

MINUTES FOR THE  
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2018

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on April 10, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. regular Council meeting, pursuant in accordance with law and publication as evidenced by proof of the minutes of the last meeting, and any other business that may come before it. Council President Alan Dunn called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. On call to order the following members were shown to be present or absent.

**PRESENT**

Alan Dunn  
Clark Beard  
Jeff Chynoweth  
Ron Gascho  
Mike Hensley  
Mark Mitchell  
Jake Myers

**ABSENT**

Cheryl Martin, Clinton County Deputy Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council.

Others present were, Auditor Cathy Hamilton, First Deputy Auditor Britt Ostler, Sheriff Jeff Ward, Wanda Mitchell, Kevin Myers, Rodney Wann, Greg Miller, and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Gascho to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated there were 76 clients on electronic monitoring in March 2018 with 6 of those being juveniles and 6 on CTP. He reported he is still waiting to hear from the Department of Corrections on grant approval for the 2018/2019 fiscal year. He has requested a part time administrative assistant from DOC to help with the work load in his office. Mr. Barton also reported they have purchased protective vests for all the corrections officers.

**PROBATION**

Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward reported juvenile detention costs in the amount of \$3,625.00 for the month of March 2018. She stated there were 4 juveniles in detention last month. April is child abuse prevention month and Thursday April 12th is blue jean day. All donations collected will go to help out Quinton's House.

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Circuit Court Judge Brad Mohler presented information on the added costs for additional staffing to be open on Thursday afternoons. He also discussed joining with the State Public Defender Reimbursement program. The State will reimburse the County at 40% on some felony cases. This could generate up to \$125,000.00 to help with public defender funds. The courts will have to monitor certain things to be sure they are in compliance. The Commissioners approved at their last meeting a resolution to start this process. Circuit Court will take the lead for monitoring and reporting for both courts. Judge Mohler would like make his part time court reporter a full time employee. She will be responsible for monitoring and reporting this information. She is currently filling in on Thursday afternoons as well. He stated there would be a need for an additional \$3,255.00 in wages plus benefits for the year. Judge Mohler would like to start this June 1st. Criminal cases in both courts were up last year.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Gascho to approve making the Circuit Court part time court reporter a full time employee. Motion carried 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS****ORDINANCE NO. CO-2018-04/Non-Reverting Fund for Highway**

This ordinance is needed to create a fund for the highway department to receipt the awards and disburse the expenditures for the Community Crossings Grant. These funds must be able to be monitored.

Council member Mitchell moved seconded by Council member Beard to approve Ordinance CO-2018-04 An Ordinance of the Clinton County Council of the State of Indiana Establishing a Non-reverting Fund for Clinton County Highway Department. Motion carried 7-0

**RESOLUTION 2018-05/Interfund Loan to Reassessment**  
Council member Mitchell moved seconded by Council member Hensley to approve Resolution 2018-05 of the Clinton County Council Authorizing Interfund Loan or Loans to the Reassessment fund in the amount not to exceed the aggregate sum of \$80,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2018-05**

Council member Myers moved seconded by Council member Hensley to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$66.87 in the County General Fund for 1000-005-03-0016 Prisoner transport. Motion carried 7-0.  
Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Chynoweth to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$4,000.00 in the Accident Report Fund for 1101-000-03-0021 Seminars. (This was advertised incorrectly last month as an 02-supplies). Motion carried 7-0.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Gascho to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Health Department in the amount of \$445.00 in the Health Department fund for 1159-000-03-0034 Advertising. Motion carried 7-0.  
Council member Myers moved seconded by Council member Hensley to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$463.47 in the Electronic Data Fees Fund for 2503-000-03-0001 Misc Disbursement. Motion carried 7-0.

There was discussion with Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward about her shortage in the State grant money coming in. She will be paying one probation officer completely out of PUF as there is not enough money coming from the grant. She stated she has discussed with Community Corrections Director Brett Barton about sharing this officer and splitting her pay with Community Corrections.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Probation Office in the amount of \$14,806.00 in the Probation User Fee Fund for 2002-000-01-0022 Probation Officer. Motion carried 7-0.  
Council member Hensley moved seconded by Council member Chynoweth to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Probation Office in the amount of \$1,513.18 in the Probation State Grant Fund for 9010-000-01-0001 Probation Officer. Motion carried 7-0.

**Transfers for approval**

NONE

**Transfers no approval required**

\$100.00 from 1000-160-03-0004 ACCS to 1000-160-03-0062 Antivirus removal  
\$500.00 from 4960-000-03-0041 EMS Utilities to 1000-160-03-0016 Maintenance Contracts

**Council Reports**

President Dunn stated the Health Department has partnered with Healthy Communities of Clinton County for grant writing and grant activities and they have been awarded an immunization grant in the approximate amount of \$32,900.00. Health Department Director Rodney Wann spoke to the Council about this grant.

**Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Steve Woods stated the OCRA grant request for \$330,000.00 was not approved. This will be resubmitted.

**Department reports**

**Treasurer**

Treasurer Carol Bartley shared the new format for the tax bills with the Council and stated the bills are being mailed out today.

**Highway**

Highway Superintendent Kevin Myers stated half of the new MVH funds coming from the state must be put towards roads. The state has specific regulations for tracking this money as well. Some of his money needs to be moved around to accommodate this. He would like to purchase the new dump truck out of Local Road and Street rather than Motor Vehicle Highway fund. He will come back to the Council next month with official requests. Any County that is not in compliance is at risk of not receiving funding.

**Clerk**

Clerk Sherri Crews reported to the Council she lost an employee in the Circuit court and she has been replaced and will start the end of this week.

**Central Dispatch**

Council member Mitchell stated Central Dispatch Director Renee Crick could not be present today but wanted everyone to know this is National Telecommunications Week.

**Health**

Health Department director Rodney Wann reported he hired a new public health nurse. He also stated he approached his board about partnering with Youth Rise group from Purdue Extension Offices to work together to support mobile food pantries. The board approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

**Clinton County Council**

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Alan Dunn, President

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Jeff Chynoweth, Pro-tem

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ATTEST:  
Cathy J. Hamilton  
Cathy J. Hamilton, Clinton Co Auditor

