

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

November 1, 2021

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Commissioner Josh Uits called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

**PRESENT**

Josh Uits

Jordan Brewer

Mark Timmons

**ABSENT**

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Rick Campbell, Renee Crick, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Caren Crum, Ron Gascho, Greg Miller, Brett Barton, Liz Stitzel, Ken Hartman, 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 Uits led the pledge of allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sheriff Rich Kelly inquired about the retiree insurance. Commissioner Uits stated that it would help them to have a specific number of eligible retirees and potential eligible retirees. The Sheriff stated he could get that number.

**IN THE MATTER OF ANITA STEWART FROM UNITED WAY**

Anita Stewart from United Way discussed the United Way Campaign, and the fair share option. The fair share option is if county employees who give their equivalent of one hour's pay per month, they will provide a day off with pay. She asked for the commissioners to provide a letter of support and access to talk with the department heads. Commissioner Timmons asked what percentage stays in the county. Anita stated 100% this year. Commissioner Uits expressed his support.

**IN THE MATTER OF EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Caren Crum presented the Commissioners with the Extension Contractual Services Agreement to sign. Commissioner Brewer asked if she knew why the amount increased significantly from 2018 to 2019. Caren stated she wasn't sure but at one point Purdue required a masters degree and had to pay more to keep people, and had restructured the contract at that point. Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the Extension Contractual Services Agreement. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF BF&S CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR SR 28/800 W INTERSECTION**

Mike Biesecker from Butler, Fairman and Seifert presented a change order for SR 28/800 W. Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve change order #3, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE**

Rick Campbell presented a BF&S speed study agreement for Antioch Road from SR 39 to the Railroad tracks. Commissioner Uits signed the agreement.

Rick reported they were hauling stone and they have their new salt barn filled with salt and sand. He has ordered 300 ton more of salt that should come this week. They are working on plows and salt boxes preparing for winter.

**IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN**

Liz Stitzel reported they received a couple grass complaints and have sent letters.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Uits stated they have an Interlocal Agreement between Clinton County, Emergency Medical Services and the Town of Rossville in which the county will supply their fuel, insurance and supplies and the county will keep the revenue. Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.



Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve Resolution 2021-14 for the sale of the communications building to the US Forestry Service. Commissioner Timmons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the Paul Phillippe quarterly report. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Timmons motion to approve the Atlas Excavating Pay App #14, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve Maguire Iron Pay App #1. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Chris Wheatley from BF&S discussed the supplemental agreement for SR 28/800 W for the two lane roundabout. Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the supplemental agreement. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Renee Crick reported that Saturday she held application testing, they had another position become available. She hopes to fill this position immediately and have one ready to go in January for one that is retiring.

Renee asked about the ARP funds. Commissioner Uitts stated they are still working on it and no movement has been made yet.

Brett Barton asked about the email from RQAW and if it was regarding the Annex Building or the Courthouse. Commissioner Uitts stated that it is about the Courthouse feasibility study.

Rhea Harris reported that they will not have to do any redistricting, no reprecincting but will need some technical changes that will have to be made in her office. She will need an Ordinance signed by the Commissioners as soon as possible and they will need to recertify with the state.

Sheriff Kelly reported that on Friday, October 29th, Deputy Ryan West and EMS responded to a driver that went into a ravine. The vehicle with the driver inside was submerged in water to the roof line. Deputy Ryan West went into the water to retrieve the driver. Sheriff wanted to thank Deputy Ryan West, the volunteer fire, other officers, and EMS that responded.

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

Commissioner Brewer reported that the Associates Health Center has the flu vaccinations and IU Health will be coming to the Courthouse and Jail to give flu vaccines.

Commissioner Uitts reported meeting with City Councilman Steve Beardsley regarding the potential of another trail project that would follow the old Clover Leaf Rail line. The Howard County Commissioners have reached out and are very excited about this project, and want to foot the bill for the Right of Way with no cost to the county. The county's expense would be on the back end for maintenance with the City. No commitments have been made but he would like to send a letter to Norfolk and Southern to help motivate them to make the sale of the Right of Way to Howard County. Commissioners agree to send the letter.

Commissioner Uitts congratulated Jerry Stinson on his retirement. He extended well wishes to Grace Gouveia on health issues she has experienced recently.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

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

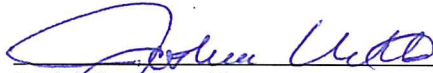
Friday claims dated October 22, 2021 in the amount of \$ 4,468.16  
Friday claims dated October 29, 2021 in the amount of \$ 21,634.59  
Bi-weekly claims dated November 1 2021 in the amount of \$244,269.56  
Court claims dated November 1, 2021 in the amount of \$26,943.06

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


Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated October 18, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Brewer Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Uitts abstained.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Timmons motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brewer at 9:43 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

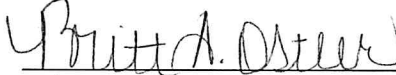
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Josh Uitts, President

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ATTEST:

  
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Britt Ostler, Auditor

