

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 18, 2025
9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on February 18, 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, Shawn Mayfield, Renee Crick, Brett Barton, Ed Cripe. 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

No comments were received.

IN THE MATTER OF CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

Judge Mohler announced that the Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward will be retiring in April this year and asked for approval to fill the position and post it internally. Commissioner Weaver motioned to go forward with filling and posting the position. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TREASURER’S GUTS AGREEMENT

Gina Brettnacher asked for approval for the annual Tax Sale Gut’s Agreement. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the agreement. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF FAIR COUNCIL REPORT

Lorita Pearson and Chase Thompson gave a report on last year's fair. They had a car show with about 20 participants and hope to double that this year. The rentals are doing well. They asked for continued support with the operating funds as the county has done every year. They have used inmates to help mow and maintain fairgrounds. They are currently waiting on building permits for the barns. Commissioners agreed to continue giving the operating funds.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel stated there was nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell stated they worked Sunday to manage the snow. He asked for approval to purchase a new pick-up truck in the amount of \$62,692 from DeVoe Chevrolet. It is in his budget and he will pay for outfitting out of pocket. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the purchase of the truck. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

He requested approval for Ridenour Excavating’s quote for \$14,000 to clear overpasses at 350 W 600 S and 500 S and 500 W. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve Ridenour’s Excavating’s quote. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick stated they would like to go with VS Engineering to do the county’s bridge inspections. They have received the state's approval and they VS Engineering received the highest scoring. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve VS Engineering for our county bridge inspections. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

CCMG Bid

Rick Cambell stated Central Paving had the lowest bid of \$444,955.25. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Central Paving's bid. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The local amount will be \$111,238.82.

Envoy Invoices

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the Envoy Invoices for the Courthouse for \$5,000 and the Annex invoice for \$1,000. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Service Grant Awards

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the Community Service Grant Awards for the following:

Coach Kids \$12,000

The Crossing School \$35,000

Sharp Program \$10,000

Healthy Communities \$15,000

Learning Network \$12,024

Boys & Girls Club \$10,000

Paul Phillippe \$ 5,976

Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Interlocal Agreement for the Purchase of an Ambulance

Steven Deckard stated Center Township Trustee Jami Pratt has agreed to help the county purchase a 2025 Ambulance. This will be 6 payments over 6 years of \$45,775. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the agreement. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Wild Cat Appointment

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve Randy Ravencraft for the Wild Cat Appointment. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the sign placement request for the Zona Club. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the Core Membership which offers a discounted membership to county employees. Commissioner Weavers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the engagement letter with Laurie E. Martin from Hoover, Hull and Turner to address some legal HR matters that are outside the scope of our county attorney. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Brett Barton reported the owner of the property at 400 E Clinton sent a copy of the rental agreement. It had everything that they wanted except the right of first refusal. He will give it to Tom to look over. Their lease for the current space ends at the end of the year and he would like to make some updates to the building on Clinton before moving in.

Renee Crick reported they've had issues with 2 air handlers and have had to call QPH because there were leaks. They were able to locate leaks. QPH sent two quotes, to repair the leaks would be \$8,000, and to replace it will be \$31,000. QPH said it was old and will need to be replaced soon, the current one was installed in 2010. Renee will send the commissioners the quotes to discuss at the next meeting. They are preparing to do Fire Mayday training with the Frankfort Fire Department with all 3 of their shifts and all 4 of dispatch shifts.

Ed Cripe reported they opened up the new morgue in August of 2021 and have reached a savings of \$100,000. Before they had the morgue they had to transport bodies out and pay user fees for autopsies and storage, and now we have the facility here.

Steven Deckard reported that he's been working with their billing company to get recommended rates to increase their billing to take advantage of the new state law house bill that allows us to bill up to 400% of the medicare value and capture that with private insurance. He's had multiple meetings regarding the new bill. He would like to raise the rate to 300% to capture that with private insurance. The commissioners will review and address it at the next meeting for possible changes.

Steven stated regarding ambulance 0098, they were supposed to put a new motor in it and invoiced for a new motor, but they put a long block in it and that is not a new motor. They have charged them significantly more

than two other quotes he received. The ambulance is still not in good working order. Their proposal is they will eat the cost of putting a new engine in it, but it will be a new long block. Steven recommends giving them a two week deadline and he will come back at the next meeting to present. Commissioner Brewer said they will consider the matter and get him an answer.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer reported that they were honored to have Governor Braun visit Clinton County last week. There is a senate bill one related to property taxes and the impact that will have on local municipalities, counties and townships. The Governor is a strong proponent of abolishing property taxes completely but there has to be some type of revenue source to make up for it. The senate has now amended their current bill but Governor Braun may not support this bill. Commissioner Brewer wanted everyone to be aware that something is going to change and they will pass the bill one way or the other and it will have some sort of impact at the local level. Please express your concerns or feelings towards it to our senators and representatives for our districts.

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 February 7, 2025 in the amount of \$778,467.10
- Friday claims dated February 14, 2025 in the amount of \$26,567.09
- Bi-weekly claims dated February 18, 2025 in the amount of \$395,860.96
- Court claims dated February 18, 2025 in the amount of \$5,428.18

Envoy claim dated February 14, 2025 in the amount of \$1,148,048.40

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated January 24, 2025 in the amount of \$595,316.90

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

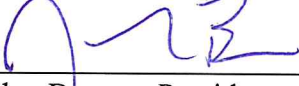
Commissioner Myers motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated February 4, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be March 4, 2025.

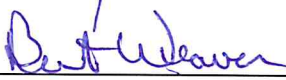
Globe life insurance representatives, Michael and Giannluca introduced themselves to the commissioners. Commissioners will talk with them briefly after the meeting.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Myers motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:32 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

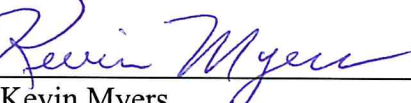
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President



Bert Weaver



Kevin Myers

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor

