

MINUTES FOR THE  
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 8, 2022

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on February 8, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. regular Council meeting, pursuant in accordance with law and publication as evidence 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

Mike Hensley

Jake Myers  
Joe Mink

**ABSENT**

Jeff Chynoweth

Jon Hussey

Britt A Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council. Tim Elston was also present to broadcast the meeting virtually.

Others present were: First Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd, Renee Crick, Rick Campbell, Liz Stitzel, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Dana Myers, Carol Price, Shan Sheridan, Tom Little, Leah Harden, Greg Miller, Brett Todd, and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 special meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Council member Mink abstained.

President Dunn welcomed Joe Mink as our new Council member.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Director Barton was unable to attend.

**PROBATION**

President Dunn read the January 2022 report of Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward which noted Juvenile detention costs in the amount of \$959 for the month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Recognition of Retiring Council Member Ron Gascho**

Retiring Council member Ron Gascho and his wife were in attendance. To show their appreciation for Mr. Gascho's 15 years of service, President Dunn presented him a glass candy jar with the county seal etched on it. He advised the Council members to attend as many conferences as possible to stay informed.

**Soil and Water**

Clint Orr, CCSWCD Chairperson, spoke regarding the current positions within Soil & Water and their need to fill positions in their office. NCRS will likely appoint another person from another County help with that open position.

Austin Greene, the Conservation Specialist, has left his position and interviews will be held this week to replace him. There is a good candidate which they are hopeful will work out.

Mr. Orr informed the Council that they will be temporarily hiring a contractor to help with grant completion and submissions. They don't want to have a lull in service or risk losing current grant funds. The cost of this will be offset due to the vacancy currently left by Specialist Greene.

District Administrator, Leah Harden, is hoping to retire by June 1, 2022, and the search for her replacement is about to begin. Mr. Orr asked the Council's permission to allow Mrs. Harden to stay on at a part-time basis, after her replacement has been hired, to assist with the transition. They are requesting permission to additional appropriate \$11,782.40 to cover this temporary position. Before Mrs. Harden could occupy such a position, sheshe will need to separate from the County for at least 30 days in order to work and still receive her pension.

A motion was made by Council member Hensley, seconded by Council member Myers, to approve the part time position along with the Additional Appropriation to fund said position, passed 5-0.

### **ENCUMBRANCES**

Motion made by Council member Myers, seconded by Council member Beard, to approve the slate of encumbrances totaling \$25,989.37. Motion carried 5-0. (List attached).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2022-02**

President Dunn read each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate of Additional Appropriations. Upon motion by Council member Beard, seconded by Council member Hensley, the Motion to approve the following Additional Appropriations carried 5-0:

Request from Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$9533.00 in the County General Fund for 1000-000-00-0438 Grant Distribution

Request from Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$3.89 in the County General Fund for 1000-006-02-0001 Office Supplies

Request from Auditor's Office in the amount of \$12,817.77 in the County General Fund for 1000-000-03-0030 CC Training Facility

Request from Parkview in the amount of \$5700.00 in County Home Gifts for 1128-000-02-0001 Supplies for Residents

Request from Central Dispatch in the amount of \$19,430.63 in the LEPC Fund for:

1152-000-02-0001	\$500.00	Office Supplies
1152-000-02-0002	\$500.00	Stationary & Printing
1152-000-03-0001	\$5,000.00	Emergency Planning
1152-000-03-0003	\$1,000.00	Meeting Stipend
1152-000-03-0010	\$8,000.00	Training
1152-000-03-0012	\$100.00	Postage
1152-000-03-0084	\$500.00	Seminars Etc.
1152-000-04-0007	\$3,630.63	Equipment
1152-000-04-0044	\$200.00	Computers & Peripheral Devices

Request from Board of Health in the amount of \$3700.00 in BOH Fund for 1159-000-02-0014 Environmental Health

Request from Auditor's Office in the amount of \$179.94 in the Levy Excess Fund for 1167-000-01-0001 Distribution  
Request from Recorder's Office in the amount of \$368.05 in the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund for 1189-000-02-0012 Developing Film  
Request from Circuit Court in the amount of \$113,834.99 in the Special Pauper Fund for 1200-232-03-0047 Circuit Court Pauper Attorney  
Request from Superior Court in the amount of \$126,071.54 in the Special Pauper Fund for 1200-000-03-0047 Superior Court Pauper Attorney  
Request from Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$1022.24 in the Drainage Maintenance Fund for 2700-000-03-0534 Lessie Johnson  
Request from Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$675.26 in the Drainage Maintenance Fund for 2700-000-03-0542 McClamroch  
Request from Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$41.80 in the Drainage Maintenance Fund for 2700-000-03-0614 Arbegust Young  
Request from Auditor's Office in the amount of \$2000.00 in I65/28 Road Lease Debt Service for 4600-000-03-0005 Admin Bank Fee  
Request from Council in the amount of \$112,121 in Landfill Tipping Fees for 4901-000-03-0020 Fairground Repairs  
Request from Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$377.55 in User Fee Fund for 4902-000-03-0001 Professional Services  
Request from Board of Health in the amount of \$5000.00 in Medicaid Immunizations Fund for 4909-000-02-0001 Supplies  
Request from Board of Health in the amount of \$5000.00 in Medicaid Immunizations Fund for 4909-000-03-0001 Service Contracts  
Request from Board of Health in the amount of \$4000.00 in Medicaid Immunizations Fund for 4909-000-04-0007 Supplies Equipment  
Request from Superior Court in the amount of \$62,316.62 in Public Defender Fund for 9123-201-03-0001 Superior Court Pauper Attorney  
Request from Superior Court in the amount of \$44,164.02 in Public Defender Fund for 9123-201-03-0002 Capital Murder Case  
Request from Circuit Court in the amount of \$67,967.36 in Public Defender Fund for 9123-232-03-0001 Circuit Court Pauper Attorney  
Request from Circuit Court in the amount of \$28,301.77 in Public Defender Fund for 9123-232-03-0001 Circuit Court Pauper Attorney \$14,150.89 and 9123-201-03-0001 Superior Court Pauper Attorney \$14,150.88  
Request from Circuit Court in the amount of \$32.97 in CASA PR Grant Fund for 9128-000-02-0010 Expenses

### **Transfers for approval**

President Dunn read each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate of Transfers. Upon motion by Council member Myers, seconded by Council member Hensley, the Motion to approve the following Transfers carried 5-0:

\$10,029.00 from 1000-232-03-0001 Circuit Court Wrap Around to 1000-232-01-0025 Wrap Around Part-time Employee

### **Transfers no approval required**

\$291.60 from 1000-002-03-0084 Auditor Seminars, Meals, Lodging to 1000-002-03-0081 Dues & Subscriptions

\$150.00 from 1000-012-02-0031 Veteran's Office Printing to 1000-012-02-0035 Misc Supplies

\$288.00 from 1000-160-03-0004 Information Tech Web Service to 1000-160-03-0059 Computer Maint/Gas

\$1000.00 from 1000-311-02-0041 EMA Equipment Suppl to 1000-311-02-0040 Safety Suppl  
\$66.23 from 1222-000-03-0010 Central Dispatch Maintenance to 1222-000-03-0003 Spillman  
Maintenance  
\$685.42 from 2700-000-03-0572 Drain Maintenance James Virtue to 2700-000-03-0573 Abe  
Wyant

President Dunn called the Council's attention to the January 2022 Financial Report for their review. Council member Hensley motioned, seconded by Council member Beard, to except said financial reports. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Council Reports**

Council member Myers reported that he road with County Highway during the snow storm last week. He suggested all Council and Commissioner members experience this and see what these employees have to go through during a snow storm. The Council gave a sincere thanks to Rick Campbell and all the highway employees for a job well done.

Council member Beard participated in a North Central Indiana regional meeting with Shan Sheridan. This meeting focused on ag issues and promoting the agricultural industry.

Council member Beard also attended the Area Plan annual meeting with local town boards on Feb. 7. Commissioner Jordan Brewer was also in attendance. This is the chance for those boards to ask questions and get information from County officials.

### **Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Jordan Brewer reported that bids will be opened on Feb 14 for fairgrounds project. The County has hired Irwin, Waggoner and Sheele for our new HR Firm.

Commissioner Uitts spoke regarding the status of bids for work on the third-floor. Mr. Uitts would like to work to shave some of the costs of the bids, since they came in higher than expected. These costs would be in addition to American Structure Point invoice for handling the project work. The roofing project on the Courthouse is progressing according to schedule.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **CLERK'S OFFICE**

Rhea Harris is having issues with her bank accounts. The checks issued by the Clerk's office are being mobile deposited and then deposited at a bank. This is causing the checks to be deposited twice. The Farmers Bank is watching for the issues and will waive the fees.

The Clerk's Perpetuation Fund has a cash balance that Mrs. Harris would like to use to hire a company to come in to analyze old files and digitize ones that her office is required to retain.

### **EMS**

Greg Miller appreciated the help they received from the highway, Fire Dept, and EMA to help the ambulances get through to emergencies during the snow storm last week.

A process to seek a replacement for the EMS Director will be begin soon. We have three candidates internally that are interested in the position. 2022 will be a part time position and will likely move to a full time position. This will be addressed at budget time.

A meeting has been scheduled with IU to discuss transfer service.

The Boyleston station has lost power a few times. They're looking into the cost of a generator.

Revenue for the year 2021 was over \$1.8 million; 1.2 million for the previous year. The department made over 4000 runs last year.

## HEALTH DEPT

Rodney Wann stated that the department continues to receive admin reimbursements for COVID vaccines. He would like to see the Immunization Grant part-time position eventually moved into a permanent position. He is applying for another grant to help with another position. He appreciated the help from the County Highway during the snow storm to assist the testing clinic. Also, the fire department assisted with putting up a tent at the testing site that had previously been used during Ebola outbreak.

Mr. Wann expressed that his department would like to move some excess money into the Rainy Day fund. President Dunn stated that the Council would need to look into whether such action would require Council approval.

## SHERIFF

The Annual Jail Report was given to the Auditor today. The Sheriff will distribute to the Council and Commissioners via email. A hard copy will be kept in the Auditor's Office files. The Sheriff reported he emailed Council President Dunn the 2021 Commissary Report. Council member Dunn stated he had forwarded the email to the Council members.

Sheriff Kelly asked the Council's permission to use Commissary funds to purchase acknowledgements/flowers for funerals, retirements, etc from said fund. Motion by Council member Hensley, seconded by Council member Myers to allow up to \$500 for special allowances to be spent out of Commissary. Motion carried 5-0.

Getting quote on transport vehicle to replace van that currently has 126,000 miles on it.

The department will begin the process of hiring two new merit deputies soon. They will be three month out on hiring. It's in the budget, but needs brought before the Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

### Clinton County Council

  
Alan Dunn, President

  
Clark Beard

  
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Jeff Chynoweth, Pro-tem

  
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Jon Hussey

ATTEST:

  
Britt A Ostler, Clinton County Auditor

