

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

March 4,, 2019

9:00A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on March 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room located at 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

President of the Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

**PRESENT**

Josh Uitts  
Steve Woods

**ABSENT**

Scott Shoemaker

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Janet Lloyd, Carol Bartley, Jon Hussey, Clark Beard, Brett Barton, Rich Kelly, Liz Stitzel, Katrina Bell, Ron Gascho, Ken Hartman, Renee Crick, Chris Overman, Rodney Wann, Greg Miller, Kevin Myers, Rhea Harris, Dan Sheets, and others shown to be present in the minutes. Commissioner's Assistant Jerri Sexton recorded the minutes.

**IN THE MATTER OF PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Uitts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Uitts asked for public comment: Caren Crum from Purdue Extension Office gave an update on the extension office, stating they are fully staffed and invites anyone to come take a tour.

Kim Harris wanted to know if the Board had requested receipts from the Humane Society and is it public record. Commissioner Uitts states we don't require receipts, and only request that the Humane Society invoice for service and we used their expenditure report for their funding.

Amy Reddington states she runs safe haven puppy palace. She states she had been in contact with Cindy Davis from the Humane Society about getting heartworm medication, and when she went to pick it up was met with hostility from an employee of the Humane Society.

Stephanie Crum stated she wanted to be clear that this employee was Matt the Animal Control Officer.

**IN THE MATTER OF PETITION TO VACATE PORTION OF 150 N**

Les Burgum, Attorney request petition to vacate portion of 150 N. Commissioner Uitts motioned to recess at 9:24 for Public hearing for the petition, Commissioner Woods seconded, motion carried 2-0. Hearing no objections from the public, Highway department, or Drainage Board, Commissioner Uitts motioned to close public hearing at 9:25, Commissioner Woods seconded, motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Ordinance 2019-03, Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 2-0 to officially vacate this portion of 150 N.

**IN THE MATTER OF IU HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Tabled until next meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF PARTNERS IN PROGRESS AND SHARP PROGRAM**

Curt Stevenson Chairman of PEP committee spoke in regards to the sharp program which uses federal home loan bank programs to improve homes for seniors and the disabled.

Karen Gregorson-President of Farmers Bank and Board member of Home loan Bank spoke in regards to grants used for the neighborhood improvement program that targets low to moderate income homeowners and the Accessibility modification program which allows homeowners to age in place. The next step would be to arrange for a contractor and educate them on the program and allocate funds to pay for the contractor. Then get word out to the county that these programs are available. Commissioner Woods states we need to start with forming these committees and motioned to proceed to follow up and start incentive programming in place. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Kevin Meyers reported: He has the two contracts from Milestone for \$551,975.50 and Central Paving for \$217,612.70 that need to be signed by the President and Auditor. Commissioners sign contracts.

INDOT wants to close bridge on 39, Kevin has an agreement on the detour. Should be closed less than 30 days  
Commissioners sign agreement.

We have mostly been working on gravels as much as we can, drainage, patching potholes, doing what drainage work we can and hauling stone when we aren't treating roads. We finally have adequate salt and still have a lot of it on order.



Because of the recent bridge and culvert inspections, I have TNT Concrete preparing estimates to do some more of the rebar, spraying concrete repairs.

Need new dump trucks, looking into leasing trucks.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN**

Liz Stitzel reported: Introduced Katrina Powel as the new Zoning Administrator.

Liz researched the Landfill contract and issues they are having.

The development plan states that the new landfill will provide substantial onsite runout distance between the active working area and the exit for traffic leaving the landfill. They are actually moving trucks out of mud less than 50' from where they enter SR 39 without visiting any wheel wash. The plan states Perimeter access n gravel/dirt for interior traffic only that stays inside the gate but perimeter access exits OUTSIDE the gate straight onto SR 39 and is being used by external traffic not using wheel wash and dragging mud up onto the supposed "runout distance". The plan shows grade along north side of new drive area was level within about a half a foot before construction. Construction was supposed to meet existing grades. No mention in the plans of creating a low spot without drainage that ponds water at the entrance. In reality there is a low spot holding water right in the exit lane of the drive-tis means all exiting trucks wheels are soaked before leaving, further contributing to the mud on SR 39. Dan Sheets is working with landfill on remedying this situation so water doesn't pond. The plan shows that a full buffer yard installed as required. The bufferyard was installed, however numerous trees have died this last year leaving gaps in compliance. Recommendations are as follows: The access road is being used in complete violation and is causing the primary road to be useless in keeping SR 39 clear. The access road cannot be placing dirt on either the paved drive or SR 39. Since it is being used heavily and by trucks as a primary exit, it needs to be paved at least 1000' back to provide a runoff area. If it cannot be paved, it needs to be closed off. All dead trees in the buffer yard need to be replaced this spring. Options if non compliant: Start fining \$300/day or revoke entire approval for development forcing them to stop taking waste. I recommend the latter option only as a last resort as this will also affect our revenues negatively and make future negotiations more tense.

Spokesperson from Republic states they can alter their traffic plan, they have a long term fix for entrance to the highway. They will take under advisement paving exit road. They will replace trees in the buffer yard this spring. Commissioner Woods expressed his concerns of uncovered trash and trash being blown to neighboring houses and not being picked up for over 24 hours.

Liz introduces an idea on how to get funding to take the Mansion Elevators down using the Governors next level trails grant.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Code of Conduct discussion-employee handbook-Commissioner Woods motions to expand the code of conduct policy to include political appointees and to various boards to the employee handbook. Commissioner Uitts seconds, motion carries 2-0.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Renee Crick reports that 8 dispatchers went to plainfield for enhanced caller management training, and that she and others will be attending a 1 day specialized training session next week. The week of March 17th is the severe weather preparedness week, In conjunction with the state will be doing tornado siren testing on March 19th. Several of them are taking an online course.

Sheriff Kelly reports he is working with county attorney for ordinance for inmate co pays from \$10 to \$15.00. He submitted to the Commissioners quotes for Command Sourcing, Inc. for body scanner in the amount of \$138,000. Ascentium Capital LLC for a new security system in the amount of \$121,757.08. Kellwell Food Management for inmate food services.

Rodney Wann reports: Applying for Narcan grant to attain 100 more kits, they are still partnering with EMS and Healthy Communities to get these out to the community without any additional cost to the taxpayers. Will be working with the Sheriff on Narcan training for staff. Commissioner Woods ask Brett Barton from Corrections if he carries the Narcan, Brett states he has it on his desk. Rodney states he has been to Corrections and Probation for Narcan training.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Woods states that Larry Perlee dropped off a quote to fix the roof of the probation office. The quote is for \$39,900. Commissioner Woods motions to approve bid from Larry Perlee to fix roof of probation office, Commissioner Uitts seconds, motion carries 2-0.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Uitts moved to accept the February 20, 2019 minutes as presented. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Commissioner Woods moved to approve the following claims as submitted, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0

Friday claims dated February 22, 2019 in the amount of \$125,201.22

Friday claims dated March 1, 2019 in the amount of \$27,366.29

Court claims dated March 4, 2019 in the amount of \$19,445.39

Bi-weekly claims dated March 4, 2019 in the amount of \$297,647.09

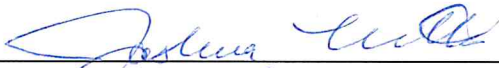
**IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL**

Commissioner Woods moved to approve the following payroll claims as submitted. Commissioners Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.


Payroll ending February 15,2019 in the amount of \$372,682.68

Without any further business to come before the Board Commissioner made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner at 10:40 am . Motion carried 2 -0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY

  
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Britt Ostler, Auditor