

CLINTON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 13, 2023 MEETING
COURT ROOM A, CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

1. Called to order at 9:00 AM
2. Members present: Board Chairman Brad Knolhoff, Ann Schroeder and Nelson Heinzmann. Also present: Mike Hilmes and Janice Strotheide
3. Approved minutes from September 2023 Executive Committee meeting. Motion by Brad Knolhoff, seconded by Ann Schroeder. Motion carried.
4. Reviewed and clarified agenda items for the October 16, 2023 regular Board Meeting
5. Brad Knolhoff reviewed the history of SWIMPAC. He explained that the purpose of the organization is to help counties plan for the region. They did assist us in the development of our Comprehensive Plan. A few years ago, when the commission was asking for our annual contribution, the finance committee questioned what services we were receiving for the contribution. They requested that the executive director, Kevin Terveer, meet with the committee to discuss this. Kevin did attend a finance meeting in January 2022, but did not clearly explain what benefits Clinton County was receiving. The board's position was that we didn't owe this money because no one had been able to articulate what benefits we were receiving for the contribution. As a result, the county has not contributed since 2019. Originally our contribution was approximately \$12,800. Recently Kevin resigned and a new executive director is in place who can articulate the benefits of contributing to the organization. The new executive director and board are still requesting back pay for the past several years. Since this request, the executive board has discovered they were erroring on the amount due from us. It amounted to about a \$6,000 per year overcharge. The original request was around \$48,000 but taking into account the billing error it brings the amount due down to approximately \$24,000. After some discussion, Brad Knolhoff made a motion to pay one year back pay which is approximately \$6,800. Along with the payment a letter would be sent in which we would stipulate that if they accept this payment from us, they understand this absolves the county from any other past due amount. Also, in the letter it will state that we will continue to monitor their performance in regards to contributing to regional development. Ann Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion approved.
6. The committee reviewed the U-Studios bill that had been submitted to the Finance Committee. Finance wanted more guidance on whether this bill should be paid at this point in time. It was the committee's opinion to hold off paying this bill for the time being.
7. Brad Knolhoff mentioned that he would be meeting with the U of I Extension Service on Wednesday evening to discuss their services and the contribution we make to the organization. He also mentioned that the 4-H representatives were scheduled to speak to the board at Monday night's county board meeting.
8. Next committee meeting scheduled for November 17, 2023 at 9:00 AM
9. Motion for adjournment made by Ann Schroeder, seconded by Brad Knolhoff. Motion carried.