

MINUTES FOR THE  
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
July 13, 2021

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on July 13, 2021, 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  
Jeff Chynoweth  
Ron Gascho  
Mike Hensley  
Jon Hussey  
Jake Myers

**ABSENT**

Britt A Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council.

Others present were: First Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd, Greg Miller, Ken Hartman, Renee Crick, Mark Timmons, Rick Campbell, Jordan Brewer, Ed Cripe, Josh Uitts, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Brett Todd, and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Chynoweth to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021, meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated there were 88 clients on electronic monitoring in June 2021 with 6 of those being juveniles and 7 on CTP. 2 individuals on currently on Pre-Trial Release. A new Tahoe was purchased and, while parked, ran into by a young woman. Currently waiting on insurance settlement so it can be repaired.

**PROBATION**

President Dunn reported that there was no Probation report submitted for the month of June 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Tom Little spoke regarding the skating rink and land it sits on. Tracy Baber has owned the skating rink for 22 years and currently has a 30 year lease on the premises. She would like to make improvements, but feels it would be unwise to do so

without owning the land as well. The resale possibilities would also improve if she were able to sell it all together. Two appraisals were obtained, with each one giving a value of \$30,000. with a right of first refusal if the land was sold. The Council agreed that the rink was a valuable asset to our community and were agreeable to selling Ms. Baber the land with the stipulation if the County having first right of refusal.

Motion by Council member Myers, seconded by Council member Hensley, to support sale to Ms Baber with right of first refusal. Motion carried 7-0.

The Council was introduced to Emily Bundscho, who was up for Reappointment to the Kirklin Public Library Board. President Dunn signed the documents approving her reappointment.

Heidi Turner, librarian for Kirklin Public Library, presented the details of an improvement project being started in 2022. The estimated cost of repairs and maintenance is \$461,500. Harry Mohler has been hired as the architect for the project. Bonds will need to be issued, which will require the Council's approval as the County fiscal body. Their current bond will be paid off this year.

Rick Campbell reported that the Highway Department has one more grader payment to make. He presented quotes for leases on two new graders. The new Leases would be for five years with a payment of \$102,416 per year (\$51,208 each). The department has been offered \$45,000 for one of the old graders. Something else to consider is that the Fair Council frequently borrows one of the graders and has expressed an interested in possibly purchasing it. A decision has yet to be made regarding the old grader. Motion by Council member Myers, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, to lease two new graders. Motion carried 7-0.

President Dunn questioned Superintendent Campbell about the \$400,000 additional appropriation that had been presented for approval. Mr. Campbell explained that the department is currently trying to make up for last year, and have chip sealed 73 miles of road.

### **Auditor**

Auditor Britt Ostler submitted for Council review information regarding budget year 2022 from the State of Indiana. The growth quotient for 2022 will be 4.2%, She also submitted documentation on the 2022 maximum levy, property tax cap impact and cum rates. There was no change in the Cum rates and all rates are at their maximum aside from Cum Bridge. Council member Beard suggested the Highway Department may consider raising the cum rate for bridge fund to the maximum allowed.

## **Sheriff**

Sheriff Rich Kelly spoke regarding attorney invoices the department has from attorneys to provide general work at the Sheriff's Office. These attorneys are provided through membership fees paid to the Sheriff's Association. These retainer fees have normally been paid with Commissary funds from a Professional Consultants line. Due to the rescinding of the Resolution regarding Commissary expenditures, it needs to be decided how these fees will get paid. President Dunn asked if there was a packet of information regarding these invoices. Sheriff Kelly stated that he did have such a detailed report. There doesn't appear to be a legal services expenditure line in the Sheriff's General Fund account. Payment for these legal services will need to be reviewed by the Council. A redacted detailing of fees was presented.

Sheriff Kelly also expressed his appreciation to the Council for approving and funding the purchase of new body armor for the SWAT team. He stated that funds for such purchases normally come from private and business donations. Due to financial effects of COVID-19 in 2020, the department did not feel it would be proper to solicit money as they had in the past. President Dunn pointed out that the rescinding of the Resolution did not affect the department's ability to make purchases that were authorized per the enumerated uses. Thus the SWAT gear could have been purchased using those the Commissary funds. The Sheriff stated that he wishes to be extra cautious when it comes to Commissary expenditures going forward and had been hesitant do make that purchase with said funds.

President Dunn further stated that there is an appropriation request from the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$11,937.32 for grant proceeds that would be used to reimburse the Commissary Fund for COVID supplies purchased. President Dunn would like to see that request denied and the money left in General Fund cash to reimburse the County for some of the money that was spent for the SWAT gear purchase. Sheriff Kelly agreed that this would be agreeable to him as long as it did not violate the terms of the reimbursement grant.

They are currently averaging 165 inmates in the facility. He also reported that the Federal Inmate count has stayed around 20 and it has generated over \$1.4 million. There are around 50-60 that flow through every month. Employment within the department is staying strong. Our County is attracting quality candidates.

The Sheriff presented Council with the bi-annual commissary report and redacted legal services invoices for their review. President stated that he wants to make sure that Attorney Tom Little gets copies of all these documents. He also wants to schedule discussions with all parties involved so they can get the Commissary expenditure issue straightened out.

Auditor Ostler asked the Sheriff about the department's current practice of hiring officers through the Federal Inmate fund and then switched to another fund. She stated that normally positions/employees are not moved from one fund to another. Sheriff Kelly stated that when a position would come available in another fund, many times the

Federal Inmate officers would have their salaries moved to an open position in another fund. He agreed to look further into this.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2021-10**

President Dunn proceeded to describe each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate at the end. Upon motion by Council member Hussey, seconded by Council member Gascho, the Motion to approve the following Additional carried 7-0. **Approved as amended with General Fund total of \$37,174.56.**

Request from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$11,937.32 in the County General Fund for 1000-000-00-0021 Grant Reimbursement to Commissary Fund. **Motion to deny** by Council member Beard, second by Council member Hensley, carried 7-0.

Request from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$8871.00 in the County General Fund for 1000-00-00-0022 Work Release Grant Reimbursement

Request from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$1819.80 in the County General Fund for 1000-380-02-0014 Jail-Janitorial Supplies

Request from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$1199.00 in the County General Fund for 1000-380-02-0035 Jail-Misc. (Paper Products)

Request from the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$25,000 in the County General Fund for 1000-000-03-0030 CC Training Facility Expenses

Request from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$284.76 in the County General Fund for 1000-380-03-0051 Jail-Repairs & MTC Bldg & MTC Bldg & Str

Request from the Highway Department in the amount of \$63,000.00 in the CUM Bridge Fund for 1135-100-03-0036 Bridge #36

Request from Probation Department in the amount of \$15,000.00 in the Drug Free Community Fund for 1148-002-01-0003 Treatment

Request from Probation Department in the amount of \$15,000.00 in the Drug Free Community Fund for 1148-001-01-0002 Prevention

Request from Probation Department in the amount of \$14,138.20 in the Drug Free Community Fund for 1148-001-01-0003 Criminal Justice

Request from Highway Department in the amount of \$400,000.00 in the MVH Restricted Fund for 1173-000-02-0023 Bituminus

Request from Community Corrections in the amount of \$1000.00 in the Misdemeanant Fund for 1175-000-03-0005 Learning Network

Request from Central Dispatch in the amount of \$144,210.00 in the Statewide 911 Fund for 1222-000-04-0007 Motorola Lease

Request from Central Dispatch in the amount of \$42,830.20 in the Statewide 911 Fund for 1222-000-03-0023 Antenna Work

Request from Probation Department in the amounts of \$2614.51 and \$1378.78 in the Probation Fund for 2000-000-03-0086 TRECS

Request from Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$1315.00 in the Drain Maintenance Fund for 2700-000-03-0590 Izie Leibenguth

Request from Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$4099.52 in the Drain Maintenance Fund for 2700-000-03-0534 Lessie Johnson

Request from Health Department in the amount of \$3000.00 in the Medicaid Immunization Fund for 4909-000-04-0007

Request from Community Corrections Department in the amounts of \$344.09, \$26.09 and \$280.01 in the Project Income Fund for 4914-000-03-0061 TRECS Collections

Request from Health Department in the amount of \$214.79 in the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (Clinic) for 8112-000-02-0002 Covid Operating Supplies

Request from Circuit Court totaling \$20,107.58 in the Public Defender Board Fund for 9123-232-03-0001 Pauper Attorney Fees-Circuit Court \$10,053.79 and 9123-201-03-0001 Pauper Attorney Fees-Superior Court \$10,053.79

**The following appropriations are grants which do not require Council approval:**

\$6000.00 request from Sheriff's Office in the Jail Treatment fund to 9118-000-01-0003 Adult Education

\$1500.00 request from Probation in the Incentives & Sanctions fund to 9129-000-03-0001 General Disbursement

### **Transfers approval required**

President Dunn proceeded to describe each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate at the end. Upon motion by Council member Myers , seconded by Council member Hensley, the Motion to approve the following Transfers carried 7-0:

\$1700.00 from 1000-003-01-0019 Treasurer's Office Extra Help to 1000-003-02-0001 Office Supplies

\$2590.00 from 8112-000-01-0032 CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (Clinic) SS & Medicare VC to 8112-000-02-0031 SS & Medicare

\$1900.00 from 9122-000-01-0001 Immunization Grant Salary to 9122-000-02-0004 Misc. Equipment

### **Transfers no approval required**

\$2151.31 from 1000-068-03-0062 Commissioners Weed Ordinance to 1000-068-03-0037 Time Clock Maintenance

\$685.00 from 1000-079-03-0003 Area Plan BZA Legal Services to 1000-079-03-0001 APC Legal Services

\$1000.00 from 1000-311-02-0032 EMA Repair parts to 1000-311-02-0040 Safety Supplies

\$3510.06 from 1135-100-03-0055 CUM Bridge Bridge #55 to 1135-100-03-0036 Bridge #36

\$182.00 from 9122-000-03-0008 Immunization Grant Mileage to 9122-000-02-0004 Misc. Equipment

Council reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for June 2021. Council member Beard moved, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, to approve said report. Motion carried 7-0.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council member Hensley mentioned the Sheriff's pension is doing very well. Baird has invested the monies wisely and the account has grown significantly. Chris Calloway is our representative from Baird.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner President, Josh Uitts, would like to set a meeting involving Council and Commissioners to discuss Build/Operate/Transfer method for Regions Building project. Envoy will be the program we are looking to use so the amount of risk taken by the County is reduced; leaving the Contractor with more responsibility.

Commissioner Mark Timmons would like to look for a full time maintenance man to maintain county offices. He believes \$20 an hour to start a part-time person now would

be sufficient; then switching to full time at beginning of the year. Council supports this action.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ed Cripe, Coroner, came before the board to present a plan for a new facility. The new morgue would include room for cold storage and autopsies. There is the possibility of income from donor network usage. The chain of custody of a corpse would remain in Clinton County. Improved accessibility for criminal cases as well as educational opportunities for medical professionals. There is a drain issue, but appears to be an easy fix. Estimated that the department would approximately \$68,000 total for the build out.

### EMS


Director Greg Miller spoke regarding the new east side station and stated construction was still on schedule. He has received the numbers regarding Medicare/Medicaid payments, self-pay payments, ambulance runs and responses. Greg will meet with the Commissioners to go over ambulance runs and areas utilized, response times, etc.

### CENTRAL DISPATCH

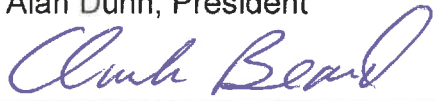
Renee Crick, Director, reported that her department will be hiring again.

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:37 am**

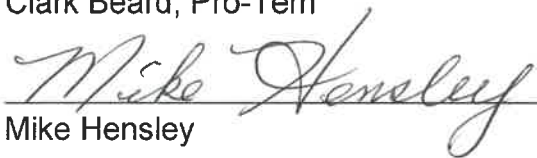
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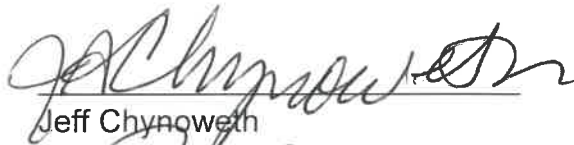
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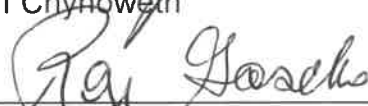
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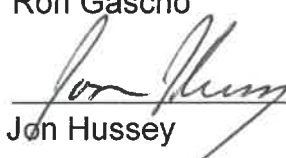
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