

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Commissioner Josh Uitts called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

PRESENT

Josh Uitts

Steve Woods

Jordan Brewer

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Kevin Myers, Liz Stitzel, Renee Crick, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Clark Beard, Dana Myers, Tim Elston, Alan Dun, Rodney Wann, Tom Little, and others shown to be present in the minutes. Commissioner's Assistant Jerri Sexton recorded the minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Uitts led the pledge of allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

IN THE MATTER OF HOWARD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Dr. Oliver gave a financial update to the Commissioners. In the past year they have had a 7% growth. They have been collaborating with Healthy Communities and local law enforcement.

IN THE MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITION

Renee Crick officially asked the Commissioners for approval to fill the Assistant Director position and a full time dispatch position. Commissioner Woods motioned to approve both positions, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Renee recognized Tim Elston for his help when their system was down.

IN THE MATTER OF STRUCTURE POINT SERVICES

Matt Maday and Dan Weinheimer from Structure Point presented the Commissioners with an agreement for schematic design for the renovations to occur on the third floor. Commissioner Woods motioned to approve agreement, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON 180 EAST

Mo Morrison stated that he felt the speed study that was done on 180 East was flawed. He has requested a speed limit reduction and a sign to be placed in the residential area.

Commissioner Brewer stated at the last meeting they had decided to put "children at play" and "heavy trucks" signs in that area. Commissioner Uitts stated other than the signs already discussed there will not be any changes.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Kevin Myers reported 800 North is complete. He appreciated all the new equipment they have received over the last year. Kevin stated that he officially retiring on January 29, 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel reported that Mr. Fickle went to court that morning regarding the Hillisburg property neighboring Richard Huffers property.

They will reconvene on December 10th at 7:00 for a Development plan hearing for Envenergy at the Edward Jones Building.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve Material Bids for 2021, Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Brewer motion to approve HWC work change order for I-65/SR 28, Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts requested authorization to approve and sign a USI agreement for Bridge 21 grant application process. Commissioner woods motioned to approve agreement, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve the Commissioners meeting schedule for 2021, Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve Gina Brettnacher’s bond, seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff Kelly reported that they are going to have the ability to do rapid COVID 19 testing at the Correctional part of their facility and the jail and for all their employees and incoming inmates. At this time there is no cost. They got approval for free flu shots through the state for the jail and will be offered for all staff and inmates.

The Chaplins at the Sheriff’s office will be available for law enforcement agencies, and fire departments.

Commissioner Uitts stated that they will need to hire additional jail employees and road deputies. Those positions will be funded with the Federal Inmate Housing Program. This program brings in approximately \$80,000 a month. He would like to go ahead and get the appropriate levels of staffing.

Sheriff Kelly stated that they would need a total of 8 jail staff and 2 merritt deputies for the road. They would hire 4 jail staff in the beginning and wait to see how it goes for the other 4 hires. Commissioner Uitts stated that there needs to be an understanding that these positions only exist if that funding mechanism is in place. Alan Dunn stated that there needs to be documentation stating if the funding doesn’t exist those positions do not exist any longer.

Britt Ostler reported that they received the Cares Act funds and she would like approval from the Commissioners to pay the following items using those funds:

EMS Fencing	\$8,200
BOH build out/clinic rent	\$20,000
Floor Cleaner	\$8,400
AED’s	\$33,850
BOH Trailer	\$83,221
Jail OT	\$34,000
Computers Est. amt.	\$200,000

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve the above items to be paid with the Cares Act Funds. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Rodney Wann reported that he still has staff out recovering from COVID. He billed the state for the additional \$50,000 of grant money that they are utilizing to hire staff. He thanked Tim for helping them set up in the new facility.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer motioned to authorize Commissioner Woods to sign the agreement with LHD to continue utilizing their services for our group health insurance. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer reported that he and Tim are working on having our meetings on youtube live on a permanent basis so that all our meetings can be viewed by department heads and the public at their convenience.

Commissioner Uitts reported that we are scheduled to do a large purge with Shredit on December 7th and are just needing people to help with bringing boxes down from the attic. Sheriff Kelly stated that they have been in contact with Janet and will have some inmates over to help out.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve the following claims as submitted, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

- Friday claims dated November 20, 2020 in the amount of \$15,933.18
- Wednesday claims dated November 25, 2020 in the amount of \$9,425.21
- Bi-weekly claims dated December 1, 2020 in the amount of \$174,330.02
- Court claims dated December 1, 2020 in the amount of \$12,777.90
- Election claims dated November 6, 2020 in the amount of \$18,650.00

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve the payroll as submitted, Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

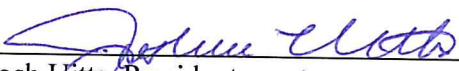
Payroll dated November 20, 2020 in the amount of \$423,993.04

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated November 2, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Uitts. Motion carried 3-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Brewer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Woods at 10:12 a.m.. Motion carried 3-0.

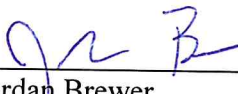
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Josh Uitts, President



Steve Woods



Jordan Brewer

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

