

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 20 , 2023

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on November 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. , 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 Rick Campbell, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Dan Sheets, Ed Cripe, Renee Crick, Rodney Wann, Liz Stitzel, Chris Overman, 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

Ginny Murphy of Rossville read her letter concerning the proposed solar farm that would be in her backyard. She is against a solar farm taking up good tillable land.

Jim Smith stated his wife had spoken in regards to the solar farm at the last meeting and he and his wife invited the commissioners to come look at where they live. They would be surrounded by this proposed solar farm.

Carin Moskovitz stated she has been asking since March what defines animal control and what the county money is allocated for and she has not received an answer. She was promised a month ago for the copy of the contract for animal control and hasn’t received it. She read the email she had sent the commissioners that stated her concerns.

Commissioner Weaver asked her if she had called and talked to the board and asked these questions. It is a functioning board that is not operated by the county government. Commissioner Weaver stated that he has met with the board multiple times, it is a free standing board and the county supports it, but has nothing to do with its operations. Commissioner Uitts stated the Humane Society has decided unilaterally to not follow the County Ordinance and not put animals down after a certain amount of time and has created the overcrowding and funding issues they now have at the Humane Society.

Carin agrees that the animals need to be either rehomed, fostered out, or humanely euthanized after a certain amount of time. Her answer to this problem is the animal control money be allocated towards the trap neuter and release program. Commissioner Weaver will work with her to get her the documents she has requested.

IN THE MATTER OF A VEHICLE FOR THE SURVEYOR

Dan Sheets requested approval for purchase of a new Surveyor truck for approximately \$43,000 and the upgrades for \$14,000. Commissioner Uitts motioned to allow Dan to purchase the new Truck with the necessary upgrades. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported they are past the mowing season and they were between things and didn’t have anything new for the commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported they were hauling stone. They put a new culvert on 800 West last week. Bridge #67 ribbon cutting is today at 11:15 and is located on 250 North and 250 East. Bridge #55 is being torn out now.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY MATERIAL BIDS

Tom Little opened the 2024 Highway Material Bids at 9:30 a.m. and they are as follows:

Item #2 65,000 tons or less graded stone or gravel

US Aggregates

Engineering Aggregates Corp

	<u>Delphi</u>	<u>Thorntown</u>	<u>Crawfordsville</u>	<u>Michigantown</u>	<u>Logansport</u>
#53	\$11.00			\$17.00	\$10.95
#73				\$17.00	\$10.95
#2	\$12.60			\$18.50	\$12.45
#4				\$19.20	\$13.15
#5	\$15.05				
#8				\$21.00	\$14.95
#9	\$17.00			\$21.50	\$15.45
#9C					
#11	\$17.50			\$22.00	\$15.95
#12	\$17.45			\$22.05	\$16.00
Unif Rip Rap				\$20.85	\$14.80
Reve Rip Rap	\$15.60			\$23.50	\$17.45
#23/24 Sand		\$12.00	\$10.00	\$17.90	\$11.15
Fill Sand				\$17.90	\$11.15
Pea Gravel		\$17.00			
B Borrow/Fine Screen		\$10.50			
#11 SC Stone	\$15.20				
#13 Stone Sand				\$14.80	\$8.75
#53 crushed stone	\$11.50				

Item #3 7,500 tons or less Bituminous material for wedging (hot mix).

	Rieth-Riley	Central Paving	Milestone
HMA #5 Base	\$58.00	\$69.00	\$56.00
HMA #9 Binder	\$63.00	\$73.50	\$61.50
HMA #9 Surface	\$65.00	\$76.00	\$62.00
HMA #11 Surface	\$68.00	\$76.50	\$64.50
Virgin Surface #11	\$82.00		
Cold Mix	\$135.00	\$112.00	\$135.00
PG 64-22	\$580.00		
MC-250	\$850.00		

Item #4 550,000 gallons or less AE-90, AE90S, AE-60, AEPL (Prime), RS2 Asphalt emulsion. This bid is for the application of stone and emulsion oil. Contractor shall furnish a ten (10) foot self propelled chipbox with operator and helper. They shall be capable of supplying emulsion oil with two (2) 2000 gallon distributors with operators, any place in the county as specified by the County Highway Department.

