

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 18, 2025

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on March 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, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Carol Price, Mike Hensley, Shan Sheridan, Shawn Mayfield, Melinda Grismer, Brett Barton, Steven Deckard, Renee Crick, Nancy Ward, 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 GOOD OIL ROW ACCESS

Jason Neighbors, representative of Good Oil stated they would like access to the county's right-of-way off of county road 800 to put up two directional signs in the area to improve traffic flow onto the new county road into the roundabout. Commissioner Weaver motioned to allow for access to the right-of-way. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Melinda Grismer and Shan Sheridan presented an Interlocal Agreement with Greater Lafayette public transportation corporation that allows City Bus to operate in Clinton County to provide transportation for employers and non profits for ages 18 and older to and from work. There is no investment from Clinton County. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported Clinton County was awarded \$1.5 million for the Community Crossing Matching Grant that will pave approximately 6-7 miles of road. The county's contribution is \$500,000.

Rick reported the highway department has been spreading gravel, running the graters and patchers. They've cleaned up trees from the storm. He invited the commissioners to a demonstration for a new mower Friday at noon.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel presented a rezoning LUPAC 03-25-387-Ordinance 2025-01. The AreaPlan Commissioner gave a favorable recommendation to rezone 5 acres of land from Agriculture zoning to the neighborhood business zoning district. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve LUPAC 03-25-387-Ordinance 2025-01. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Liz reported a violation status on property at 2203 S 1300 E belonging to Trent Newton. Emily Newton, spouse of Trent was in attendance to ask for an extension and to explain the cause for delay in rehabilitating the property. Jack Stowers, the previous owner and owner of property on both sides of the property in question, discussed structural issues, rodent issues and problems with weeds and thistle. He would like the property condemned and tore down. His daughter spoke regarding her concerns for her parents health risks and potential fire hazards. Commissioner Weaver motioned to do a 6 month extension and a 3 month time report and a commitment from the owner to take care of the rodents immediately. In 3 months they will start issuing fines. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF MOWING BIDS

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

Exterior View, Elite Lawn and Landscaping LLC. and Smith's Lawn Care. Bids will be available to examine in the commissioners office after the meeting. 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 OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve Civil Coating and construction's bid to repair Bridge #60 in the amount of \$681,658.50. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the EMS increase for private insurance billing up to 400% of medicare rates. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve Envoy Annex pay app #16 for \$1,287,064.11 and Courthouse Pay App #16 for \$133,537.39. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the Elected Official Bonds of Ed Cripe, Gina Brettnacher, Britt Ostler, Stephanie Harshbarger, Kiale Mitchell, and Rich Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated they wanted to revisit the Nepotism Ordinance to be considered for adoption in the next few meetings. They need to consider the timing of when the ordinance will go into effect.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Myers motioned to appoint Chelsea Smith RN for the BOH Appointment. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to grant the easement for Rossville stop sign. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the Sign Placement Requests for Friends of the Frankfort Public Library, New Beginnings Ministry, Department of Children's Services and Friends of the Frankfort Middle School. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Brett Barton reported that their current landlord will allow them to void their lease. The new landlord would like them in as soon as possible at the 400 E Clinton location. He would still like to add the right of first refusal to the lease. Commissioner Weaver motioned to accept Mr. McDonald's lease proposal. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Renee Crick reported QPH completed the condenser unit install. They have received a lot of grass fire calls. Commissioner Brewer stated he had received a call from a citizen requesting a burn band. The commissioners rely heavily on the recommendations from Central Dispatch, EMA, and the fire department in placing burn bands and if the need arises they will need to call a special meeting or announce the burn band in our regular meeting.

Rich Kelly reported they are replacing the floors in the cooler. They had their inspection and are waiting for that report to come back. They've had issues with the control board that controls the doors to the facilities, and they are getting an estimate for repair and replacement.

Steven Deckard reported that Megan Holliday passed her paramedic exam and will move into a medic position and they will need approval to hire an EMT to fill her position. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve hiring an EMT. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver reported he's had several complaints about the trash along the highway. The landfill will be hiring 2 Full-time employees to maintain the area. He suggested that the Sheriff Deputies issue the trucks tickets along the highway.

Commissioner Brewer congratulated Clinton Prairie Boys Basketball team on winning their first sectional championship since 1982 and winning regionals over the weekend. He commented on the large community support for this team. He stated our clerk has two sons on the team, Kyle and Ryan Harshbarger. The boys will appreciate everyone's support at Saturday's game at Lafayette Jeff.

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 March 7, 2025 in the amount of \$32,161.67
Friday claims dated March 14, 2025 in the amount of \$22,204.92
Bi-weekly claims dated March 18, 2025 in the amount of \$922,705.16
Court claims dated March 18, 2025 in the amount of \$43,993.03

EMT Practicals claim dated March 12, 2025 in the amount of \$2,520.00

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated February 21, 2025 in the amount of \$599,803.36

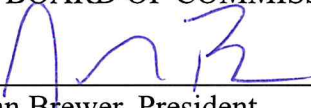
IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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

The next meeting will be April 1st.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Myers at 10:06 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President




Bert Weaver



Kevin Myers

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

