1. PURPOSE OF COUNCIL
- Identify and discuss issues facing youth in the county
- Create strategies that address these youth issues
- Educate young people in the community about their role as citizens
- Promote 4-H, Voice for youth, Set an example, Organize leadership activities, Better community and unity, Enrich community, Educate community, Growth in community, Identify issues, Good role models, Show that 4-H is not just for farm kids, Show that 4-H is fun and exciting, Promote participation, Positive youth activities, healthy and safe activities, keep out of risk, help current members develop important life skills.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES
   a. Act as liaisons for individual 4-H clubs
   b. Organize, plan, and conduct 4-H activities, such as:
      1. Fire Up Night
      2. Officer Training
      3. Conference Judging Day
      4. 4-H Recognition Banquet
   c. Recruit and encourage membership in the Clinton County 4-H Program

3. MEMBERSHIP
   - Must be current Clinton County 4H member for at least three years
   - 4-H Member has to be an incoming freshman or in high school student
   - Must abide by the 4-H Code of Ethics
   - Members are allowed 3 excused absences
   - If member a member had missed 3 unexcused meetings, membership will be ended.
   - If you are not able to attend a meeting or event, you must notify Advisor as soon as possible.
   - Must participate in a Leadership Project --within their club or as a group in the county
   - Must participate in a Service-Learning, Community service, or Leadership project with county council
   - Any violation of rules set by County Council shall be reported to the Advisor and will result in:
      1. First Offense: Warning/probation plus you will be required to write or give oral apologies to chaperones, other group members, and county 4H committees, as ordered by the Leaders of the County Council.
      2. Second Offense: Expulsion from County Council

4. SELECTION
   - Completed application form due September 1
   - Application will be a minimum of one page report
   - Must have a reference on the application
   - Application and reference are to be submitted to an Advisor
- Application Review Committee may consist of one graduated County Youth Council member, 4-H Staff, 4-H Youth Committee, and County Council Advisors/Leaders.
- 5-20 members, this is at the discretion of the Application Review Committee

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- Officers will be elected using a written ballot. A quorum must be present at the meeting (half of the current membership plus one) for an election to be valid. Candidates may give a speech of one minute, each candidate will be asked a maximum of three questions on the day of the elections.

6. Officers
- President - The President will preside over general meetings and confer with the Advisor about the agenda prior to meetings. The President will oversee committees and notify members about meetings and events. The agenda is to be sent to the Advisor at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Ideally, the agenda is created at the previous meeting.

Vice President - The Vice President will preside over meetings in absence of the President to assist the President in overseeing committees. He or she must also notify members via text message for meetings.

Secretary - The Secretary will keep attendance and take minutes during meetings. The meeting minutes must be sent to the Advisor within two weeks after each meeting.

Historian - The Historian will take photographs of members at events and share with the Advisor. The Historian will help compile a visual newsletter (may be electronic) and will submit minutes to the local newspaper (DeWitt Observer).

Treasurer - Creates annual budget, researches costs and creates budgets for specific events, and reads financial reports at meetings

Youth Committee Liaison - Must attend Youth Committee meetings and report back to the County Council at each monthly meeting. If you cannot attend a meeting you must find a replacement from the county council to take your place. You may only miss a maximum of three meetings.

- If an officer is not fulfilling their duties a member brings it to the attention of the Advisor, if the Advisor confirms the concern, it will be brought to the county councils attention and they will have a vote to determine a plan of action
7. Committees-

Committees will be established for each council planned activity and must include one youth lead and one adult lead. The adult lead must be a screened 4-H volunteer and does not need to be an Advisor. Adult leads are individuals who are willing to assist youth with projects or activities and may be Club Leaders, parents, community representatives, etc. who are approved volunteers of the Clinton County 4-H Program.

8. Code of Ethics

- May not possess or consume illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages during any Youth Council functions.
- No inappropriate behavior
- Any member convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or expelled from school will be removed from the Youth Council.

9. Procedures

The Youth Council will use Parliamentary Procedure and follow Robert’s Rule of Order.

10. Meetings

The Youth Council shall hold regularly scheduled meetings that are publicly announced in advance and subject to the general statutes governing public meetings and public records.

*** Meetings will be held tentatively on the fourth Sunday of each month.