

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 5, 2020

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on October 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

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

PRESENT

Josh Uits

Steve Woods

Jordan Brewer

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Ron Gasho, Kevin Myers, Chris Overman, Brett Barton, Liz Stitzel, Beth Keeney, Ken Hartman, Jada Ray, Greg Miller, Caren Crum, Bethany Perlee, Dan Sheets, Britt Ostler 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 Uits led the pledge of allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Huffer wanted an update on the progress on the neighboring property. Liz Stitzel stated that it has been sent to court and awaiting a court date.

IN THE MATTER OF XSOFT AGREEMENT

Britt Ostler reported that the Auditor and Treasurer would like to be on the same tax software program as the Assessor. She stated that she has gone to the Council and they want to pay it in one lump sum because it will give them a \$25,000 deduction. Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve the XSoft software program, Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

IN THE MATTER OF LANDFILL REVIEW

Austin Green updated the Commissioners on the Landfill, stating that since the Commissioners sent a letter to Republic to address some issues, there has been significant progress. One concerning issue is the sedimentation observed on the North East side of the site. There is an outlet on the northern side that runs under CR 300 N that has received a large amount of fast moving water and sediment. While work has been done to create check dams and sediment traps additional practices and stabilization are needed to protect this area. A contractor has been sent out to remove the accumulated sediment and it has been stated that 26 tri-axle truckloads of sediment was removed from the site. This calculation brings the approximate amount of off-site sedimentation to 364 tons of soil. A high priority should be placed on stopping the off-site sedimentation. Commissioner Uits stated that he had the commissioners full support.

IN THE MATTER OF BF&S RIGHT OF WAY OFFER

Alex Francis stated that he is a Land Agent with Butler, Fairman & Siefert Inc. They are under contract with INDOT to acquire the right-of-way for the SR 28 rehabilitation project. The CC Board of Commissioners have been identified as an owner of property that will be affected by the project, and would like to present the offer to purchase a portion of the property as right-of-way for the project. Commissioner Uits stated that to his knowledge that it is owned jointly by the City of Frankfort and Clinton County. He stated that it was important that Ivy Tech gets put back together the way it is now.

Les Bergum stated that the property is owned 50/50 by the city and county but the improvements were made by Ivy Tech.

Commissioner Uits stated that they had talked to architects Browning Day Mullins and Dierdorf that had originally done the project to give us a cost estimate and asked if that is who the architect estimate is from. Alex stated that they used The Sign Group Inc. out of Indianapolis. They gave an estimate of \$35,355.00 to remove the existing letters from the monument wall, flag pole, two light poles, two ground fixtures and Becks sign. See page 54 of the statement for a complete estimate.

Commissioner Woods motioned to accept the appraisal, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried. 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Kevin Myers reported that they have been doing small maintenance jobs and cutting brush. They are going to get started on 800 N next week. They have started on bridge repairs and will probably get them done this week.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel reported that they had a complaint on property on Farmers Gravel Road, there is junk and debris on this property but the complainant wanted the house cited as an unsafe structure. There is a renter in the house and it is the daughter of the renter that wants it cited. There is no power at the house. Liz explained to the daughter that we do not get into renter issues at all. The structure is either safe or not. The renter is currently using a bucket to flush the toilet.

Rodney Wann stated that if there is no power, there is no well water and they have taken action in similar situations and have told people that it is unfit to live in unless power is restored or they will need to evacuate the home. Commissioners decide to have Rodney handle this situation.

Liz introduced Ty Pierce as the new Building Inspector.

Dan Sheets and Liz thanked Steve for his 19 years of service on the Area Plan Commission Board.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Woods stated they had their employee health insurance meeting and they will be adding two more years without any increase as long as county employees continue to use the Employee Health Clinic. This will be a total of 4 years without an increase. Commissioner Uitts recognized Commissioner Woods, Britt Ostler, Alan Dunn and Clark Beard for their hard work on the Insurance Committee. Commissioner Uitts signed the Renewal of IU Health Plans.

Commissioner Woods motion to approve Resolution 2020-06 accepting Donations of Surplus Property from Morgan County to the Recorder's office, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts recognized Councilman Jake Myers for taking the lead on procuring a 2019 Ford Transit vehicle for the Clinton County Coroner for \$26,500, a little under budget.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Zach Klutz from Taft Law introduced Resolution 2020-05 authorizing the execution of an amendment to the water lease agreement and ratifying and affirming certain actions of the County Council of Clinton County. Commissioner Uitts stated that this does not reflect an overall increase in what they anticipated spending on this project, they have rearranged how they will use the funds. The county received the EDA grant that freed up funds that could be rearranged to expand the project to potentially construct a water tower. Commissioner Woods motioned to approve Resolution 2020-05, Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the first amendment to the lease agreement, Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Woods moved to approve EDA Agreement and the president to sign, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve Division A Pay App 1 for Atlas Excavating, seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve J.G. Case Construction Pay App seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve EMA Resolution 2020-07 the adoption of Clinton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve and Sign Title work for Paul Phillippe's new vehicle they purchased. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Woods stated he received a call from a Rossville councilman about possibly donating a tax sale property to the town of Rossville. Nothing can be done until it goes through the Certificate Sale process unless they buy it outright.

Commissioner Woods stated that the Sheriff department is willing to donate a vehicle to the Humane Society. He made to motion to donate the vehicle to the Humane Society, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts reported that Ron Francis was here with appraisals for one of the property easements regarding the I-65/SR 28 project. The owners of the property did not accept the appraisal and countered with an amount that he felt was unreasonable. He asked for the attorney to start the condemnation process via eminent domain. Tom Little recommended using Yasmin Stump Law Group. Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve the contract for Yasmin Stump Law Group, Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Caren Crum reported that she needed recommendations from the Commissioners on moving forward with some repairs needed at the Extension office. The Building Inspector came in to prioritize some of the things that needed repaired. Commissioner Uitts asked her to get quotes for everything that needed repairs and come back and they will prioritize them according to the budget.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No other reports

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Friday claims dated September 18, 2020 in the amount of \$19,656.72
- Friday claim dated September 25, 2020 in the amount of \$7,287.73
- Friday claim dated October 2, 2020 in the amount of \$36,164.53
- Bi-weekly claims dated October 5, 2020 in the amount of \$599,151.31
- Court claims dated October 5, 2020 in the amount of \$24,628.42
- Probation claims dated September 22, 2020 in the amount of \$10,757.38

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

- Payroll dated September 11, 2020 in the amount of \$388,454.70
- Payroll dated September 25, 2020 in the amount of \$407,170.88

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated September 15, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried 3-0.

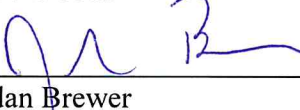
Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Woods motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brewer at 9:49.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY

Josh Uitts, President



Steve Woods



Jordan Brewer

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor

