

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 18, 2022

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on July 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 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 Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Rick Campbell, Rich Kelly, Liz Stitzel, Renee Crick, 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 ARCASEARH PRESENTATION

Steve Fiers, ArcaSearch gave a presentation on their digitizing of documents process and how it can be accessed by the public. The estimated project price for the commissioner's documents is \$10,994 and an annual fee of \$1,622 for maintaining the site. It could take a year to digitize all the documents. Commissioner Brewer asked Steve for an updated quote to digitize commissioner minutes up to 2021 and all the way back to 1840. Steve will get the updated quote back to us in a week.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported they were done with chip sealing. They are mowing, weed eating, and trimming brush. He has a quote for repairing the tank for approximately \$8,600. Bridge #36 has been demoed. The bridge will be back open in October. The state will not officially open it until May. The state opened bids on Bridge #67 last Wednesday and they were all too high and they threw them out. They will rebid again in September. It will not hurt our 100% funding. They have chipped and sealed 30 miles of road and converted some.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel reported that Cupertino sent a rough schedule for starting construction on the Solar Farm project, starting today through August 5th of what is happening and where. They are having a meeting this week and will coordinate schedules so that one or more of the commissioners can attend. Liz updated the commissioners on what they will work on this week. Liz will forward the rough schedule to the commissioners. Some side ditches are being mowed and some areas are not and can be brought up at the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Resolution 2022-09 to increase the mileage reimbursement rate from \$.44 to \$.49 equivalent to the state. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the fuel contract amendment for 2022 to lock in diesel at \$3.96 and gasoline at \$3.46. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. This is over a \$200,000 savings with only a 35% increase. This will start January 1, 2023.

Envoy wanted documentation of the change order for the temporary chiller. The council already appropriated the money for the temporary chiller. Commissioner Uitts motioned to sign the change order. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer reported the USB has reached out to Clayton Miller Law regarding the water wells in the southwest of Clinton County. His law practice is specific to water rights and this type of water infrastructure.

The county now has the opportunity to engage Clayton Miller to represent the county going forward. The USB will be his first client, and as long as there is no disagreement between the USB and the county, he will represent both. Commissioners Weaver, and Uitts would like the engagement letter to read that he is representing Clinton County, not the Clinton County Commissioners or Council. Commissioner Brewer will advise Clayton Miller of the change and have him amend the agreement before they sign it. He stated they may need to be proactive to seek our own representation in the future but feel we need something in place now since the project is moving quickly. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the engagement letter subject to the changes mentioned, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff Kelly reported that he had a person raise a complaint last year and has forwarded the new HR consultants that information, but they have not responded to them yet. He will have them contact Britt directly.

Renee Crick reported she will offer their final two positions to two of their candidates sometime this week. She stated she met with Todd Corey, and Phil Ferrel. They have decided to try using a call center that several other utility companies use, and that would alleviate all the calls to dispatch when there are power outages. The city has always paid them \$36,000 per year for taking those calls. They asked if \$12,000 would be sufficient for handling the calls that dispatch would still receive or make to the call center. Renee said she thought it would be sufficient, and they will get a new contract over to her for review and forward it to the commissioners.

Rhea Harris presented the Boyce Systems Maintenance Agreement for the commissioners approval. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the agreement. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer reported that AT&T received the Next Level Broadband grant from the state for approximately \$337,000 and will invest roughly \$1,000,000 in Michigantown to provide high speed internet to more than 300 residents.

Commissioner Brewer reported that he attended the community day at the airport and it was a good event with lots of people attending. It is a valuable infrastructure we have in place.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Friday claims dated July 8, 2022 in the amount of \$12,519.96
- Friday claims dated July 15, 2022 in the amount of \$2,511.47
- Bi-weekly claims dated July 18, 2022 in the amount of \$1,034,588.42
- Court claims dated July 18, 2022 in the amount of \$37,109.40

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

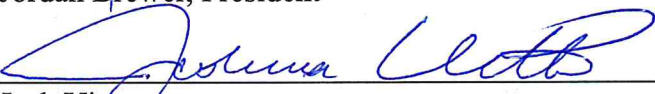
Payroll dated July 1, 2022 in the amount of \$451,193.89

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:48 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.


THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President

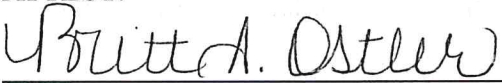


Josh Uitts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor