

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 21, 2022

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on June 21, 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, Beth Keeney, Dr. Tharp, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Chris Overman, Kat Bell, Rodney Wann, 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 COACH KIDS UPDATE

Susan Grasham updated the commissioners on the Coach Kids youth mentoring programs. They have three programs, Community Hope, Local Heroes, and Friends for Life. They had about 150 kids in the program last year.

IN THE MATTER OF FRANKFORT JAYCEES FIREWORKS

Patrick Corwin from the Jaycees made a request for more funds for the fireworks. They have also asked the City to take on more. The firework show went from \$11,000 to \$15,000 this year. Auditor, Britt Ostler asked if they had submitted paperwork with Shan Sheridan, she has not been notified to cut them a check from the Innkeepers fund. Britt stated that they already contribute \$2,500 and would be willing to contribute \$5,000 for next year. Patrick stated that they have submitted the paperwork. Commissioner Uitts stated he didn't have a problem with helping but they would need to work with the council for funding. Commissioner Brewer stated that he thought one resource that would be available is working with the Innkeepers since they already contribute, and based on what he has seen there may be a little more money in that fund. He asked if the City had committed to a certain amount. Patrick stated no they have not. The commissioners stated they will work with the city to have equal input.

IN THE MATTER OF US IMAGING SCANNING

Beth Keeney presented an agreement with US Imaging Inc. to the commissioners for approval for scanning of their documents, and to allow scanners to be able to come in and scan documents for 3 days working in 12 hours shifts day and night with some oversight from her. Commissioner Uitts stated he would be willing to come in to provide oversight as well. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the agreement, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SRO GRANT

Sheriff Kelly stated they have been working on the COPS Grant that would provide salaries for additional officers that would be placed at Clinton Central and Clinton Prairie five days a week instead of the 2-3 days they are there now. They have been working with the schools to get confirmation on their commitment to the salaries.

Commissioner Uitts left his seat at 9:16.

Ashley Kelly stated this is a \$125,000 grant broken down over a 3 year period, and in the fourth year, to meet grant requirements they need to assure they can fund those positions for 12 additional months beyond the grant. They have been working with the schools, and the schools will provide the salaries, and the Sheriff's department will provide the fringe benefits package at a cost of \$22,000 per officer. Ashley stated they have multiple funds to utilize to fund these positions. They would like to see these positions go to the schools eventually and they would still provide the training, equipment and certifications.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to move forward with the grant and these positions. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Ashley stated that because of deadlines the grant was already submitted and they should know in September. This will go into effect in the fall of this year if approved. She stated that these will be merit deputies that will be utilized by the sheriff's department when school is not in session.

Commissioner Uitts returned to his seat at 9:19.

IN THE MATTER OF ONLINE RECORDS SERVICE AGREEMENT

Rhea Harris discussed the online records service agreement with the commissioners. Commissioner Brewer asked what is the price she plans on charging the public.. Rhea stated she did not have that worked out yet with the company, and there was a price set by the state that they have to charge. Commissioner Brewer asked what that price would be. Rhea stated that they have to charge \$1.00 per page for any document, marriage licenses are more, and certifications are \$4 - 5.00. The company will charge a percentage on top of that to get their money back. Commissioner Brewer stated that the contract states that they will charge \$7.50 to the county. Rhea stated that it is a monthly charge if they don't use it. Commissioner Brewer stated that's not how it reads, the contract states \$7.50 per transaction, and the county will have to pay this amount. Rhea stated that the customer will have to pay that amount. Commissioner Brewer stated if that is the case then the contract needs to be amended to state the customer will pay and not the county. Commissioner Weaver stated that other departments are using imaging and he would like to see us get other ideas and does not want to commit to this at this point. Commissioner Brewer stated he didn't mind going with Fidlar but there needed to be more clarity in the contract. In order for them to sign the contract the commissioners want to know what they will charge the public and the contract should state the termination of the month to month contract shall be done by certified mail. This matter was tabled.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Cambell reported they wrapped up shooting calcium on the gravel roads that morning and the next thing will be chip seal. They were using the new grater and it was out on the road that morning.

Mike Waldron from BF&S reported they conducted a speed study at Bridge #21 at no charge to the county. The average speed is 44-47 mph. If they could reduce the speed and post it at 45 mph that would reduce the project length, which in turn reduces the cost of the total project. County share would be approximately \$40,000. He is asking that Tom prepare a speed ordinance on commissioner letterhead for the speed reduction. Commissioner Weaver motioned to proceed with Tom preparing the ordinance. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried. 3-0.

Mike stated at the last meeting they discussed conducting a speed study on 200 and they have completed the field work, and are compiling the data, and he has the service agreement for the study to be signed by the president. This has already been approved at the last meeting. Commissioner Weaver motioned for President Brewer to sign the agreement. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE AND LUPAC 06-22-366/ORDINANCE 2022-06

Katt Bell reported they had an application from Karen White that came before the APC on June 7th for rezoning on State Road 28 that is zoned AG and close to 50 acres. The APC voted for an unfavorable recommendation. Commissioner Uitts motioned to accept the unfavorable recommendation LUPAC 06-22-366 and Ordinance 2022-06. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

In the matter of Resolution 2022-08 to modify the TIF district Commissioner Brewer asked Tom to speak in regards to the Resolution. Tom stated that it has been brought to their attention at the June 7th APC meeting that there are a lot of residential parcels in the TIF district that should not be there and need to be taken out. By redistricting or rezoning the TIF district it will help to increase the revenues that will go back to the TIF district. Baker Tilly did the analysis and recommendation. The attorney's at TAFT Law firm have prepared all the documents.

Commissioner Brewer stated they had the analysis on the TIF district, and the assessed value from the baseline on residential parcels is actually causing the TIF district to bring in less revenue than it should. So by taking residential parcels out it will increase the amount of revenue for the TIF district. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Resolution 2022-08, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Maguire Iron Pay App #7 for \$26,972.89 for fencing around the water tower. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

No new business matters were discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Beth Keeney thanked the commissioner for the temporary chillers. Commissioner Brewer stated they installed the temporary chiller the previous Friday and it was working at half capacity and they are here today to get it running at full capacity and will hopefully get us through the summer months.

Rodney Wann reported that he received one quote for \$46,231 for the LED sign he would like to place at the BOH. He is working with the Parks Dept to get contact information for the company that installed the sign by the splash pad. He has about \$45,000 in grant funds to spend on the sign. The council is working to move over funds that he had left in the event he got approval from the commissioners. Commissioner Uitts stated the only problem he had with this is that it wouldn't be county owned property, and what would happen if the BOH gets relocated. Rodney stated that the sign could be relocated. Commissioner Uitts stated that there needs to be an ownership agreement. Rodney agrees, and Tom will write up an agreement.

Rodney stated they are looking to purchase a copier/scanner/printer like the one they currently have in the office. Commissioners agree to the copier.

Rodney stated the state is looking to extend additional funds for testing. They were already looking at extending the testing for two months and have an agreement with EMA to extend until the end of August. Rodney thinks they should keep the testing available as long as possible and pursue this state grant with the commissioners approval. Commissioner Weaver motioned for Rodney to pursue the grant, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chris Overman reported that he will be increasing the rent this year by \$25.00. He normally increases every 3 years but this year will be two. Ameresco has reached out and will be getting him a quote on the boiler.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer stated he had followed up with Co-Alliance to get an idea of our fuel usage, and will send out an email to all the departments that utilize the fuel to give you an idea of where you are at in fuel usage in terms of contracted gallons.

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 June 6, 2022 in the amount of \$4,264.04
Friday claims dated June 10, 2022 in the amount of \$9,237.39
Bi-weekly claims dated June 21, 2022 in the amount of \$784,829.54
Court claims dated June 21, 2022 in the amount of \$50,241.00

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated June 3, 2022 in the amount of \$451,999.07


IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated June 7, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Uitts Motion carried 3-0.


Britt Ostler asked the commissioners if we had one claim that we needed to deny and submit? Commissioner Brewer stated that he believes they can take the 10% off the next claim for the attorney fees for the BOT project.

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 Uttis



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor