

MINUTES OF THE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Thursday, May 27, 2021
10:30 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners and Clinton County Council met for a Joint Special Meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Council President Alan Dunn called the Clinton County Council Special Meeting to order at 10:32 A.M. Commissioner President Josh Uitts called the Clinton County Commissioners Special Meeting to order at 10:32 A.M., with the following members shown to be present:

Council

Alan Dunn
Clark Beard
Mike Hensley
Jeff Chynoweth
Jon Hussey

Commissioners

Josh Uitts
Jordan Brewer
Mark Timmons

Others in attendance were Britt Ostler, Tom Little, Ken Harshman, Grace Gouveia, and Jerri Sexton recorded the meeting.

The Commissioners and Council Members discussed the potential purchase of the Regions Building and the cost of Renovations.

County Attorney, Tom Little stated the letter of intent states the county agrees to purchase the Regions Building in the amount of \$500,000 with a closing date of June 15th and the county agrees to pay the closing cost.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to proceed and sign the letter of intent to purchase the Regions Building, Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Council member Jeff Chynoweth motioned to proceed and sign the letter of intent, seconded by Mike Hensley. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Uitts stated he met with Central Dispatch Director Renee Crick that morning to discuss some of the upgrades she will be needing to make to the dispatch center radios. The amount will be in the \$600,000 range.

There have been issues with the Fire and Police departments being able to communicate on their portable radios since the antenna was taken down to work on the water tower. The Board of Works has offered to permanently house the antenna at the police department property. The cost of constructing a 160 foot tower would be \$75,000. Renee has this in her 911 budget. She may run short with combining the cost of these two projects but the ARP funds could be used.

There was further discussion on where the tower could be housed.

Commissioner Uitts stated that Renee also would like to purchase 4 "to go boxes". These are suitcases with the phone system that they can pick up and take with them anywhere in case of disaster and still be able to answer 911 calls. She has this within her budget. Renee would also like to put a backup dispatch console in the police department in case they would need to vacate the Sheriff department.


Alan Dunn stated that they will have to figure out what's allowable with the ARP money and prioritize.

Without any further business to come before the Commissioners and Council the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 A.M.

The Clinton County Board of Commissioners



Josh Uitts



Jordan Brewer



Mark Timmons

Attest:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

The Clinton County Council

Alan Dunn
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Clark Beard
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Jeff Chynoweth
Jeff Chynoweth

Mike Hensley
Mike Hensley

Jon Hussey
Jon Hussey

Attest:

Britt A. Ostler
Britt Ostler, Auditor