

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 7, 2025

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on October 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Meeting Room, at 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Commissioner Bert Weaver called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

PRESENT

Kevin Myers
Bert Weaver

ABSENT

Jordan Brewer

Others in attendance were Rick Campbell, Liz Stitzel, Brett Barton, Steven Deckard, Melissa Ostler, Renee Crick, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Ed Cripe, Grace Gouveia, Britt Ostler, Kiale Mitchell, 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 Weaver led with the pledge of allegiance followed by a prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Katelyn Greeno served 53 notices and affidavits to the commissioners. She would like to meet with the commissioners individually or all together to learn more about the fundamentals. Commissioner Weaver stated they cannot meet all together without it being a public meeting and properly advertised as such. They would respond to her emails.

Nathaniel Webb stated as far as Economic Development, he feels it would do more harm than good. With factories there is more of a productive value than there is with data centers.

Mary Lynn Peter questioned where the other commissioners were. Asked why there is a NDA attached to the data center. She wants the commissioners to find out more information about the end user. She wanted to know why "Brewer" wasn't at the meeting when they wanted to talk about the data center.

Commissioner Weaver stated it was never going to be on the agenda at this meeting even if Commissioner Brewer was there. They have stated multiple times they want to do their research on the data centers, and they have some of the same questions the public has.

Deb Pearson made her remarks against the data center and further stated she's been getting signatures against the data center and many people do not know anything about it. She stated nobody is talking about it here and giving out information so that the 33,000 people in this town know. At the meeting at the senior center she appreciated "Justin" saying he was against it, but still thinks he should investigate and educate himself to know what he is fighting against. Commissioner Weaver stated they were doing their due diligence and fact finding and it was never said that it was going to be on this meeting's agenda and that's what people should refer to. Deb became argumentative and wanted to know where Commissioner Brewer was and he should be at the meeting to make the decisions. Commissioner Weaver stated they have enough board members at this meeting to make the decisions that are on this agenda. The data center land usage is not and never was going to be on this agenda.

Susan Gates stated that she thinks what helped a lot of them when they did hear from Jordan, is he addressed and shared his concerns with them and that helped affirm what they were feeling. She understands they need money for the county and understands that the data centers are appealing for that reason. She also does not like the non-disclosure agreement. Her thoughts are why not a race track, horse track, or affordable housing such as building tiny homes.

Commissioner Weaver addressed her concerns and said they also have the same concerns and are addressing them and not to assume they are for or against it at this point. They are also receiving emails and letters that are for the data center.

Katelyn Greeno stated that if the commissioners received affidavits that are for or against the data center they would put it up for a vote. If they don't receive sworn affidavits for the data center they are only obligated to listen to the ones that are.

Commissioner Myers stated after Area Plan presented it to them they have up to 90 days to make a decision and it probably won't take that long. He was going to find out the pros and cons and not be rushed into the decision.

Susan Gates went back to mic and stated size matters with the data centers.

Commissioner Weaver stated the farmers can decide to sell their land. It's not a battle they wanted and it's a tough decision. He will do his research the best he can then make a decision on what he feels is right for the county. Katelyn interjected that they can't put anything they want on land for public use.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz stated she didn't have anything new. She offered the county's website to the public to be able to find the agenda's. She stated she received calls to ask if the item was going to be on the agenda. Mary Peter asked if it could be placed on the concerned citizen facebook page. Liz stated no that it was run by a private citizen and not the county government.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell stated they did a traffic study on 300 W and 200 N but found there was not enough traffic to warrant a 4 way stop. He also had a traffic study done on County Road 600 N and 930 E in Forest. Also there is not enough traffic to warrant a 4 way stop.

Rick stated for Community Crossings 2026 they want to pave the county's part of Krug Road, and Freeman Street. Then they want to pave all the streets in Scircleville, and the streets south of the railroad in Hillisburg. It came in at roughly \$1,039,000. It will only cost the county 20%.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the Envoy Pay App #20 for the Annex building in the amount of \$879,493.54. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Weaver announced we have a moving date of October 20th to the Annex and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the revised Two Men and a Truck Proposal to add Circuit Court for \$815. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-03-Transferring Property to the Historical Society-Kialee Mitchell stated that the Historical Society is not able to accept that piece of equipment due to the size, so they will need to come up with another plan. The Resolution is not needed and not voted on.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Brett Barton stated he was able to amend the Sentinel GPS Agreement.

Melissa Ostler updated the commissioners on the PEF grant-the state changed the wording on their non-discrimination clause, no other changes to the grant itself. They did designate the two preparedness coordinators that are required to receive the PEF grant, and they are Rodney Wann and Karina Martinez as the back up coordinator. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the preparedness coordinators. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

In the last month 4 homes were cited unfit for human habitation. Two are in Center Twp. with unsanitary conditions and no working utilities. One is excessive trash and vermin. One is in Perry twp. and one in Ross twp. They are doing additional follow up to try to get the services it would take to remediate the situation. Adult Protective services is how the state steps in to help, and as of July 1st has been third-partied out to a company in Baltimore Maryland. Over the last 40 years it has been run by the Prosecutors office.

Ed Cripe reported he got quotes to put the door in at the Coroner's office, however, he spoke with Rick and he has individuals at highway that can put it in for a substantially cheaper amount. He asked if the commissioners could pay the \$1500-\$1700 amount since he didn't have a line item to cover it in his budget. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the amount to put in the door. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Myers announced that Ed Cripe was given the Association of Indiana Counties Outstanding Coroner of the year award at the AIC conference last week. Ed stated the county has saved almost \$200,000 by putting the morgue in.

Renee Crick reported she had a meeting with a member of the board for the training center to discuss some needs and wants. She would like to complete the 4th side of concrete. They estimate \$2,000 to complete the project and she has it in her budget and wanted approval to do so. She would also like to complete the painting. She has a 2005 Chevy Malibu with 4 flat tires that was donated in 2019, she would like permission to donate to

the fire fighter extrication class. Once used it will be hauled away. Commissioner Myers motioned to donate the car to the class. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 2-0. They also approved the completion of the concrete project for \$2,000.

Renee stated that Frankfort Fire was utilizing a burn ban in the Frankfort Fire territory. Since October 1st we have had a total of 17 fires. Her recommendation is to do a burn ban. Commissioners are agreeable to the burn ban. To enforce the ban, citations could be issued and brought back to the commissioners. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve Executive Order 2025-01 issuing a county wide burn band until the commissioners rescind it. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Renee stated they are working on updating the multi-hazared mitigation plan and are required to have 2 meetings. She has set one for November 5th at 1:00 PM at the Frankfort Police station.

Steven Deekard reported they will have an active shooter training on Oct. 17th, 18th and 19th. On the 17th they will be at the Frankfort Police Station. On the 18th and 19th they will be at Rossville High School. They will repeat training on October 31st, November 1st and 2nd. Multiple agencies will be participating in the training.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Myers stated he and Commissioner Weaver attended the Association of Indiana Counties Conference the previous week. He thought it was interesting and received a lot of information.

Commissioner Weaver agreed and stated he received information regarding data centers, and the cuts to the State Board of Health budgets.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the following claims as submitted, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Friday claims dated September 19, 2025 in the amount of \$1,235.80
 Friday claims dated September 26, 2025 in the amount of \$23,150.46
 Friday claims dated October 3, 2025 in the amount of \$500,214.25
 Friday claims dated October 3, 2025 in the amount of \$518.98
 Bi-weekly claims dated October 7, 2025 in the amount of \$454,103.08
 Court claims dated October 7, 2025 in the amount of \$42,560.43
 Prosecutor claim dated September 30, 2025 in the amount of \$5003.43

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the payroll as submitted, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

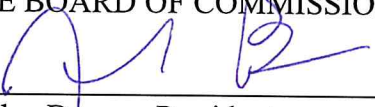
Payroll dated September 19, 2025 in the amount of \$591,041.22
 Payroll dated September 19, 2025 in the amount of \$692.48

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated September 16, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 2-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Myers motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 10:00a.m. Motion carried 2-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



 Jordan Brewer, President

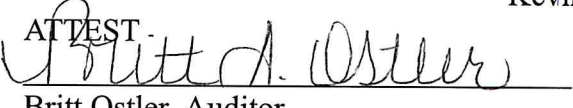


 Bert Weaver



 Kevin Myers

ATTEST:



 Britt Ostler, Auditor

