

PUBLIC NOTICES

Clayton County Board of Supervisors Minutes April 14, 2026

Meeting at 9:00 AM of the Clayton County Board of Supervisors at 600 Gunder Road NE, Elkader, Iowa.

Present: Steve Doepcke, Ray Peterson, and Doug Reimer

Guests: Elizabeth Jaster, Jessica Goltz, Tom Clark, Andy Loan, Douglas Puffett, Josie Fettkether, Caytee Jones, Savannah Wangsness, Casey Stickfort, Tiffany Johansen, Kaitlyn Kuehl-Berns, and Jennifer Garms.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve the meeting minutes for April 7, 2026 and April 9, 2026. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the claims as presented totaling \$235,365.74. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve the placement of a bench as a memorial for former Assessor Office Manager Linda Werger on the courthouse grounds. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the placement of garbage cans on either end of Big Springs Road with monitoring and disposal done by the Clayton County SxS Riders. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Jessica Goltz provided a program update and made a FY2027 funding request for Seva Health.

The Board discussed the Judicial Mental Health Advocate position and how the position can be filled by an individual, contracted with a company/service, or through a 28E Agreement with another county and their staff member(s).

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve and place on file the report of fees for January through March 2026 for the following: Auditor, \$2,726.56; Recorder, \$29,522.07; Sheriff, \$18,849.90. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Three bids were received for painting road markings. They included Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for \$91,925.00, Iowa Plains Signing for \$125,650.00, and Vogel Traffic Services for \$95,882.50. Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to award the bid for painting road marking to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for \$91,925.00. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to authorize the chair to sign an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for Traffic Safety Improvement Program funding for the B45 Hill project for \$445,000.00. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the FY2027 Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Secondary Roads budget. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the FY2027 Secondary Roads Five-Year Construction Program. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve an amendment for a Class B Retail Alcohol License for Driftless Cave and Campground DBA Spook Cave and Campground. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

The Board worked on the FY2026 County Budget Amendment.

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

April 21, 2026

Meeting at 9:00 AM of the Clayton County Board of Supervisors at 600 Gunder Road NE, Elkader, Iowa.

Present: Steve Doepcke, Ray Peterson, and Doug Reimer

Guests: Douglas Puffett, Brian Harbaugh, Garrett Baumgartner, Shawn Wirkler, Casey Stickfort, Kaitlyn Kuehl-Berns and Amanda Sargent.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve the meeting minutes for April 14, 2026. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the claims as presented totaling \$218,333.93. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Garrett Baumgartner provided an Information Technology departmental update.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the wage certification for Randy Backes as Secondary Roads Seasonal Worker position at \$20.00 an hour effective May 15, 2026. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

The Board worked on the FY2027 County Budget.

/s/ Ray Peterson, Board of Supervisors Chair
Attest: Amanda Sargent, Clayton County Deputy Auditor

Publish April 29, 2026

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CLAYTON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DUANE L. KLINK, Deceased. CASE NO. ESPR007998

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DUANE L. KLINK, Deceased, who died on or about October 16, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on April 15, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Duane L. Klink, deceased, bearing date of August 8, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one (1) month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated: April 28, 2026

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Date of second publication: May 13, 2026
Publish May 6 & 13, 2026

TRUST NOTICE WITH WILL WITHOUT PRESENT ADMINISTRATION IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST:

DUANE L. KLINK REVOCABLE TRUST EXECUTED AUGUST 8, 2024

To all persons regarding Duane L. Klink, deceased, who died on or about October 16, 2025. You are hereby notified that Dolores M. Klink and Denise Gruwell are the trustees of the Duane L. Klink Revocable Trust Executed August 8, 2025. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Clayton County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor and the spouse of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Notice is further given that the will of the decedent has been admitted to probate without present administration in the above-named court, that such will designates the trust as the residual beneficiary of the estate, that all persons indebted to the estate of the decedent are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned trustee, and that any person or entity possessing a claim against the estate must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or thirty days from the date of mailing this notice if required, or the claim shall be forever barred, unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated: April 28, 2026

Duane L. Klink Revocable Trust Executed August 8, 2024
Dolores M. Klink, Trustee
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CLAYTON RIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING April 30, 2026

The Clayton Ridge Board of Directors held a special meeting on April 30, 2026 at 7:30 am in the Superintendent Office, Guttenberg.

Call to Order/Roll Call

President Jessica Bittner called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. Other members in attendance were Sam Brandt, Mike Finnegan, and Shelly Mommer. Ellen Johnson, Dan Kregel, and TJ Pierce were absent.

Also present was Superintendent Shane Wahls.

There were no other guests present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mommer and second by Finnegan to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Employment. Motion by Brandt and second by Mommer to approve the following hires:

- Adam Sadewasser – HS Social Studies Teacher
- Ryan Fritz – 6-12 Principal

Adjournment

Motion by Finnegan and second by Mommer to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 am

Shane Wahls, Superintendent

Jessica Bittner, Board President
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