MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 1, 2025 9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on July 1, 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, Liz Stitzel, Steven Deckard, Carol Price, Renee Crick, Shawn Mayfield, Rich Kelly, 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 public comments were received.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BRIC 23 GRANT FOR EMA

Renee Crick reported she was notified by the state that they had until July 4th to participate in the BRIC (Building Resilient infrastructure Communities) 23 grant. She learned that in 2023 Director Sanders sent a letter of intent to participate to the state. It had been on hold and FEMA had reopened the grant. This grant is the multi hazard mitigation plans that are updated every 5 years. The last one was completed in 2019. She has completed the form and sent it to the state legal department to complete the document. Clinton County was awarded \$24,324 to do the mitigation plan. They have a local match of \$8,128 but found out instead of paying that portion of the grant they track meetings and hours through inKind and they do not have to pay the local match. It's important to get the mitigation plan done to be illegible for FEMA funds.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported they cited an unsafe structure or SR 26. Mr. Wilhelm contacted Kat on June 26 and said he recently had an accident and that was the reason he didn't have the house down and cleaned up. He is requesting an extension and said he could have the house down and cleaned up by August 1st. He also asked if the fine could be waived. Commissioners agreed to grant the extension and have him put it in writing and if it is completed by August 5th then they would waive the fine.

Commissioner Weaver stated he has a meeting with the solar farm group regarding sound barriers and some of the other issues on the 7th. They discussed options for maintenance enforcement.

IN THE MATTER OF FUEL BIDS FOR 2025-2026

Tom Little opened the fuel bids and they are as follows:

Newton Oil: premium on/off road diesel floating: \$2.5239/\$2.5289

87 unleaded floating: \$2.1493

Fixed premium diesel 12 month: \$2.56

Fixed 87 Unleaded: \$2.30

Heritage: Floating Price (NO2ULS): \$2.50

unleaded (NO2ULR): \$2.50

Fixed: \$2.59

87 E10 float: \$2.11 87 E10 Fixed: \$2.35

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

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell presented the Community Crossings Agreement and Notice to Proceed with Reith-Riley. They will start August 1st and finish September 1st. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick reported the Central Paving has a paver he would like to purchase for \$200,000, he has the money in his budget. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the purchase. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick stated that he could get \$10,000 to trade-in an old pick-up truck and pay \$52,692.60 for the new pick-up. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick gave a list of roads that are being chip sealed currently, stating they have 14 trucks out chip sealing currently.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer presented the engagement letter for Roger Miller to appraise two properties. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer stated they received an email from the Board of Health that they would like to have a contractual employee for the Food Inspector position going into the summer season. They have asked the commissioners to consider hiring Rodney Wann who has the experience. The contract is for 12 weeks then week by week after. Commission Weaver motioned to approve the contract with Rodney Wann. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

No department heads were received.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer addressed Shawn Mayfield that someone had sent in a picture of a facebook complaint of someone parking in the handicap at the jail. Deputy Mayfield stated it had been addressed.

Commissioner Weaver reported they had met with the staff of Valley Oaks two weeks ago that the state has now approved them to be the mental health organization for Clinton County. Valley Oaks already serves over 300 clients in our community. They are currently looking for a temporary space. Howard Community has not been serving the community adequately for some time and we shouldn't pay them if they submit an invoice.

Commissioner Myers reported he attended the ribbon cutting at St. Matthews West, and stated it is really nice and a great thing for our community.

Commissioner Brewer reported that he and House Representative Mark Genda toured the Covestro facility yesterday.

Councilor Price reported that there is a position on the Valley Oaks advisory board to be filled. Councilor Price reported she and Councilman Alan Dunn went to the AIC State Board of Accounts called meeting where they are trying to learn more about the money not coming this year. In her opinion (not the entire council's opinion) she would ask department heads to find places to cut costs in their budgets. With consideration to employees being the biggest cost, department heads might consider moving work around instead of hiring new employees for open positions and consider if the open position can be eliminated or moved to a part-time position. Commissioner Brewer stated they have been asked to put in a number that is 40% higher for insurance for employees. We have been with IU Health for 8-10 years and they are no longer offering insurance so we are starting over. He said ideally we'll get it lower than 40% but there will be a substantial increase. Councilor Price stated if we can save on full time positions then that money can be utilized to cover insurance increases.

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 June 20, 2025 in the amount of \$76,330.34 Friday claims dated June 27, 2025 in the amount of \$23,169.00 Bi-weekly claims dated July 1, 2025 in the amount of \$468,978.50 Court claims dated July 1, 2025 in the amount of \$14,465.43

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated June 13, 2025 in the amount of \$580,263.11 Election Board dated June 13, 2025 in the amount of \$17,400.00

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated June 17, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Myers Motion carried 3-0.

The next Commissioner meeting will be July 15th.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Myers motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Jordan Brewer, President

Bert Weaver

Kevin Myers

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor