

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 27, 2021

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on December 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Commissioner Josh Uitts 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, Mike Waldron, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Mike Hensley, Dana Myers, Alan Dunn, Dennis Dunlap, 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 public comments were received.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts stated at the December 7th meeting they requested a proposal from the Sheriff to resolve the nepotism issue. The commissioners have come up with a proposal that Tom Little has submitted to the Sheriff's attorney Tony Overholt. Commissioner Uitts stated the proposal is on the table and provides a path forward and is non-negotiable. They expect to hear back from the Sheriff at the next meeting on January 3, 2022.

Commissioner Uitts stated they have been in discussions with the Department of Local Government Finance and they have called into question whether or not they will approve the Sheriff's budget because of the nepotism issue. They are currently waiting to hear back from them.

Commissioner Brewer stated at the December 7th meeting they had offered up the option for the Sheriff to present a proposal to the commissioners and asked the Sheriff if he had anything to present. The Sheriff stated he did not have anything to present other than the Title 36 and other statutes they are already aware of.

Commissioner Uitts asked if the Sheriff had any comment regarding the email he sent to the council that indicated that the Federal Inmate Program may cease to continue if Ashley no longer held that position. The Sheriff stated that it will be up to the attorneys to look at and decide. Commissioner Uitts stated that he has reached out to Hamilton County who also has The Federal Inmate Program and they are willing to send someone over here to train someone else to take over those duties. The Council has offered to pay the extra money for that training, and the Commissioners have tried to find solutions to all the roadblocks. Sheriff stated that any training will stay in house unless court ordered.

Commissioner Brewer motioned effective January 3, 2022 that Ashley Kelly will no longer be employed as Matron of Clinton County Jail based on the findings of the State Board of Accounts. He stated legally the commissioners can't continue on with someone that's in that position illegally. The Sheriff has the option to refuse or decline the proposal that was sent to the Sheriff's attorney. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer motion to approve Ordinance 2021-11 establishing the County Commissioners and County Council districts for Clinton County. It is the commissioners position not to change those districts. Commissioner Timmons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the Pictometry International Corp. Agreement. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer thanked Commissioner Timmons and the commissioner’s assistant for putting on the courthouse staff Christmas party.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Bi-weekly claims dated December 27, 2021 in the amount of \$220,755.41
- Credit Card claims dated December 27, 2021 in the amount of \$13,461.00

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

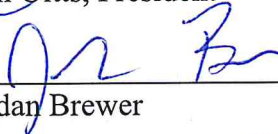
Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated December 20, 2021, and Joint Executive Meeting Minutes dated December 20, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Brewer Motion carried 3-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Timmons motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brewer at 9:12 A.M. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Josh Uitts, President



Jordan Brewer



Mark Timmons

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor