

MINUTES FOR THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 13, 2017

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on June 13, 2017 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. for a 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. On call to order the following members were shown to be present or absent.

PRESENT

Alan Dunn
Clark Beard
Jeff Chynoweth

ABSENT

Ron Gascho
Mike Hensley
Mark Mitchell
Jake Myers

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

Others present were Auditor Cathy Hamilton, Sheriff Jeff Ward, Wanda Mitchell, Renee Crick, Commissioner Steve Woods, Commissioner Scott Shoemaker, Kevin Myers, Steve Frey, Greg Miller, Zach Light, Leeann Doerflein, and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Myers moved seconded by Council member Mitchell to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2017 Council meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Hensley to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2017 Special Council meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Director Brett Barton stated there were 68 total clients on electronic monitoring in May 2017 with 1 of those being a juvenile.

PROBATION

Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward was present and reported juvenile detention costs for the month of May 2017 in the amount of zero.

HUMANE SOCIETY

Nancy Elsea from the Clinton County Humane Society was present to discuss the proposed 2018 budget with the Council. They are asking for an increased amount over last year due to an aging building and other issues including air conditioning and guttering in the kennels. The total being requested from the County is \$95,000.00. They have also requested an increased amount from the City for next year. The Clinton County Humane Society has a vet come in and spay and neuter the animals at no cost. This saves approximately \$25,000.00 per year. Ms. Elsea discussed fundraisers that are planned in the coming year to support their budget. A grant was received this year from SLA to improve the one acre fenced in exercise yard. The council would like to see an estimate on the projects that need to be done and each employee's salary before the August budget hearing.

RECORDER

Clinton County Recorder Beth Keeney presented the new Recorder's fee schedule to the Council that will take effect July 1, 2017. These fees are being mandated by I.C. Code. Along with other documents that are changing, Mortgages will be a flat fee of \$55.00 and Deeds will be \$25.00. This will bring in more revenue for the Recorder and Surveyors offices. Mrs. Keeney would like to look into E-Documents and digitizing documents and a new plat cabinet for plat maps. She would use the Recorder Perpetuation Fund for these purchases.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Inspector Jessica Fearnow was present to discuss a vector control ordinance that has been approved by the Board of Health. Vector control is for any pest or animal that can spread disease. She presented information on responsibility of owner or occupant of a property and also enforcement and penalties. She would like to cap the penalty at \$1,000.00 but will be doing more research as to what other counties charge. County Attorney Tom Little will have

an official Ordinance prepared for the Council to sign at the July meeting. Mrs. Fearnow will not be able to attend that meeting. She will be attending the next Commissioners meeting on June 19th to present this information to them as well.

FAIR COUNCIL

Skip Davis did not attend. He will present the fair council budget requests for 2018 at the August budget hearing instead.

NHK

Attorney Jay Moore presented for approval and signature, Clinton County Council Resolution 2017-06 Declaratory Resolution Designating An Economic Revitalization Area. He discussed the need for this expansion with the Council. This building will be located directly east of the current Bailey Trucking facility. After the ERA is approved and signed today, a public hearing will need to be held next month to approve and sign the Statement of Benefits for real and personal property. They will be requesting a 10 year abatement for real property and 5 year abatement for personal property. Discussion followed.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Mitchell to approve Clinton County Council Resolution 2017-06 A Declaratory Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization Area for NHK Seating of America. Motion carried 6-0.

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Shoemaker was present to discuss raising the tax rate for LIT public safety. An increase from .25% to .50% is being requested. He introduced, Sheriff Jeff Ward, Frankfort Police Chief Troy Bacon, EMS Director Greg Miller, City Council member Wanda Mitchell, and Rossville Town Marshal Travis Harris who will all be speaking about this request. Each City and Town contributes 50% of their LIT Public Safety to Central Dispatch. This increase will help each city and town to fund competitive wages, purchase equipment etc. These funds would also help support the new EMS structure, ambulance replacement plan and competitive wages for EMS. Human Resource Representative Dennis Dunlap will be preparing a new salary survey comparing Clinton County to surrounding counties. Commissioner Shoemaker would like to see this locked in for a term of 20 years.

Sheriff Jeff Ward stated he could use the funds for more deputies and courthouse security. EMS director Greg Miller says they have adequate personnel but need to retain paramedics and EMTs. They are leaving for better wages at surrounding counties. The funds could also be used for the new EMS building and added equipment/ambulances to volunteer services. Frankfort Police Chief Troy Bacon stated the police department needs a renovation. Also, police and fire equipment are needed and the funds could be used for replacement and maintenance of vehicles and police and fire salaries. City Council member Wanda Mitchell stated the City of Frankfort is preparing a resolution to support this increase. She discussed the need for public safety in general for the entire community. Rossville Town Marshal Travis Harris said the funds could be used for wages as they can no longer use MVH funds for public safety due to a change in legislation. Commissioner Steve Woods spoke to the Council about his stand on public safety and understands the reasons why the Council in asking for a tax increase. President Dunn reviewed the information with the Council. This could affect an average household's taxes by approximately \$125.00 on the year. The next step would be to schedule a public hearing and have an ordinance drafted and signed by August 1, 2017. The new rate would then begin October 1, 2017. Distribution to cities and towns could then to take effect January 1, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

