

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

May 2, 2022

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Frankfort Municipal Airport, 3009 West State Road 28, 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, Renee Crick, Rich Kelly, Brett Barton, Rodney Wann, Liz Stitzel, Caren Crum, Louisa Hoffman, 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 Brewer led the pledge of allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PAUL PHILLIPPE TRANSPORTATION GRANT AND RESOLUTION**

Dawn Layton presented the yearly Transportation Grant to the commissioners along with the authorizing resolution. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Transportation Grant, and the Authorizing Resolution 2022-05. Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC PRIVATE AGREEMENT WITH ENVOY**

John Barbee presented the Public Private Agreement with Envoy for the Courthouse, Annex Building, and Jail renovation projects to be approved by the commissioners. Commissioner Brewer stated that Envoy also provided the GMP for the boilers and chillers for the amount of \$1,118,028. This will be for 3 boilers, and 1 chiller at the jail, and 1 chiller at the courthouse. This work will be done in 3 phases, the boilers will be started in July-August at the jail, and courthouse chillers will start in December into 2023. The only modification to the contract is the date of closing that initially stated June 1, 2022 to be modified as "to be determined" pending council appropriations. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the Public Private Agreement with Envoy. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE EXTENSION OFFICE AND LEARNING NETWORK UPDATE**

Caren Crum gave an update on the Purdue Extension office stating they were in full fair season and listed the following summer programs: Grassroots leadership development program, education after high school, which has been a huge success, and the drone program are among a few of the programs mentioned. They did the learning to lead with Renee Crick and Ashley this week.

Louisa Hoffman stated she is the coordinator for the summer kids workshop program, which is a 3 week program that starts June 6th-24th. They currently have over 370 participants. They have a mini police academy, cooking classes, digital photography, art, welding, science classes to name a few. Their class size is limited to provide a hands on and a better experience for the kids. They get their funding from local businesses, and welcome any financial assistance from the county. Commissioner Weaver recommended she go to the council to ask for funding.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE**

Rick Campbell reported that the State closed a bridge temporarily on 421/39 300 N and had a road detour document from INDOT to be signed by the commissioners. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the INDOT road detour for 421 North utilizing Farmers Gravel Road and 300 North. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Rick stated they are continuing to spread gravel and putting pipes in, and will be spreading gravel until the end of May. They received the Community Crossings Grant for \$1,000,000 for the 6th year in a row. The grant was approved to pave Greenlawn Road, Sells (Prairie) Road into Frankfort, and 800 West, south of the new factory out to 52.



### **IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN**

Liz Stitzel reported she has had no grass complaints to date. Commissioner Uitts stated that the property on 0 across from ADM needs mowed due to an absentee owner.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT TRAILER TRADE-INS**

Sheriff Kelly reported he had been approached by their maintenance staff that they have several trailers they do not use. The County Highway is interested in the 20' Big Tex Drop Deck trailer with a value of \$1,500 and has a manufactured VIN number. They have a Triton Snow Unit value of \$1,000, it has no use to it. They would like to purchase a split-tilt trailer and can pay for it out of commissary. They also have a small white enclosed command trailer they no longer use with a value of \$2500. He will send out an email with some pictures to other department heads to see if they could use the trailers.

Commissioner Brewer stated we have received emails about the First Amendment Audit groups that are targeting law enforcement and government agencies. Sheriff Kelly stated they had just put out some training that he can send to the courthouse staff. He believes the group will be here in the next 30 days.

Caren Crum stated she had received the email as well along with how to respond. Commissioner Brewer asked that she share the information she received with the commissioner's office.

Commissioner Weaver had spoken to the Sheriff about the x-ray machine setting outside the commissioners office not being utilized for the last 10 years. He thinks it needs to be moved to another location besides the hallway. Sheriff Kelly stated that the machine requires its own circuit. He believes that will not be available until the upgrades to the courthouse and not to be necessary due to new technology. Commissioner Weaver will work on getting it removed.

### **IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the County Highway Annual Operational Report, Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated that the reassessment bid was \$29,000 below what the Assessor's had budgeted and they had only received one bid. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the reassessment bid from Tapco. for \$424,960. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brewer stated as part of the agreement between the City, County and Ivy Tech specific repairs are the county's responsibility. The county is responsible for 50% of the total bill and the county's portion is \$3,672.50. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the service and repair proposal from Daiken to repair the AC unit at Ivy Tech. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Brewer wanted to note on record that since about December of last year we are up to about \$17,000 in repairs for Ivy Tech. Commissioner Uitts suggested the ask for maintenance and repair money should be increased for next year's budget.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the quote from Crawford Family Fence to fix the fence at the fairground for \$550.00. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Uitts stated part of the reason the fence was never repaired is because they considered constructing a new fence across the entire front of that property. The fence on the south side is pretty bad between the EMA office and the corner. He suggested rolling the cost of a new fence into our facilities projects bond.

Commissioner Brewer stated the county had two quotes to replace the water heater's for three sinks in the courthouse and read the quotes as follows: QPH's quote is \$837.00 per water heater and installation, and JW Plumbing's quote is \$594.00 per water heater and installation. Commissioner Uitts motioned to replace 3 water heaters and accept the quote from JW Plumbing for \$594.00/per water heater. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Renee Crick reported she had 3 openings and offered one position to a gentleman on Friday. They finished up job shadows this week and she will be looking over those and making a decision to offer those other two positions, and she hopes to have a pool as well. She helped coordinate the learning to lead class this week.

Renee stated she and Rodney are on the LEPC committee and gave an early heads up that September 1st they will be doing a full scale exercise at the training facility. They have been working on that as part of the drill committee.

### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Uitts reported that the training facility was being heavily utilized and has been an overwhelming success. It is close to being finished and there will be an open house.



Commissioner Brewer stated there has been a lot of chatter about the development in Boone County and there have been test wells that are being drilled here in Clinton County. There have been lots of rumors about what we can and can't do, or how we can or can't be involved from a county entity standpoint. One thing he would like to clear up is that there is concern about these wells being drilled on private property. People have asked why they can't stop them. He stated they do not have the ability to stop what someone is doing on their own private land, that would be an overreach of government, and there is nothing commercially involved with it. He stated they have been at the table having conversations with the State and IADC and are involved because it will affect our community going forward. It is very preliminary, but is moving fast. People need to understand that the commissioners are trying to get out in front of it and be a part of the conversations so that we can protect Clinton County, but at the same time the State has a vision and we will have to work with them. Commissioner Uitts stated the important thing to note is that they are at the table making sure they are a part of the conversations and also making sure we are a part of the project and Clinton County benefits from this project. It is in our best interest to be a part of this. Commissioner Brewer stated that at this point because it is in its preliminary stages they will not have a meeting about it, but if anyone has questions feel free to reach out to them and they will share what they know about it.

Commissioner Brewer stated that the clerk had sent over the voting center locations, and they are as follows:  
The courthouse until noon today and starting Tuesday there will be 7 locations from 6:00a.m.-6:00p.m,  
Community Schools of Frankfort Education and Administration  
Colfax Christian Church  
Rossville Town Park Pavillion  
Kirklin Town Hall  
Michigantown Christian Church  
EMA Building-Fairgrounds  
Mulberry Police Station Garage

#### **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 April 22, 2022 in the amount of \$3,134.86  
Friday claims dated April 29, 2022 in the amount of \$28,792.56  
Bi-weekly claims dated May 2, 2022 in the amount of \$242,085.88  
Court claims dated May 2, 2022 in the amount of \$5,109.24

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL**

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


Payroll dated April 8, 2022 in the amount of \$441,858.17

#### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES**


Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated April 18, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Uitts. Motion carried 3-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:50 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY

  
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Jordan Brewer, President

Josh Uitts

  
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Bert Weaver

ATTEST:

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Britt Ostler, Auditor

