MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 5, 2025 9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on August 5, 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

ABSENT

Jordan Brewer Kevin Myers Bert Weaver

Others in attendance were Rick Campbell, Carol Price, Jada Ray, Renee Crick, Brett Barton, Melissa Ostler, Dr. Melissa Pearson, Matt, Ed Cripe, Shawn Mayfield, Liz Stitzel, Grace Gouveia, Britt Ostler, 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

Katelyn Greeno read an affidavit into the record: See Attachment

No other comments were received.

IN THE MATTER OF GEOSPATIAL SCHNEIDER BEACON UPGRADE

Jada Ray presented the service agreement for Beacon Portal with add-ons. She stated this could benefit many of our offices. There is a one time fee of \$15,143. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Beacon upgrade. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS VEHICLE PURCHASE

Brett Barton reported that last month his board and DOC approved for him to replace their oldest vehicle and sought approval from the commissioners. Funding is in place. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLINTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND PURDUE EXTENSION SERVICE AGREEMENT

Melissa Ostler presented the service agreement for Clinton County Health Department and Purdue Extension, utilizing some grants previously talked about. This is to give Purdue \$4,620 for the provision of multiple educational classes on nutrition. These classes are free to the public to participate in, and are sponsored at the library. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the agreement and have Melissa sign the agreement. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell stated Reith-Riley paved Gasline Road, and they will soon start paving Mulberry-Jefferson blacktop. They are still hauling stone so they can mix pug. They got their new paver and will be training a few employees on it. They've also been brush mowing.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Paul Phillippe local match of \$115,096. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer presented two quotes for the Annex Fire Panel Monitoring: Lucas Fire and Safety quoted \$835 for initial setup and \$445 for annual monitoring. Cottage Watchman quoted \$990 for initial setup with \$540 annual monitoring. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve Lucas Fire and Safety. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Matthew Risk requested to fill his previously held adult probation officer position with no changes to the job description. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Matt to fill the position. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Melissa Ostler reported that vaccines are full steam with school starting. She has met with Renee from EMA on emergency preparedness. They have issued letters to schools to walk them through what they are allowed to fund and not allowed to fund. One restriction is on tobacco cessation, although it can be requested by the schools. Vaping is a high concern.

Renee Crick reported Steven Deckard has been a huge help in moving trailers from the back to the front. She wanted them to be utilized. They utilized the trailer that was purchased during covid for the hotdog festival for a staging area for EMS and Police. There are several employees that need to be trained on the trailer and how to set it up.

Renee stated that Chris was in Johnson County last week taking the CMCP class. Tonight Dispatch will be attending the National night out.

Liz Stitzel reported the house they cited on SR 26 is down and fully compliant. The owner requested for the fine of \$100 be waived. Commissioner Myers motioned to waive the fine, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Liz stated the 2nd house they've discussed on SR 39 and declared unfit due to lack of a septic and or a septic plan, any have been fined. Owners are a rental company that hasn't been in communication with them recently. Commissioner Weaver motioned to fine the owners \$2500. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Renee Crick spoke in regards to the Coroners office taking over the far east end of the EMA bay, which would be back to back with the morgue. It would probably just need a doorway cut out of it. Commissioner Brewer asked Ed and Renee to get a couple quotes for the doorway.

Amy Webster reported that their janitor resigned last week and the Learning Network's budget has been cut by two-thirds and they no longer have funds for a janitor. Commissioners will discuss it and get back with her.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer reported two weeks ago he had a community event on behalf of the commissioners in Kirklin. They had good discussions about many topics. He stated that they hear all the time things that people don't want from an economic development standpoint, and asked the community for guidance by telling them what they do want instead of what they don't want. The community can send comments or suggestions to commissioners@clintonco.com. He stated they meet with several prospects and the reason not much is happening is because they aren't willing to give away the farm to companies that want these huge tax abatements, which essentially generates nothing for the tax payers. The commissioners will try to be better at communicating these things and how it works. That's what part of going to the smaller communities and having an open dialogue is about. He stated they could have large growth here but we would give everything away and not see any benefits except a building and maybe a few jobs and he doesn't think anyone would want that.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

Friday claims dated July 18, 2025 in the amount of \$78,507.64
Friday claims dated July 25, 2025 in the amount of \$3,930.59
Friday claims dated August 1, 2025 in the amount of \$9,047.70
Bi-weekly claims dated August 5, 2025 in the amount of \$996,369.96
Court claims dated August 5, 2025 in the amount of \$19,527.59
Drainage Maintenance claim dated July 28, 2025 in the amount of \$15,353.75

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated July 11, 2025 in the amount of \$586,004.94

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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

The next meeting will be held August 19th.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Myers motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:36 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY

Jordan Brewer, President

Bert Weaver

Kevin Myers

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor

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Commissioner Meeting Minutes 8/5/2025



Affidavit of Exercise of Authority Not Granted to Government Concerning Proposed Commerce and Trespass of People's Right to Regulate Internal Government for the People's Benefit

Notice to Agent is Notice to Principal and Notice to Principal is Notice to Agent

Please take Notice that this is in reference to: Area Board of Zoning Appeals, Application #CC-2025-00133; Docket #05-25-SE and Area Board of Zoning Appeals, Application #CC-2025-00134; Docket #06-25-VA relating to a proposed cell tower located at 615 Wyandotte Rd., Mulberry, Indiana.

Affiant, Lattice 1, Section 1), republican in form, Sui Juris, do serve you, Andy Bailey, Grant Mohler, Stacy Pedigo, Scott Hettsmanburger, Chester Bankes, Clinton County Board of Zoning Appeals, this Affidavit, in this court of record, to make the following claims that you and your agents may provide immediate due care:

Affiant claims that government only has granted powers over the subject matter in constitutions and that all other powers remain with the People. Government cannot create powers outside of granted powers, by People, in constitutions, not even through any rulemaking or enacted legislation. Furthermore, People are gifted from God with unlimited, unquestionable, and particular rights, which cannot be taken away. The right to assemble for the common good, peace, safety, and welfare and to regulate their internal government is one of the reserved and guaranteed common law rights of the People. These rights are secured in the highest law, being all 50 State Constitutions and the Constitution of the United States of America, such rights being reserved to the People and excepted out or set apart from the government. Use of authority by government not granted in constitutions, such as the identification of authorized uses of property that government believes will benefit the People, is a trespass of my rights and an injury. This is a common law action; And

Affiant claims that all trustees in government have a fiduciary responsibility to protect my property, life, liberty interests and pursuit of happiness, including the right to regulate the internal government for the People's benefit. (See evidence below)

Indiana Constitution Article 1 Section 1 – Inherent Rights: WE DECLARE, That all people are created equal; that they are endowed by their CREATOR with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that all power is inherent in the people; and that all free governments are, and of right ought to be, founded on their authority...(Excerpt)

Missouri Constitution Article 1 Section 3 - Powers of the People over Internal Affairs, Constitution and Form of Government: That the people... have the inherent, sole and exclusive right to regulate the internal government... (Excerpt)

Constitution of the United States of America Article 4 Section 2: The Citizens of each State shall be entitled to all Privileges and Immunities of Citizens in the several States; And

Affiant claims that People created government for their own benefit and that government was granted the power to regulate commerce to benefit the People. The government's power to regulate commerce can never be used to smuggle in government powers not granted in constitutions nor to bypass or violate the guaranteed rights of the People; And

Affiant demands that evidence be shown that government has the power to identify authorized uses of property or to use any power not granted by the People in constitutions. Failure to show this evidence means that government does not have power to identify authorized uses of property or to use any power not granted by the People in constitutions; And

Affiant demands that evidence be shown that government can smuggle in its belief of what will benefit the People over the right of the People to regulate its internal government for the same purpose. Failure to show this evidence means that government cannot smuggle in its belief of what will benefit the People over the right of the People to regulate its internal government for the same purpose; And

Affiant claims that constitutions are the supreme law of the land controlling and limiting the powers of any government and that any statute, code, rule, ordinance etc. is inferior, and when not pursuant to constitutions, is void. (See evidence below)

Please take notice that in Black's Law Dictionary 1st Edition constitution is defined as "...the absolute rule of action and decision for all departments and officers of government... and in opposition to which any act or ordinance of any such department or officer is null and void" and in 1828 Webster's Dictionary constitution is defined "in free states (being) paramount to statutes or laws enacted by legislatures, limiting and controlling their power."

Marbury v. Madison, 5 U.S. 137 (1803): "... the people have an original right to establish for their future government such principles as... shall most conduce to their own happiness is the basis on which the whole American fabric has been erected... The principles...so established are deemed fundamental... and... they are designed to be permanent.... n declaring what shall be the supreme law of the land, the Constitution itself is first mentioned, and not the laws of the United States generally, but those only which shall be made in pursuance of the Constitution, have that rank... Thus,

the particular phraseology of the Constitution... confirms and strengthens the principle, supposed to be essential to all written Constitutions, that a law repugnant to the Constitution is void, and that courts, as well as other departments, are bound by that instrument. (Excerpts; Bolded for Emphasis); And

Affiant claims my rights are unconditional and can never be deprived or restricted and that the deprivation of rights, including the right to regulate the internal government for the People's benefit, is an injury and burden and may be punished. (See evidence below)

Maxim of Law: It would be idle and trite to say that no right is absolute.

Maxim of Law: Law is a rule of right; and whatever is contrary to the rule of right is an injury.

Maxim of Law: Punishment is due if the words of an oath be false.

Therefore, my order and demand of remedy is that you and your agency:

 Cease and desist all activity related to the proposed commerce of a cell phone tower at 615 Wyandotte Rd., Mulberry, Indiana.

Maxim of Law: Remedies are the life of rights

Please take final Notice that if you disagree with any of the above claims, rebut by sworn affidavit, under penalty of perjury, point by point, to the Affiant's address below within five (5) days or you agree by tacit acquiescence that all is truth and law and shall remain forever a part of this court of record and shall be heard by an arbitrator of my choice, and that you are acting with full knowledge, intent, and malice against one of the People. You also agree the matter is forever settled. All responses not sworn under penalty of perjury are considered non-responses and agents or attorneys under contract who suppress this Affidavit agree to pay the Affiant \$100,000. Furthermore, continued exercise of authority not granted in constitutions or violation of Affiant's rights will incur a fee of \$500,000 per infraction upon receipt of this Affidavit.

Affiant's Mailing Address:

PO BOX 352 mulberry, IN 46058

Verification

I hereby declare, certify and state, pursuant to the penalties of perjury u	nder the laws of the United States of America, and
by the provisions of 28 USC 1746 that all of the above and foregoing re-	epresentations are true and correct to the best of my
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in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Five	16th M
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Notary as JURAT CERTIFICATE

CUNTON County
On this AND day of JAM, 2025 before me, EME STOFF a Notary Public, personally appeared KATELVN GREENO, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the PERSON whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that SHE executed the same in authorized capacity, and that by HER autograph(s) on the instrument that SHE executed, the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the lawful laws of INDIANA State and that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal. Signature of Notary/Jurat

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Notary Public, State of Indiana
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My Commission Expires
December 28, 2031