

## MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 16, 2022

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting 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

Bert Weaver

**ABSENT**

Josh Uitts

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Rick Campbell, Renee Crick, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Joe Root, Brett Barton, Carol Price, Beth Keeney, Liz Stitzel, 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 comments were received

### **IN THE MATTER OF DIGITIZING PROJECT PROPOSAL**

Beth Keeney reported that the Recorder's office is working to get more of their records online. Beth stated she thought this could fall under the ARPA funds, and after meeting with the ARPA committee last week they discussed using the Recorder's Perpetuation Funds for half over a two year budget period. They would like to team with US Imaging Inc. out of Michigan and they would come on site so that our records do not leave the courthouse. There are approximately 121,000 documents that would be involved over this 29 year project. Once they are ready people could have access to these records online. Commissioner Brewer stated that the ARPA funds were not to be allocated for this project but utilizing the Perpetuation Funds for half then council felt like they could come up with the other half. Commissioner Weaver motioned to move forward with the digitizing project, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF HELICOPTER PROTOCOLS/AMBULANCE 13**

Steven Deckard and Renee Crick stated that they currently use Lifeline out of Lafayette and their one call system is failing. On several occasions Lifeline has given false ETA's or it takes 15-20 minutes to do a weather check and if EMS decides they need them then they have to call back and they've had slow response times. Lifeline out of Lafayette is very short staffed as well. Steven and Renee presented a one call system through St. Vincent StatFlight that guarantees the closest geographical aircraft to the community. Commissioner Weaver motioned to initiate the St. Vincent StatFlight One Call System and protocols, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Steven stated that he reported this to the council but in August Josh Uitts and Greg had approved a rate increase on their ambulance fees. It was sent to their billing company, Acumed, but the new fees were never implemented. Steven caught it last week and they have since implemented that change.

Steven reported that some recruiting has been successful. They have an EMT that is transitioning into the paramedic stage and have already filled her position. They have recently hired a part time EMT and a part time paramedic. The medic is also a BSN dual credentialed flight nurse and paramedic that will be a great asset to the community and he has another dual credentialed flight nurse and paramedic that may be interested in coming to Clinton County. He stated that the county may want to consider paying more to those people that have these kinds of credentials to retain them. They will have 10 Full time Paramedics in June.

### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CROSSING BIDS 2022**

County Attorney Tom Little opened and read the 2022 Community Crossing Road Resurfacing Bids, and they are as follows:

BIDDER	PROJECT 1	PROJECT 2	PROJECT 3	TOTAL
DC Construction Services	\$634,592.66	\$486,336.26	\$1,018,854.30	\$2,139,783.2
Grady Brothers, Inc.	\$603,527.41	\$472,540.97	\$968,808.62	\$2,044,877.0
Howard Companies	\$716,037.65	\$549,851.50	\$1,114,331.75	\$2,380,220.9
Midwest Paving	\$548,171.55	\$423,413.70	\$858,057.53	\$1,829,642.7
Milestone Contractors	\$583,640.00	\$444,775.00	\$879,725.00	\$1,908,440.0
Rieth-Riley	\$560,788.95	\$443,091.80	\$884,627.27	\$1,888,508.0
<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>				\$1,273,120.0

The Commissioner Weaver motioned to take the bids under advisement and give a decision at the next meeting. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE**

Rick Campbell reported that he had a temporary local traffic detour from the State for 28, to utilize Michigantown Road, to be signed by the commissioners. Commissioner Weaver motioned to sign a temporary detour. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Rick stated he had a bid from E & H Bridge to put in a steel bridge on 800 W. He would like to buy the bridge to put in at a later date. He will meet with E & H bridge today. Commissioner Brewer stated that Rick had approached him about the bridge on 800 W needing to be replaced as the traffic will increase after the roundabout is put in on SR 28. The new bridge will be 24 feet wide and will cost \$47,787.00 and Rick has the funds available. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve replacement of the bridge on 800 West. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Rick stated he would like to do the summer hours this year like they have done in the past. The hours would be 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, and if there is a holiday they would work until 11:30 a.m. on Friday. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the summer schedule, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE AND LUPAC #05-22-365 AND ORDINANCE 2022-04**

Liz Stitel presented LUPAC #05-22-365 an amendment of the unified development ordinance proposed by James & Rachel Rinkenbach to rezone 4.117 acres of land from the A-1 Agricultural zoning district to the B-4 general business zoning district in accordance with the goals and objectives on the Clinton County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve LUPAC #05-22-365 and Ordinance 2022-04. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Brewer wanted to confirm with Liz that the cemeteries are the township trustees responsibility to mow and not the commissioner's responsibility. Liz confirmed that the township trustees are responsible for mowing the cemeteries.

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

Commissioner Brewer, and Commissioner Brewer recognized and thanked Joe Root, Veterans Affairs for replacing the pavers on the south side of the Courthouse in the Veterans Memorial. Joe thanked the commissioners for allowing him to be able to honor our veterans.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Maguire Iron Pay App #5, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

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

Amendment to the Broadband Resolution 2021-07. The amendment will bring clarity to the vague language of the old resolution regarding permitting and fees associated with bringing new broadband or upgrading infrastructure in the community.

Tom Little stated that he changed it to require the broadband company to have a single point of contact to the entire Board of Commissioners. All broadband projects exemptions that are listed are still subject to the commissioners final approval. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the amended broadband resolution 2022-06. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated that Ed Cripe had reached out to him and said there needs to be a backflow preventer placed on the water lines at the morgue that was not installed initially. He received two estimates, Brenneco, Inc for \$2,287.00 and AAA for \$2,099.00. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve

AAA Plumbing to install the backflow preventer at the morgue. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0. The cost of the backflow preventer installation will come from the commissioner's repair and maintenance fund.

**IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Brett Barton reported that he had met with DOC on Friday to gauge their future interest in the current jail as a possible adult state work release or juvenile facility. Their response was they had zero interest in obtaining and managing additional facilities.

Steven Deckard asked if it required a commissioner vote to transition the Michigantown ambulance 7 to Forest ambulance 13. Commissioner Brewer stated that to be safe and for transparency reasons he would say yes to having the matter brought to the commissioners for a vote. Steven stated that station 7 personnel no longer want the ambulance at station 7 since having the ALS unit stationed in Boyleston. It still takes an extended period of time to reach the Forest area, and Stace Alter is interested in bringing the ambulance to station 13 in Forest. He would like to make the recommendation to move the current ambulance 7 to station 13 in Forest. Commissioner Brewer suggested he bring this to the next meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Brewer reported that At&t received a \$300,000 grant from the State for next level connections. They will invest 1.3 million for the broadband project in Michigantown for 350 residents. The time frame is roughly 24 months.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the following claims as submitted, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

- Friday claims dated May 6, 2022 in the amount of \$29,495.79
- Friday claims dated May 12, 2022 in the amount of \$8,792.54
- Bi-weekly claims dated May 16, 2022 in the amount of \$286,205.52
- Court claims dated May 16, 2022 in the amount of \$13,340.66
- Election claims dated May 10, 2022 in the amount of \$7,139.64
- Ivy Tech tax claim dated May 10, 2022 in the amount of \$105.00

**IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL**

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the payroll as submitted, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Payroll dated April 22, 2022 in the amount of \$442,004.85

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES**


Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated May 2, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Brewer Motion carried 2-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Brewer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:47 a.m . Motion carried 2-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY

  
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Jordan Brewer, President

  
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Josh Uitts

  
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Bert Weaver

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Britt Ostler, Auditor