Central Paving

RS-2, AE90, AE-60	\$0.42/gal
AE-F	
APME	

AE-90S
AE-150

Item #5 Pug Mill Application Oil, AE150, (in addition to the Base Price of Asphalt Emulsion). Apply asphalt emulsion to aggregate, furnished by County, and stockpiled by County trucks. The Environmental Superfund price shall be a part of the bid price. It is the responsibility of the supplier to pay those funds to the agency collecting environmental Superfund.

Central Paving \$0.28/gal application rate

The commissioners will take bids under advisement and make a decision at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts stated he's been working with Koorsen for a while and was delayed due to canceled meetings. This is for the Fire protections services and monitoring. This does not include the fire extinguisher maintenance which will be contracted with Lucas Fire. They will update the Koorsen contracts to remove the fire extinguisher portion. Commissioner Weaver motioned to conditionally approve the Koorsen contracts pending the updates to the contract and allow Koorsen to get started on them. Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve a 1 year contract for snow removal with Smith Lawn Care. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the Irish Mechanical Service Agreement for \$2,644/year for Parkview. Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chris Overman stated the elevator is being installed this week.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Renee Crick stated they held 4 different radio training sessions with IPSC at the Frankfort Police Department training room. She invited all public safety personnel. Their staff participated in the Frankfort Fire confined space training they had at Frito-Lay.

Tim Elston reported they were short licenses for the jail phone project and requested he go ahead and purchase them since he has money left in the computers and peripheral line this year. Commissioner Weaver motioned to move forward with the purchase, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Kelly reported they had a critical incident at the Lagoons the night before, and two of his deputies went into the water to try to retrieve the victim. Odometer paperwork for the vehicles are ready to sign. There was discussion on how many vehicles they were to purchase. Commissioner Brewer stated originally it was to be 24 total 8-8-8 and ended up being 9-9-6 due to vehicles involved in accidents and there was no discussion about purchasing an extra vehicle. Rich stated he didn't think about those two replacement vehicles due to the crashes. Commissioner Brewer stated at the last meeting he attended they had discussed getting a more refined list of who the vehicles are assigned to. He is waiting on that list so they can move forward.

Commissioner Uitts stated that he was also at the Lagoons incident and he saw the deputies chest deep in cold water. All agencies on scene worked together and last he heard that they flew the victim out but she was breathing.

Rodney Wann reported that the new positions for 2024 job descriptions are being reviewed by Nancy. He would like approval to go ahead and start advertising for these positions. Commissioners approved.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver reported he attended the Healthy Communities dinner and the commissioners were presented plaque for Organization of the Year. On behalf of Healthy Communities he presented the plaque.

Commissioner Uitts reported there has been a lot of news about the LEAP water pipeline project particularly in Tippecanoe County regarding horizontal drilling. Tippecanoe County Commissioners are working on a moratorium that will probably have first reading this week regarding this project. They will be sending this document to us to review. If they are taking that drastic step in regards to that project then it merits consideration on our end. The map for the pipeline appears to go through Clinton County, and through two cemeteries in Perry Township.

Commissioner Uitts stated there has been chatter about the employee health clinic contract expiring. He stated as a county they are very happy with it and is one of their most successful investments. They have been able to lock in their health insurance premiums and sustained significant savings by doing so. He pledged his public support for the employee clinic. He stated there has been a City Councilman making phone calls and having meetings trying to circumvent this process instead of going through the proper channels. He suggested all parties sit down and communicate together.

Commissioner Brewer agreed they should get together, and stated there has been no displeasure expressed at the committee level or the employee level.

Commissioner Brewer stated regarding the LEAP water pipeline that the governor has put the control in IFA's hands instead of IDEC's which is really no different.

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 November 17, 2023 in the amount of \$18,127.83
Bi-weekly claims dated November 20, 2023 in the amount of \$617,547.31
Court claims dated November 20, 2023 in the amount of \$29,278.44

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated November 3, 2023 in the amount of \$494,518.03
Election Payroll dated November 3, 2023 in the amount of \$15,158.45
Election Payroll dated November 20, 2023 in the amount of \$12,805.31

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

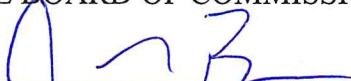
Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated October 17, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated November 6, 2023 seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 2-0.


The next commissioner meeting will be December 4th.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:52 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President



Josh Uitts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor