

## MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, April 5 2021

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 5, 2021 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 Uitts  
Jordan Brewer  
Mark Timmons

### ABSENT

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Rick Campbell, Rich Kelly, Brett Barton, Greg Miller, Liz Stitzel, Ken Hartman, Renee Crick, Chris Overman, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Alan Dunn, 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 Uitts led the pledge of allegiance.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were received

### **IN THE MATTER OF FAIRGROUND UPDATE**

Matt Neal, president of the Fair Council gave a brief update of the Fairgrounds and presented to the Commissioners an end of year financial report. They are expanding the harness racing and rentals of the horse barns. The barns are almost full. They will be using some of the monies received from Edward Jones to put in new LED lights in the Edward Jones Building. Matt has spoken to Dr. Sharp and Rodney Wann in regards to having the carnival, and they are wanting to move forward with having the carnival. They will still use CDC guidelines. Commissioner Uitts stated that with the way things are trending, to go ahead and plan for the carnival.

The Fair Council would like the Commissioners to consider repaving the main drive and the parking area between Clinton Hall and the Edward Jones Building. Matt asked if there was COVID money to reimburse for the fencing and trailers for the fencing. To Britt Ostler's knowledge there has not been an invoice submitted for these items.

Matt reported that on May 15th they will be hosting a benefit livestock show with a goal to make it a yearly event. The benefit will help someone in the livestock community that has had a child diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis.

The Commissioners asked where they were on the grandstands and restroom projects. Matt stated that he will have to meet with Jamie, Alan, and Jordan in this regard. The bids they received 3 years ago aren't good now and will have to get new bids. There has been some funds appropriated for the projects.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH CAMERA SYSTEM AND PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME POSITION**

Renee Crick reported that the camera system needed to be updated at dispatch at a cost of \$2,456.75 that she has in the budget. Commissioners approve of updating the camera system. She stated she had hired a part-time person in the fall when transitioning Colleen to assistant director, and now would like to move that part-time to a full-time position. Commissioners approve of moving the part-time to a full-time position after completion of his training.

Renee reported that RA-COMM will be removing the antenna from the water tower and replacing it once the work from the City is completed. The cost for this is \$6,624.00 and she has submitted an additional funds request. They are scheduled to remove the antenna Friday, April 16th and the City plans on starting their work on the 19th of April. Project to hopefully be completed by July 4th.

**IN THE MATTER OF PASTURE LEASE BIDS**

County Attorney Tom Little opened and read the only Pasture Lease Bid and it is as follows:

Joseph Metzger II of JM Cattle Company \$4,200.00

**IN THE MATTER OF MOWING BIDS**

Tom Little opened the mowing bids and they are as follows:

	Courthouse	BOH	Wash. Ave.	Probation	Ext. off.	EMS	EMS E.
<b>Smith Lawn Care LLC</b>							
Mow & Trimming	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$44.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$80.00
Aeration	\$154.00						
Weed Control 3x/yr	\$62.00	\$70.00		\$48.00	\$62.00	\$70.00	
Mulch	\$1,875.00	\$255.00		\$230.00	\$244.00	\$840.00	
Landscaping/Maint.	\$1,622.00	\$96.00		\$140.00	\$160.00	\$388.00	
<b>Warren Lawn &amp; Landscaping Inc.</b>							
Mow	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$80.00
Trim Bushes	\$500.00	\$60.00		\$130.00	\$150.00	\$225.00	
Mulch	\$1,200.00	\$80.00		\$210.00	\$225.00	\$600.00	
Aeration	\$150.00						

Commissioners will take bids under advisement and make a decision at the next meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF VACATION OF AN ALLEY IN CAMBRIA**

Mark Horton is requesting a vacation of an alley and submitting paperwork he has completed himself. Tom Little stated that we need a legal description of the alley right of way from a surveyor that is missing from the paperwork. Commissioner Brewer asked if the alley ways were all going to Mark. Mark stated that each alley way would go to that property owner and he is waiting to hear from the surveyor. Britt stated that she would also need a Notice to publish in the paper not just the perimeter search.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY ANNUAL OPERATIONS REPORT AND UPDATE**

Rick Campbell presented the Highway Annual Operations Report to sign. Commissioner Uitts signed the report. Rick made a request to hire a new employee. Commissioners agree to allow Rick to hire a new employee.

Rick stated that they are having issues with County Road 100 North that was paved in 2019. They had the road milled instead of skim coated and paved. As soon as the hot mix plants open up they will dig up the bad spots and fill with base and a top coat. Rick requested for the County website be updated to put his name and information on there.

They are currently spreading gravel and patching. He has about 8.5 miles he would like to convert. He has about 40 miles of roads that need to be chip sealed.

**IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN**

Liz reported that she checked into Green Demolition Contractors Inc., the company with the lowest bid for taking down the Manson Elevator, and they come highly recommended. Their bid was \$72,800.00 and recommends accepting this bid. Commissioners will table their decision until the next meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

Alan Dunn reported that Congress passed the American Rescue Plan that included 65 Billion dollars to aid counties across the country. Clinton County will get available funding of over 6 million dollars. It is different from the first Coronavirus relief program that reimbursed funds already spent. This is new money that we are eligible to do new things with. It requires there be a fund created by the Legislative body and requires appropriations by the Council and they will have to work closely together. There will need to be detailed information in the Ordinance about how the money will be used. Alan requested that one of the three Commissioners be on the budget committee to get started on a potential plan of what that Ordinance might look like. Commissioner Brewer stated he would be on the budget committee.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Timmons motioned for Tom Little to move forward with the INDOT proposal for the SR 28 project, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Whitehead parcels on the intersection of SR 28 and I-65 need to be acquired to move forward with the construction of the water/sewer project, Mr. Whitehead has rejected the offer made. Tom recommends moving

forward with the condemnation process. Commissioner Timmons motioned for Tom to move forward with the Condemnation process, Commissioner Brewer abstained. Commissioner Uitts seconded Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve Resolution 2021-05 Rescinding the requirement of face masks effective April 6, 2021, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chris Keller is willing to do the county mowing again for this year.

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

Commissioner Timmons motioned to sign the Badger Engineering Agreement for the Public Safety Training Complex. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve Gibson Software Assurance Contract, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve and sign the new HR Consultant contract for Rick Brown, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Chris Overman reported that Jennifer Davis has contacted him in regards to having the haunted house at Parkview Home this year. They will plan to move forward for now.

Greg Miller reported that the deeds have been signed for the Eastside of the county.

Rodney Wann reported that they are expanding the COVID Vaccine operation at the Fairgrounds and expect to get approximately 1500 vaccines per week. They shut down one of the testing sites. They will try to be moved out of the fairgrounds and into a school setting in May.

Commissioner Uitts stated that Families First Coronavirus Relief Act was reinstated and expires August 31

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

Nothing to report

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

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

Friday claims dated March 19, 2021 in the amount of \$25,896.27

Friday claims dated March 26, 2021 in the amount of \$39,015.31

Thursday claims dated April 1, 2021 in the amount of \$14,514.90

Bi-weekly claims dated April 1, 2021 in the amount of \$464,295.55

Court claims dated April 5, 2021 in the amount of \$9,124.84

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL**

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

Payroll dated March 12, 2021 in the amount of \$409,159.83

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

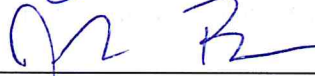
Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated March 16, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Timmons Motion carried 3-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Timmons motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brewer at 9:53a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Josh Uitts, President



Jordan Brewer



Mark Timmons

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor