

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 17, 2025

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on June 17, 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, Carol Price, Kat Bell, Renee Crick, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Chris Overman, Melissa Hodson-Ostler, Stephanie Harshbarger, Dan Sheets, Grace Gouveia, Steven Deckard, 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 CLINTON PRAIRIE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM PROCLAMATION

Commissioners presented Clinton Prairie Head Coach Chad Peckinpugh and the Clinton Prairie Boys Basketball Team with a Proclamation plaque designating June 17th as Clinton Prairie Boys Basketball Team Day in celebration of their exemplary performance, dedication, and success in the 2024/2025 season and being the 1A State Runners Up in 2025. Commissioner Brewer highlighted some of the accomplishments of the Coach and the team, stating the season record was 26-3-a school record for wins, first sectional win in 43 years, first ever regional win, first ever semi-state win and first ever appearance in the state finals. They are the Hoosier Heartland Conference Champions and the Seniors have the most wins in their 4 year career in school history. Coach Peckinpugh has 110 wins and 34 losses in 6 years and the fastest in school history and possibly the county to 100 wins.

IN THE MATTER OF REPUBLIC SERVICES LANDFILL UPDATE

Michael Krutsinger introduced Bill Corbett as the new ops manager for the landfill. Bill gave a brief background of his experience. Michael gave a landfill update stating they just seeded 20 acres on the north, south, and west slopes. They are under cell 7 construction increasing it to 9 acres. They've also installed 19 gas wells in their old cluster of cells a few months ago, this will help eliminate odors. They are in the discussion phase to install a R & G plant to harvest gas for energy hopefully by 2027.

Commissioner Weaver stated he has people complaining about the weeds on 300 North that are taller than the shrubs and would appreciate them taking care of the issue. Michael stated the same vendor doing the seeding is also taking care of the mowing and will get that taken care of.

Dan Sheets asked Michael for an update of the drainage of storm water escaping the facility. Bill stated they have addressed the issue.

Commissioner Brewer stated in the new contractual agreement there is a community service portion that is donated by the landfill and will get that in August.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKVIEW ROOF QUOTE AND BRANDING KIT APPROVAL

Chris Overman stated he sent them a roofing quote to fix the leaks, and the Council approved \$15,000. He stated they have some tiles but when they run out they'll be \$25.00 per tile.

Tammy Sanders stated she's been working with Chris to try to bring awareness to the public of what Parkview does and who it supports. She stated it plays a critical role in vulnerable residents and is only 1 of 7 county homes left in the state. They worked to put together a marketing plan with a brand and logo for relatively low cost but high impact. Chris is seeking approval of the branding kit. Commissioners gave support and approval to move forward.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Kat Bell reported the attorney representing the owner of the property at 3175 S SR 39-Antioch is asking for the commissioners to waive the most recent fine of \$2,500. Owners have not offered a time line of when they will get issues resolved. Commissioner Brewer stated he doesn't know why they would waive the fees if there is no progress or plan in place. The Health Department Administrator stated they are working with Nash in regards to the septic. Kat will let the attorney know they need a timeline before the commissioners will make a decision on waiving the fine.

Kat presented an unsafe equipment issue brought to their attention by Frankfort Power and Light. They have had 3 malfunctions of the meter base. She presented photos of a meter base with exposed wiring. They need to have the issue resolved by July 11th.

Kat gave an update on the house in Pickard on 1300. They've had a lot size variance that has expired and will need to go through the process of getting the variance again so they can move on to the subdivision process. They have been stalled because they have a septic install but not a perimeter drain outlet and have to cross over property lines to get a recorded easement and have not been able to do so. She has had no communication with the owners in the last 3 months. Jack Stowers (neighbor and previous owner of property) spoke in regards to the lack of upkeep of property and stated it did not have a well. Commissioners Myers motioned to place a \$250 fine. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Kat will reach out to the owner.

Kat gave an update on the 8938 E Hillis Street-Hillisburg property stating that lack of funds is holding the owner up on making any progress, and now he would like to sell the property. Commissioners gave property owners until the August 19th meeting to come up with their soil report and septic plan.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported they have a pre-con meeting with Reith-Riley for the Community Crossing road paving projects for Mulberry Jefferson Road and Gasline Road coming up on the 25th. They had a pre-con meeting on the 11th for the Bridge 60 rehab project. They will start that project on September 1st. They hope the weather stays good to get it painted this year but if not it will have to be completed in the Spring next year.

Rick stated they had to do a lot of wedging this year and got into quite an expense on hot mix and will need to go to council for additional funds. They will start chip sealing on Monday and 100 North is on the chip and seal list from SR 29 to East County Line.

Commissioner Weaver stated he and Rick went to Monticello about a month ago to receive the \$1.5 million dollar CCMG check. He thanked Rick for getting that accomplished. He mentioned with the 5-7 inches of rain the highway department was out putting up signage to help notify the public of any issues.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer stated we originally had one contractor building both barns at the fairgrounds but in order to get them completed before the fair we are now having two contractors. He presented a quote from FBi Building in the amount of \$148,441. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the agreement with FBi Building. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer stated after careful consideration the commissioners believe it's best to appoint Renee Crick as Interim EMA Director. Renee brings 35 years of public safety experience and she has been Central Dispatch Director for 15 years. He stated ultimately it comes down to someone we trust to figure out what that vision for the EMA department is going to be moving forward.

Renee Crick thanked the commissioners and stated she was looking forward to the challenge. She stated she wants to build the EMA and become more active in the community. She wants to trust and build relationships with all public safety in Clinton County. She has a great passion for Central Dispatch and will be splitting her time between them.

Commissioner Brewer presented the 2nd amendment to the IU Health Care Services Agreement. This is to renew the employee health clinic services until June 30, 2026. There is a 4% increase over that time. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the agreement. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer presented the Interlocal Agreement with Area Plan and County Council. This solidifies each body's role in terms of the hiring process and working through the employee handbook and puts it in writing. This is another department that has their own board that governs their decisions. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the sign placement request for St Vincent DePaul Society. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Steven Deckard will send the commissioners clinical site agreements for Howard Community and Sheridan.

Steven stated the body cameras are completely HIPAA compliant. Any patient can request they be turned off and they will comply with the request. There were concerns of cost but it is a very low cost for the county. Steven stated the wires on the garage doors have been frayed for months. They had one garage door company come and inspect it and started repairs but found some questionable billing. They have now gone with Brad's Garage to finish the remaining repairs.

Melissa Hodson-Ostler reported the grant notices have started and she will be sitting in on the draft of the MOU's and hope to have the contracts out to their partners receiving the grants this week. The total amount of the grant that will be issued is \$156,487.13. Melissa is looking into alternative ways of staying on top of food safety, and meeting state regulations. She's been in touch with Health First Indiana to make sure she understands that process. They are preparing for the clinical survey from the State Board of Health. They have changed the access to the building. She's been in communication with the council regarding the budget. The transition meeting is coming Friday at 10:00 a.m. for our CMHC provider. They have 3 septic investigations that are on-going and complex.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver stated he is pleased about how things are going fairly smooth right now.

Council member Carol Price reported that Valley Oaks has been appointed by the state as our County Mental Health Clinic (CMHC) provider for Clinton County. They will start on July 1st. Community Howard still needs to work with them for 6 months. They are looking for a temporary space of about 1500 square feet. Long term they will need a larger space.

Commissioner Brewer congratulated the Clinton Prairie Boys Baseball Team in making it to the Semi-State Championship for the first time.

Commissioner Brewer stated he met with our owner's rep last week and they are currently working on getting issues resolved and getting our standards met.

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 June 6, 2025 in the amount of \$24,130.53
Friday claims dated June 13, 2025 in the amount of \$77,667.45
Bi-weekly claims dated June 17, 2025 in the amount of \$1,084,235.62
Court claims dated June 17, 2025 in the amount of \$21,086.49

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated May 30, 2025 in the amount of \$601,370.10
BOH Payroll dated May 30, 2025 in the amount of \$1,015.32

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

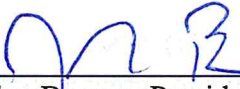
Commissioner Myers motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated June 3, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

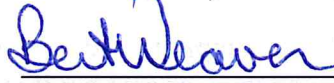
Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the ambulance claim in the amount of \$91,951.00. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

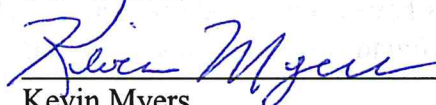
The next meeting will be held on July 1, 2025

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Myers at 10:08 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.


THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY


Jordan Brewer, President


Bert Weaver


Kevin Myers

ATTEST:


Britt Ostler, Auditor