

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 19, 2023

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on December 19, 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, Nancy Ward, Rodney Wann, Stephanie Harshbarger, Brett Barton, Liz Stitzel, Steven Deckard, Grace Gouveia, 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

No comments were received.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION LEASE AGREEMENT

Brett Barton presented a 2 year lease agreement with a \$200.00 a month increase. He asked Louis Evans to strike paragraph 14. Commissioner Weaver motioned to accept the lease. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BOYCE AGREEMENT ADDENDUM

Stephan Harshbarger presented an addendum to the Boyce Agreement that makes their agreement an automatic renewal, and if we should terminate the agreement it would be in writing. Commissioner Uitts motioned to accept addendum 1 to the software lease agreement with Boyce Systems. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF TURTLE HILL SUBDIVISION

Rusty Huffer made a request to get the road in Turtle Hill Subdivision dedicated to the county. Liz Stitzel stated there were some repairs to be made to the road and they have agreed to pay for the chip and seal and repair the cracks. Rick Campbell stated if they are willing to pay for the oil, he will pay for the stone. It needs to be crack sealed also and he will crack seal if they pay for the oil. His recommendation is to move forward with the dedication. Liz agreed and recommended having a performance bond in place. Commissioner Brewer stated they are willing to consider the dedication as soon as they get all the proper things aligned. They will work through the legal portion and get in touch with Rusty when it's ready.

Rodney Wann reported they have a storage room they want to remodel into two offices for new employees for approximately \$5,000. Commissioner Brewer stated that if they are going to invest this money into upgrading the facility we should get an agreement in place that gives the county first right of refusal to purchase the facility if it ever comes up for sale. Commissioner Uitts asked that we amend that agreement on the tail end of the lease that if we choose not buy the building that we get reimbursed for the upgrades. Rodney stated he could ask that they amend the agreement.

Rodney presented the Food Ordinance 2023-09. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the food ordinance. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported that after the last meeting they posted a notice of condemnation of the Michael Moore property. This notice was removed along with its stake. It has now passed 10 days for the notice. The junk and debris that was cited is also still present. Commissioner Uitts motioned to fine Mr. Moore \$100 for the removal of the condemnation placard for 9472 E 600 N. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Uitts motioned to call for bids for the condemnation. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Liz introduced the new building inspector Harrold Clark.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell presented the Caterpillar lease agreement for two loaders. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the lease agreement. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Community Crossings close out paperwork. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0. There was an \$18,000 savings from the original bid.

Commissioner Brewer stated there was a pilot program for the Community Crossings grant for 2024. The match had been up to one million dollars and is going up to \$1.5 million with some stipulations in terms of having everything closed out prior to 2022.

Rick reported they were crack sealing now. Salt boxes are in the trucks ready to go.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-08 for the job descriptions. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Envoy pay app #2 for the Annex for the amount of \$219,814.39. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Envoy pay app #2 for the Courthouse in the amount of \$205,112.48. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve an addendum to the BOT which is a bill of sale that closes out the work done with the chillers at the courthouse and jail. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Tom Little stated the county had Les Bergum put in a claim towards a property for an unpaid ambulance service. The claim is going through tax sale. The mortgage company is going to put a bid on the property, and the county's bid wouldn't be anywhere close to it, so Les and Tom's recommendation is to not move forward with putting a bid in and let it go to tax sale. Commissioner Weaver motioned to forego the bid on the McClurge Street property. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the conflict of interest for Deputy Ryan West also employed by Tip of the Spear LLC in Lafayette who does upfitting for emergency vehicles. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Brewer stated that they would need to get multiple quotes for these services to bring before the commissioner so they can approve the lowest quote.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the conflict of interest for Andrew Sullivan and EMT for Clinton County who also works for Elite Auto Painting, and they paint emergency vehicles. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BONDS

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the bonds for Britt Ostler, Stephanie Harshbarger, Gina Brettnacher, Beth Keeney, Ed Cripe, and Richard Kelly. Commissioner Weaver second. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Grace Gouveia reported she was able to get 13 books and thanked the commissioners for giving her the funds to get those books rebound. She has been able to get a total of 46 books rebound since she's been here.

Renee Crick reported that RA-Comm and Motorola were at the Frankfort Police department and were able to get their two back up positions installed. After the holidays they will be training.

Renee reported they will receive an additional distribution from the Statewide 911 board in the amount of \$67,000.

Steven Deckard presented the Zoll Agreement stating Tom looked it over and they agreed to 1 of the 2 requests. Council has approved the funding for it. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the agreement. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Steven reported that for the last 6 months they have been fully staffed and are in a good place right now.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer thanked Britt Ostler and Jada Ray for planning and executing the county Christmas party.

Commissioner Brewer reported he was asked how much the county received for the Opioid Settlement and he went back and looked at it and the number was different from earlier in the year. It has increased almost \$200,000 over the life of it. The number is always changing because they are continuing to get more settlement into it.

Commissioner Brewer stated that over 2 ½ years ago they entered the injunctive relief for the commissary and the contracts with the Sheriff. About 10 days ago it went to the Indiana Supreme Court and was denied. This was the Sheriff’s appeal to it, so it basically means the trial court as well as the appellate court rulings are upheld and essentially vindicate the whole decision from the beginning to go down that path. Since this has been followed for over 2 years it’s important to get the conclusion out to the public since it's not being talked about.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Friday claims dated December 8, 2023 in the amount of \$7,154.77
- Friday claims dated December 15, 2023 in the amount of \$1,375.07
- Bi-weekly claims December 19, 2023 in the amount of \$626,770.39
- Court claims dated December 19, 2023 in the amount of \$49,185.12

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated December 1, 2023 in the amount of \$500,924.93


Next meeting will be December 28, 2023.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:41 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President

Josh Uitts


Bert Weaver

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

