:

**WHEREAS**, Prevention is possible. With the right policies and investments, families and children can thrive and avoid contact with child welfare and other costly systems; and

**WHEREAS**, every family and child is filled with tremendous promise, and we all have a collective responsibility to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences, foster the potential of every child, and promote positive childhood experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, positive childhood experiences (PCEs) – such as loving caregivers and safe, stable, and nurturing relationships – play a vital role in helping children thrive by mitigating trauma and the negative impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs); and

**WHEREAS**, families who receive the support they need before a crisis occurs are better equipped to provide safe, healthy, and nurturing environments, leading to children who are safer, healthier and more hopeful about their futures; and

**WHEREAS**, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects throughout an individual's lifetime and impact future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, primary prevention of child abuse and neglect can reduce the lifetime economic burden associated with child maltreatment; and

**WHEREAS**, strengthening families through access to concrete economic, social, and community-based supports reduces the likelihood of abuse and neglect and ensures children have the foundation for lifelong well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community-and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, investments in prevention initiatives – such as home visiting programs, family-strengthening policies, economic supports, and community-based child abuse prevention efforts – are essential to building safer, healthier communities for children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Randy Dunbar, Chairman of Clarke County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Clarke County and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Together, we can create a state where every child can grow up happy, healthy, and safe with hope for their future.

Vote was: “Ayes”: Randy Dunbar, Dean Robins, and Brian Sorenson. “Nays”: None.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023.

**Res 25-059** - Moved by Dean Robins, seconded by Brian Sorensen, to approve payment of claims submitted from April 1, 2025 through April 7, 2025.

Vote was: “Ayes”: Randy Dunbar, Dean Robins and Brian Sorensen. “Nays”: None.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

Fund totals for claims as follows:

0001 GENERAL BASIC FUND	41,884.58
0002 GENERAL SUPPLEMENT FUND	362.10
0020 SECONDARY ROAD FUND	27,503.29

Having no other agenda items, Dean Robins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Sorensen. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

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