

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 15, 2025
9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on April 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Meeting Room, at 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Commissioner Jordan Brewer called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

PRESENT

Jordan Brewer
Kevin Myers
Bert Weaver

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Rick Campbell, Liz Stitzel, Rich Kelly, Nancy Ward, Renee Crick, Ashley Kelly, Grace Gouveia, and others are shown to be present in the minutes. Commissioner’s Assistant Jerri Sexton recorded the minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Brewer led the pledge of allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

IN THE MATTER OF CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

Judge Mohler announced Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward’s retirement effective April 18th, and recognized her service of 35 years to the county. He announced the new Chief Probation Officer as Matthew Risk.

IN THE MATTER OF A VACATION OF ALLEY

Phil Tripplett representing Robert Gray presented a vacation of an alley in Forest with Ordinance 2025-02. There were no objections to vacating the alley. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the vacation of alley. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDER FOR ESTABLISHING PRECINCTS

Stephanie Harshbarger presented an order establishing precincts. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the order. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCHING GRANT BIDS

Tom Little opened the 2026 Community Crossing Matching Grant Bids and they are as follows:

Reith-Riley Construction	\$1,275,777.75
Howard Companies	\$1,590,333.10
Mid West Paving	\$1,556,265.10
Milestone Contractors	\$1,367,869.75
E&B Paving	\$1,860,156.73
DC Construction	\$1,950,449.75

Commissioner Weaver motioned to take bids under advisement and make a decision at the next meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PAUL PHILLIPPE 2026 GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION 2025-01

Dawn Layton presented Resolution 2025-01 for the Paul Phillippe 2026 grant application for public transit funding. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the application with Resolution 2025-01. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported that VS Engineering proposal for bridge inspections was a 124% increase. He recommended they go with their second choice of BF&S for bridge inspections.

Joe Clark from VS Engineering spoke in regards to their fee negotiations and stated they presented what they thought the fees would be based on other counties. He asked the commissioners to reconsider.

After some discussion Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve BF&S for bridge inspections. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick presented the close out letter for the 2024 Community Crossing grant. Commissioner Brewer stated it shows a negative balance of \$13,967.76 and asked if we should get reimbursed 50-75% of that amount. Rick was uncertain and will check into it. Commissioner Myers motioned to close out the 2024 CCMG grant. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myers motioned to sign the notice to proceed documents for Civil Coating and Construction for the repair of Bridge 60 for \$681,658.50. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The project should be completed by July 2026.

Rick would like approval to lease the new mower for \$82,289 for a 5 year lease to own. Commissioner Brewer suggested he buy it outright to save the county money in the long run. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the purchase of the new mower. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE/LUPAC 04-25-388-ORDINANCE 2025-04

Liz Stitzel presented LUPAC #04-25-388-Ordinance 2025-04-for Jeff Clark which is rezoning 3.85 acres of land from R-1, Rural residential zoning district to the B-2, central business zoning district. APC gave a favorable recommendation. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the LUPAC and Ordinance 2025-04. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TIF MANAGEMENT REPORT

Jordan Brewer summarized the Tif management report stating for 2024 the revenue was \$548,660.25 and the expenditures were \$24,044.33.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the Envoy Pay Apps #17 for the Annex building for \$1,307,197.66, and for the Courthouse for \$112,595.20. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The Annex is 89% paid and the Courthouse is 59% paid.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Myers motioned to appoint Susie Plunkett to the Cemetery Commission for 5 years. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the annual Gibson software assurance agreements for \$549.00 and \$3033.00. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the Tattoo and Body Modification Ordinance 2025-03. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Job Description for Crime Scene Investigator. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Sheriff Kelly stated this position is not for a merit deputy.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the four sign placement requests for Red Barn Theatre-Summer show schedule, Paul Phippe-Strawberry Festival, Frankfort Rotary-Heroes of Hope Event, and CC Civic Theatre-Play performance. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Nancy Ward asked approval to remove her name from the checking account and add Matthew Risk and Elisha Surber. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Renee Crick reported that this is National Public Safety Telecommunicator week. Tuesday and Wednesday she and Chris will be attending a director summit.

Tim Elston requested approval to renew the Duo Security for \$15,417. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the renewal. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Kelly reported he would like approval to move forward with the Security Automation System upgrade. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve up to \$30,000 for the Security Automation System upgrade. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Kelly stated they have a 2014 undercover vehicle that needs \$5-6000 repairs. They do have in their budget for a rental system and asked approval to use it. There is an insurance policy they can use with the Enterprise or he can check with the county insurance. Chief Deputy Mayfield will check on which insurance is most cost effective. Commissioner Brewer stated Captain Myers sent him a quote from Enterprise of \$1,078 a month and they can swap out vehicles every month. There is no agreement to sign. It's a monthly government rated rental that can be stopped at any time. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Enterprise rental program. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rich stated there were other maintenance issues that need to be addressed to meet the jail inspection, and will put together a list.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Kevin Myers reported that he attended the NCIRPC and they started a program that will provide traffic counts in 20-30 locations for no charge.

Commissioner Jordan Brewer reported a portion of Senate Bill 1 has passed. He will keep us updated on how that affects the county.

They will keep fuel cards open for one month. After discussions with Rich and Ashley Kelly they may leave 2-3 cards open since the department may travel greater distances or raise the credit limit on their county credit cards. Commissioner Brewer stated we will wait another month to track it and put together a plan for their department.

Commissioner Bert Weaver reported he was told wood posts were going in at the solar farm instead of metal and asked Liz to check into the matter. Liz stated she would call and check on it.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the following claims as submitted, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

- Friday claims dated April 4, 2025 in the amount of \$6,526.92
- Friday claims dated April 11, 2025 in the amount of \$8,376.72
- Bi-weekly claims dated April 15, 2025 in the amount of \$466,388.83
- Court claims dated April 15, 2025 in the amount of \$12,131.21

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the payroll as submitted, Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

- Payroll dated April 4, 2025 in the amount of \$582,061.28
- BOH Payroll dated March 21, 2025 in the amount of \$1,015.32

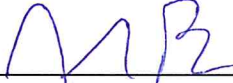
IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated April 1, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

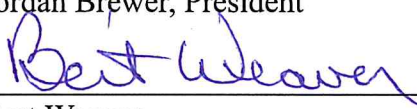
The next meeting will be May 6th.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Myers at 9:57 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

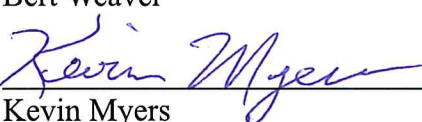
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President



Bert Weaver



Kevin Myers

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor

