

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 4, 2023

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on December 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, at 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Commissioner Jordan Brewer called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

PRESENT

Jordan Brewer
Josh Uitts
Bert Weaver

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Rick Campbell, Mike Waldron, Ed Cripe, Beth Keeney, Steven Deckard, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Brett Barton, Liz Stitzel, Britt Ostler, and others are shown to be present in the minutes. Commissioner's Assistant Jerri Sexton recorded the minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Brewer led the pledge of allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Kent Need spoke in regards to the proposed solar farm stating he had many concerns, one being the removal of large amounts of productive land and being converted into developments, including solar.

Commissioner Brewer stated they hadn't heard from the Rossville town council but now have received an email from Dave Seever, Jack Fingerle and Bill Croto opposing this and laying out their concerns. There is a new council that will be sworn in at the beginning of the year.

Commissioner Brewer stated that there still hasn't been anything submitted to come before them for a vote, so it's premature for them to make decisions. He has had one conversation with them and gave them baseline requirements to even take in consideration, but doesn't think they will be able to meet those requirements.

IN THE MATTER OF LANDFILL UPDATE

Dan, the Republic Landfill Operations Manager gave an update on the landfill operations stating they hired a company to clean trash from 28 down 39. They repaired and seeded the north, west and south slopes of the landfill. They will have a contractor come out in the spring to mow 300. There were no violations on the latest IDEM inspection.

Commissioner Uitts stated in our agreement it says if someone that lives in this county wants to dump it will cost them \$10, but people are being charged more. Jenny Holdt stated it was most likely fees and would have to look at the agreement. He asked how do their constituents know that the tonnage that goes through the gate is an accurate count. Dan stated they have a tonnage report on the scale and the commissioners get a monthly report. Commissioner Brewer stated it can be cross referenced with IDEM's report and he can validate those do match at least for the last few years.

IN THE MATTER OF THE RECORDERS CSI AGREEMENTS

Beth Keeney presented the redaction services and support agreement and the microfilm agreement to be approved. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the agreements with CSI, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ZOLL ONE PROJECT

Steven Decard presented the Zoll One Project agreements. stating this is a 10 year lease agreement for cardiac monitors. They will receive 4 new monitors now and at the 5 year mark will receive another 4 new monitors with updated technology. The annual fee is \$37,612. If they were to purchase the monitors outright the cost is \$63,000 per monitor, and still have a \$5,000-\$6,200 annual fee with maintenance and new equipment. All of that would be rolled into the \$37,612. At the end of the contract they will not own the monitors, they will either have to renew the contract or purchase at that time.

**IN THE MATTER OF MULBERRY DOLLAR GENERAL PROPOSAL-LUPAC
#09-23-372-ORDINANCE 2023-06**

Liz Stitzel stated she received the sign statement of commitments from the current land owner, the Larhmans. The commitments will be binding on every future landowner. Commissioner Brewer stated they received a lot of feedback about this from Mulberry citizens and Mulberry Town Board and overwhelmingly most are for the project with a few being opposed. There was discussion on the annexation of the Dollar General. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Lupac#09-23-372 and Ordinance 2023-06. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel stated they have posted a 30 day notice on the Michael Moore property in Forest. The 30 days have passed since posting. She stated there has not been any progress or clean up of junk and debris on the property. He had also removed the posting. Commissioner Uitts motioned to move forward with condemnation. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. She will post a 10 day notice of condemnation.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported they were hauling stone now. Bridge #55 has been torn out and they have started pouring cement for footers. Commissioner Uitts motioned to allow Commissioner Brewer to sign the ROW acquisition paperwork for Bridge #21. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts motioned to accept all material bids for Rick to choose from. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Envoy Pay App #1 for the Courthouse for \$429,599.70 for materials, exterior and development fees. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motion to approve Envoy Pay App #1 for the Annex for \$1,001,333.29 for materials ordered and development fees. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the Braden invoice for a finisher for the copier at Central Dispatch in the amount of \$1,212.12. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Gibson quote for the purchase of new phones and licenses for the new positions. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the job descriptions. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the 2024 Commissioner Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff Kelly stated that some of their employees are wanting to donate sick time to a part-time employee with some health issues. Sesaly had told them after speaking to our HR reps that we would need a policy. Commissioner Uitts stated we've done it in the past and supports it but will need to address the policy. Auditor, Britt Ostler stated they have done it twice in the past 17 years and there is more complexity to this than they realize. HR will need to check into this. She stated we may have to think outside the box and maybe take up a collection.

Britt Ostler stated the commissioners received an award at the Indiana Commissioners Conference for Outstanding Team effort for their handling of the Opioid Settlement.

Steven Deckard stated they were awarded a grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for Paramedic and EMT students. It's a reimbursement of up to \$90,000. Following the completion of their Paramedic program in March they will be looking for a reimbursement of \$90,000.

Steven stated that the Boyleston Ambulance has been in service 88% of the time. The main station and Mulberry have been in service 100% of the time.

He stated they have to have training institutions agreements with hospitals and various other clinical sites, which will give their paramedic students access to various hospitals to do clinicals. Typically it's been signed by

the training institution official but can send it to the commissioners electronically to be signed by them if they prefer. Commissioner Brewer said they will sign it electronically.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Uitts stated he was working on the moratorium regarding the LEAP Pipeline and had sent the other commissioners copies of the ordinance and resolution of the moratorium.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Wednesday claims dated November 22, 2023 in the amount of \$29,390.31
- Friday claims dated December 1, 2023 in the amount of \$46,672.75
- Bi-weekly claims dated December 4, 2023 in the amount of \$369,535.84
- Court claims dated December 4, 2023 in the amount of \$11,340.05

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

- Payroll dated November 17, 2023 in the amount of \$508,169.22
- EMS payroll dated November 17, 2023 in the amount of \$1,000.00


IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated November 20, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Weaver Motion carried 3-0.

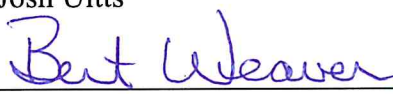
Next Commissioner meeting will be December 19th.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:49 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

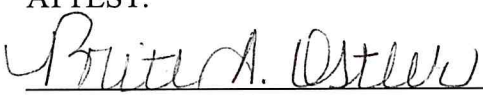
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President

Josh Uitts


Bert Weaver

ATTEST:


Britt Ostler, Auditor

