

January 2, 2026

Meeting at 9:30 AM of the Clayton County Board of Supervisors at 600 Gunder Road NE, Elkader, Iowa.

Present: Steve Doeppke, Ray Peterson, and Doug Reimer

Guests: Fred Riser (by phone) and Jennifer Garms

Peterson moved, Doeppke seconded to appoint Ray Peterson as Chairperson. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried. Peterson assumed the chair.

Reimer moved, Doeppke seconded to appoint Doug Reimer as Vice-Chairperson. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doeppke moved, Reimer seconded to acknowledge the following holidays for 2026 as stated in the employment policy handbook. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

- President's Day - Monday, February 16, 2026
- Good Friday - Friday, April 3, 2026
- Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 2026
- Independence Day - Friday, July 3, 2026
- Labor Day - Monday, September 7, 2026
- Veteran's Day - Wednesday, November 11, 2026
- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26, 2026
- Friday after Thanksgiving - Friday, November 27, 2026
- Christmas Eve Day - Thursday, December 24, 2026
- Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 2026
- New Year's Day - Friday, January 1, 2027

Doeppke moved, Reimer seconded to set the county mileage reimbursement rate at \$0.65/mile for 2026. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

A contest must be held pursuant to Iowa Code 349.4 to determine the three papers with the most paid subscribers in Clayton County. The Times-Register, Guttenberg Press, Monona Outlook, and Press Journal have been notified to submit information for designation on January 13, 2026. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doeppke moved, Reimer seconded to approve resolution #1-2026 "Determining Deputies, Assistants, and Clerks of the Elected Offices." Roll Call Vote: Doeppke-aye, Peterson-aye, Reimer-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-2026

DETERMINING DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS, AND CLERKS OF THE ELECTED OFFICES

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 331.903.1 of the Iowa Code the Board of Supervisors is to determine the number of deputies, assistants and clerks of the elected offices and upon appointment by the elected officer approve the appointment of deputies, assistants and clerks,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clayton County, Iowa, that the following determination is made regarding the number of deputies, assistants and clerks of the elected offices:

- Attorney – Assistant (1): Courtney Vorwald; Clerk (1): Kari Whittle
- Auditor – Deputy (3): Amy Bahnsen, Peggy Lane, Amanda Sargent
- Recorder – Deputy (2 – After January 15, 2026): Emily Christianson, Jill Bries, Rhonda Donlon (retiring)
- Sheriff – Sheriff – Deputy (12): Adam Deshaw, Chris Doeppke, Craig Johnson, Jedidiah Jones, Mark Kautman, Matthew Moser, Jack Ostrander, Jonathan Piersch, Dylan Rumph, Mason Smith, Nicholas Sylvester, Eric Van Horn; Assistant (1): Chris Scott (Jail Admin); Clerk (2): Jan Heck, Brandi Lewin
- Treasurer – Deputy (5): Crystal Cumberland, Alison Mueller, Madison Sylvester, Audrey Tschirgi, and Cathy White

Doeppke moved, Reimer seconded to approve resolution #2-2026 "Construction Evaluation." Roll Call Vote: Doeppke-aye, Peterson-aye, Reimer-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2-2026

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the Board of Supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the Board of Supervisors between February 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the Board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CLAYTON COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Reimer moved, Doeppke seconded to approve resolution #3-2026 "Designation of Depositories." Roll Call Vote: Doeppke-aye, Peterson-aye, Reimer-aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #3-2026
DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Clayton County, Iowa, approve the following list of financial institutions to be depositories of the funds of Clayton County, Iowa, in accordance with all provisions of the Code of Iowa, Chapter 12C. The named county officer is hereby authorized to deposit funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution.

County Officer	Institution	Home Office Location	Amount
Auditor	Central State Bank	Elkader	\$25,000
Recorder	Central State Bank	Elkader	\$300,000
Sheriff	Central State Bank	Elkader	\$250,000
Sheriff	FreedomBank	Elkader	\$30,000
Treasurer	Central State Bank	Elkader	\$15,000,000
Treasurer	Citizens State Bank	Strawberry Point	\$5,000,000
Treasurer	Community Savings Bank	Edgewood	\$5,000,000
Treasurer	Farmers Savings Bank	Colesburg	\$10,000,000
Treasurer	Luana Savings Bank	Luana	\$10,000,000
Treasurer	FreedomBank	Elkader	\$15,000,000
Treasurer	Peoples State Bank	Guttenberg	\$5,000,000
Treasurer	Fidelity Bank & Trust	Guttenberg	\$15,000,000
Treasurer	IPAIT	Des Moines	\$10,000,000

Doeppke moved, Reimer seconded to make the following appointments of Supervisors to various boards and commissions. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Steve Doeppke

- County Economic Development Board
 - County Economic Development Revolving Loan Board
 - County Economic Development Housing Advisory Committee
- Winnesieck County Solid Waste Agency
- Law Enforcement Center Building
- E-911 Board - Alternate
- Northeast Iowa Community Action Board
- REAP
- 1st Judicial District Department of Corrections Board

- Northeast Iowa Juvenile Detention Board
- Iowa Workforce Development Board - Alternate
- Upper Explorerland Transportation Policy Board - Alternate
- Turkey River Recreational Corridor
- Turkey River Management Authority
- Northeast Iowa Agency on Aging
 - Northeast Iowa 3A Building Board

Ray Peterson

- Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Board
- County Courthouse & Office Buildings
- Resource Conservation and Development Board
- Turkey River Recreational Corridor - Alternate
- Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation Board
- Upper Explorerland Transportation Policy Board
- Upper Explorerland Regional Loan Fund Board
- Upper Explorerland Regional Housing Authority Board
- Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission
 - UERPC - Executive Board

Doug Reimer

- E-911 Board
- Emergency Management Agency
 - County Disaster Recovery Committee
- Emergency Medical Services Board
- County Social Services Mental Health Region
- Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health Center
- HAWC Partnerships for Children
- Substance Abuse Services for Clayton County
- Scenic Acres Facility
- County Farmland
- Iowa Workforce Development Board
 - Finance Committee

Doeppke moved, Reimer seconded to approve resolution #4-2026 "Representatives to the Clayton County E-911 Service Board." Roll Call Vote: Doeppke-aye, Peterson-aye, Reimer-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #4-2026
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CLAYTON COUNTY E-911 SERVICE BOARD

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Clayton County, shall cooperate with the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division's E-911 Office to establish and operate a local E-911 Service Board to carry out the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 34A.3; and

WHEREAS, the Service Board shall be composed of a member of the Board of Supervisor's or its appointed representative; the Sheriff or the Sheriff's representative; a member or appointed representative of each political subdivision of the state having a public safety agency serving territory within the County; or a public or private entity contracted by a township within the County and

WHEREAS, the Service Board members shall be operations liaison officers between their jurisdictions and the board; and

WHEREAS, the Service Board shall meet to determine the mission of its agency and establish direction for the delivery of the E-911 Service Board's basic functions of planning, administering, coordinating, training and supporting (i.e., funding); and

WHEREAS, the Service Board shall coordinate E-911 Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Doug Reimer be appointed as the E-911 Service Board Representative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Steve Doeppke be appointed as the Alternate Representative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Representative or Alternate Representative attend the Service Board's meeting on behalf of Clayton County.

Reimer moved, Doeppke seconded to approve the Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement and Standard Title VI Non-Discrimination Assurances. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Reimer moved, Doeppke seconded to make the following appointments of citizens to boards and commissions. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

- Board of Health:
 - Dr. Michelle Dikkens, Guttenberg (Term Ending 12/31/2028)
- Conservation Board:
 - Daryl Landsgard, St. Olaf (Term Ending 12/31/2030)
- Eminent Domain Condemnation Compensation Commission (Term Ending 12/31/2026):
 - Real Estate Agents/Brokers
 - Dan Parker, Guttenberg
 - Joe Sylvester, Elkader
 - Jeff Olson, Guttenberg
 - Randy Willie, Strawberry Point
 - Jean Green, Guttenberg
 - Carol Thomas, Strawberry Point
 - Nathan Trappe, Monona
 - Owner/Operators of Agricultural Property
 - Suzanne Shirbroun, Farmersburg
 - Gary Kregel, Guttenberg
 - Nick Meyer, Monona
 - Kathy Wettleson, Postville
 - Josh Zittergruen, Strawberry Point
 - Joe Zuercher, Postville
 - Ryan Oberbroeckling, Garnavillo
 - City Residents
 - Natalie Shea, Elkader
 - Bob Hendrickson, Elkader
 - Jane Wilke, Elkader
 - Linzy Martin, Strawberry Point
 - Susan Rausch, Guttenberg
 - Tim Oliver, Guttenberg
 - Merritt Behnken, Monona
 - Persons Having Knowledge of Property Value/Bankers
 - Brett Nagel, Greeley
 - Luke Brady, Edgewood
 - Austin Coon, Monona
 - Jared Funk, Elkader
 - Andy Reimer, Guttenberg
 - Mike Erickson, Elkader
 - Keith Garms, Elkader
- Historical Preservation Commission:
 - Ellen Collins, Elkader (Term Ending 12/31/2028)
 - Kathy Koether, McGregor (Term Ending 12/31/2028)
- Pioneer Cemetery Commission:
 - Dave Beck, Elkader (Term Ending 12/31/2028)
 - Paul Young, Farmersburg (Term Ending 12/31/2028)
- Planning and Zoning Commission:
 - Clark Wikner, McGregor (Term Ending 12/31/2030)
 - Randy Vaske, McGregor (Term Ending 12/31/2030)
- Upper Explorerland Enhancement Committee:
 - Jenna Van Meeteren, Elkader (Term Ending 12/31/2026)
 - Darla Kelchen, Greeley (Term Ending 12/31/2026)
 - Norma Thiese, Guttenberg (Term Ending 12/31/2026)
- Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission:

- Darla Kelchen, Greeley (Term Ending 12/31/2028)
- Upper Explorerland Regional Revolving Loan Program Board:
 - Adam Weigand, Monona (Term Ending 12/31/2026)
- Veteran's Affairs Commission:
 - Randall Laughead, Strawberry Point (Term Ending 12/31/2028)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment:
 - Scott McCune, Garnavillo (Term Ending 12/31/2030)

Doeppke moved, Reimer seconded to appoint Donna Lawlor, MD, as Medical Examiner for Clayton County; Michelle Dikkens, DO as Deputy Medical Examiners for Clayton County; Chris Dahlstrom, Sheila Harvey-Hallberg, Ken Hoeger, Kristine Niemer, and Dylan Rumph as Investigators for Medical Examiner reports for Clayton County. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

The Board worked on the FY2027 County Budget.

Fred Riser with Berens Tate Consulting Group met with the Board to discuss arbitrage rebate calculations for the General Obligation County Purpose Bonds, Series 2023. Doeppke moved, Reimer seconded to hire Berens Tate Consulting Group to do both an initial arbitrage rebate calculation on the General Obligation County Purpose Bonds, Series 2023 and a follow-up calculation. Ayes: Doeppke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

/s/ Ray Peterson, Board of Supervisors Chair
Attest: Jennifer Garms, Clayton County Auditor