Kirklín Public Library Board Member

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Hensley to appoint Emily Bundscho to the Kirklín Public Library Board for a term of four years. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Additional Appropriations Ordinance CO-2017-08

Council member Mitchell moved seconded by Council member Chynoweth to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Highway Department in the amount of \$1,036.00 (from an insurance reimbursement) in the MVH Fund 1176-530-03-0031 Bldg & personal property & Liability Insurance. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Myers moved seconded by Council member Beard to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Surveyor in the amount of \$1,030.00 in the Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund 1202-000-03-0001 Professional Services. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Hensley moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Surveyor in the amount of \$400.00 in the Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund 1202-000-03-0001 Professional Services. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Mitchell to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Health Department in the amount of \$1,000.00 in the Medicaid Immunization Fund 4909-000-02-0001 Supplies. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Myers moved seconded by Council member Beard to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Health Department in the amount of \$1,200.00 and \$185.00 in the Medicaid Immunization Fund 4909-000-03-0001 Service Contracts. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Hensley to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Health Department in the amount of \$1,437.00 in the Medicaid Immunization Fund 4909-000-04-0007 Equipment. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Mitchell to deny an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$8,503.33 (from an insurance reimbursement) in the County General Fund 1000-005-03-0059 Vehicle repairs. Motion to deny carried 6-0.

Transfers

Council member Mitchell moved seconded by Council member Hensley to approve a transfer request from the Clinton County Treasurer in the amount of \$1,000.00 in the County General Fund from 1000-003-03-0001 Custom printing & mailing to 1000-003-04-0007 Office equipment. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Hensley moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve a transfer request from the Clinton County Health Department in the amount of \$103.00 in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant from 8103-000-01-0002 Coordinator Salary to 8103-000-02-0001 Supplies. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Mitchell moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve a transfer request from Clinton County Central Dispatch in the amount of \$7,000.00 in the 911 Fund from 1222-000-01-0003 Part time to 1222-000-01-0030 Overtime. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Hensley to approve a transfer request from Clinton County Area Plan in the amount of \$800.00 in the County General Fund from 1000-079-01-0013 Secretary to 1000-079-01-0019 Part time. Motion carried 6-0.

Transfers-No Approval Required

\$346.00 from 1176-530-04-0035 Radios to 1176-530-04-0019 Bldg & Plant
 \$1,130.00 from 1222-000-03-0004 I Am Responding to 1222-000-03-0002 Training
 \$675.00 from 1000-201-03-0042 Petit Jurors to 1000-201-03-0021 Printed Forms
 \$500.00 from 4910-000-02-0006 Vehicle Supplies to 4910-000-02-0002 Food
 \$800.00 from 1000-005-02-0011 Fuel to 1000-005-02-0034 Ammunition

Council Reports

Council member Clark Beard reported on APC. They met last monday and approved plats for businesses out at 165.

The dedication of the IU Hospital will be tomorrow, Wednesday, June 14th at 10 a.m.

Council was presented with a formal written request from the Commissioners to have \$333,000.00 in Rainy Day fund committed to the Community Crossing Grant for the County's match for highway projects. Council member Mitchell seconded by Council member Hensley to support the request for the \$333,000.00 match from the Rainy Day Fund. Motion carried 6-0. Highway Superintendent Kevin Myers stated there are approximately 30 projects that these funds could be used for.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Shoemaker stated he would like to have a joint meeting in regards to the demolition of the Colfax Manson elevator.

Department Head Reports

EMS Director Greg Miller asks for approval to purchase equipment. They are in need of a LUCAS machine for an ambulance. This would be paid out of, what Mr. Miller called the contingency fund, or the ambulance remount line at an approximate cost of \$15,000.00. Council member Mitchell moved seconded by Council member Myers approve the purchase of the LUCAS machine for EMS. Motion carried 6-0. A new line item will need to be created by the Auditor's office for this purchase and money transferred from the ambulance remount line.

Health Department Director Rodney Wann reported a grant has been received for Preparedness to begin July 1, 2017.

Central Dispatch Director Renee Crick reported on AT&T and traffic migration. She will be asking for an additional appropriation at the July meeting out of 911 Fund. Council members are invited to LEPC tabletop drill next week.

Sheriff Ward updated Council on roof repairs. They will be sending out bid requests soon. He reported the Work Release remodel for female inmates is complete.

Council Member Mitchell suggesting department heads request a 4% raise for County employees and a 13.7% for public safety employees when submitting budgets to the Auditor. Discussion followed as to the public safety salaries. President Dunn suggested to leave public safety employee raise requests open at this time and advertise what that department head feels is the best. 4% recommendation for all other County employees approved.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Cathy J. Hamilton, Clinton Co Auditor