

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 2, 2024

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on July 2, 2024 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
Josh Uitts
Bert Weaver

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Rick Campbell, Rodney Wann, Brett Barton, Mary King, Liz Stitzel, Nancy Ward, Grace Gouveia, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Britt Ostler, Steven Deckard, Renee Crick 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 COMMUNITY CROSSING BIDS

Tom Little opened the Community Crossing Road Resurfacing bids and they are as follows:

Rieth-Riley Construction	\$1,271,458.00
Midwest Paving	\$1,312,173.00
DC Construction Services	\$1,465,287.40
E&B Paving	\$1,233,824.00
Baumgartner & Company	\$1,355,210.60
Grady Brothers, Inc	\$1,390,487.25
Milestone Contractors, LP	\$1,423,372.00
Central Paving, Inc.	\$1,064,212.90
Calumet Civil Contractors	\$1,384,000.00

Commissioners will take bids under advisement and award the bid at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF FUEL BIDS

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

Bidder	Gas	Diesel
Heritage	\$2.6272	\$2.8772
Keystone	\$3.0419	\$3.1621
Jackson Oil	\$2.7449	\$2.7449

Commissioners will take under bids advisement and award the bid at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH TRAINING QUOTE

Renee Crick stated they are still using paper for training and would like to upgrade their training program. She presented a quote from Frontline Public Safety Solutions in the amount of \$2,584.00 prorated for the year 2024. She has the funds in her budget. Commissioner Brewer stated they will need a contract reviewed by Tom. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the quote with a contract. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF HEALTH FLEET VEHICLE PURCHASE

Rodney Wann stated with the expansion of the Health Department and only having one vehicle he would like to purchase another. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve up to \$42,000 for the purchase of a new vehicle. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell presented the final inspection report for Bridge #55 for approval. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the final inspection report. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick stated he drove Gasline Road several times and didn't feel the need to post speed limit signs at this time. Commissioners supported his decision to not post the signs. Rick stated he and Bert went to a meeting regarding the lighting at the roundabout. The contractor wants 5 temporary lights for 30 days and for the county to pay for it at a cost of \$11,000. There was discussion on safety concerns and who should pay for it. Commissioner Brewer stated today was the substantial completion date for the project, so everyday after today the contractor gets liquidated damages of \$2,500 per day that they will have to pay back to the county every day the project is not completed. He questioned why would the county pay for the temporary lighting if the project was to be completed today and the temporary lighting would not have been needed had it been completed. Commissioner Brewer stated that the county will go ahead and pay for it due to safety concerns, but they will remember the contractor, and may not consider them for future projects because of the way they handled this issue.

Rick would like to pave from Maish Road to Garney's addition which is about 1200 feet for \$60,000 that now belongs to the City and they will not pay for it. If they don't pave it, it will look like an unfinished project. Commissioners will consider it.

Commissioner Brewer reported that he has received calls complimenting the chip and seal on 1400 E 400 N.

Commissioner Weaver made a request for Rick to get a 4 way stop study for CR 0 and 425 at the Kilmore intersection.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported that the lighting at the roundabout needs to comply with the ordinance that protects the observatory. The lights need to be shielded and pointing down and not into the sky.

Liz reported that there is no change in the burnt house in Manson and has exceeded the 10 days. They've been told someone is interested in purchasing it. Commissioner Brewer stated a citizen reached out to him that is interested in purchasing it but wants to be sure they can build a house and needs time to do the leg work. Commissioner Weaver motioned to extend time before taking bids on clean up of the structure until the second meeting in September. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The attorney for the Michael Moore case in Forest sent a correspondence that he is no longer representing Mr. Moore.

After the decision to call for bids on the Swearingen property on 1000, the neighboring landowner submitted a purchase agreement for the property, and that has now transferred hands to the neighboring farmer. He is going to bring in heavy equipment to till it under and manage the field. Liz has not verified that has been done yet.

Commissioner Weaver wants Liz to reach out to the new owner of the solar field for them to submit the contract to Milestone to pave the road. She also needs to talk to them about mowing.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to report

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2024-10

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-10 Codifying Procedures for the Execution of County Contracts. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Brewer went over the ordinance briefly and it will be sent out to all department heads.

Contract for Service Agreement for Class Instructor for Probation and Community Corrections

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the agreement for Grace Barton as the class instructor. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Steven Deckard stated a few weeks ago the EMS generator broke, and had to be replaced with a rental. It should be repaired next week. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the rental of a generator. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissary Contract

The commissioners gave the Sheriff a Commissary Contract that he can offer to anyone.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff Kelly reported that they need to replace drones. They would purchase 5 drones for \$40,000. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the purchase of 5 drones. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. He would like to purchase 2 Tahoes in 2025 and a Traverse and 2 Tahoes in 2024 for 2 new employees. Commissioner Brewer stated they didn't approve any new vehicle purchase for 2024. The sheriff

stated it was in the budget. Commissioner Brewer stated in the original proposal there would be no new vehicles purchased for 2024. He would be more comfortable to purchase in 2025. Commissioners agreed for the purchase of 1 Traverse for 2024 and 2 Traverses for 2025 and 4 Tahoes for 2025 for a total of 7 vehicles.

Steven Deckard reported one of the older trucks had engine issues and is getting repaired. They will have 2 ambulances coming next year. He will send the color scheme to the commissioners for approval.

Rodney Wann reported he is looking into a grant management system. Commissioner Brewer stated he could explore it.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer stated he's been informed that the enforcement of the parking around the square will increase.

He stated he had a meeting with the mayor last week and a discussion was had over the new annexed area and coverage. The mayor, along with Chief Shoemaker, offered and accepted that the Frankfort police would cover the annexed territory on SR 28 starting immediately.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Friday claims dated June 21, 2024 in the amount of \$7,809.34
- Friday claims dated June 28, 2024 in the amount of \$35,257.51
- Court claims dated July 2, 2024 in the amount of \$13,091.08

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Bi-weekly claims dated July 2, 2024 in the amount of \$1,288,265.83 and holding the \$ 26,000 for the ability services claim until the commissioners can meet with them to discuss a new contract. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated June 14, 2024 in the amount of \$532,032.89

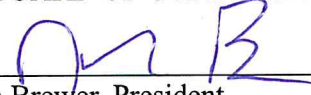
IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated June 18, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Uitts abstained.


Sheriff Kelly asked if Tom was the drafter of the Commissary Contract. Commissioner Brewer stated that Mark Crandley is the drafter of the commissary contract.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 10:02 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President

Josh Uitts


Bert Weaver

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor

