

**MINUTES OF THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2025**

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on January 14, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. regular Council meeting, pursuant in accordance with law and publication as evidence by proof of the minutes of the last meeting, and any other business that may come before it. Auditor Britt Ostler led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order. On call to order the following members were shown to be present or absent.

PRESENT

Alan Dunn
Mary King
Jeff Chynoweth
Mike Hensley
Carol Price
Todd Corrie

ABSENT

Joe Mink

Britt Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council.

Others present were Brett Todd, Renee Crick, Rick Campbell, Shawn Mayfield, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Liz Stitzel, Kevin Myers, Bert Weaver, Chris Overman, Dee Nicely, Amy Webster and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Mrs. Ostler asked for nominations for the position of Council President. Council member Hensley nominated Alan Dunn, seconded by Council member Chynoweth. Motion carried 5-0, Council member Dunn abstained.

President Alan Dunn then asked for nominations for Vice President. Council member King nominated Carol Price, seconded by Council member Hensley. Motion carried 5-0, Council member Price abstained.

Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Corrie, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2024 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Price moved, seconded by Council member King, to approve the minutes of the December 26, 2024, meeting. Motion carried 4-0, Council members Dunn and Corrie abstained.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Brett Barton was not in attendance but the department's 2024 Annual Report had been submitted in the Council packets for their review.

PROBATION

Chief Probation Officer, Nancy Ward, was not present but her report had been provided to the Council for their review. Juvenile detention costs for the month of December were \$0; \$10,115.00 for the year 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

An Ordinance of the Clinton County Council of the state of Indiana for the Payment of Recorder's Office Expenses and Salaries from Recorder's Perpetuation Fund - Ordinance 2025-01

This is required by the State and will formalize the process the County has been using with the Recorder. Motion by Council member Chynoweth, second by Council member Hensley, to adopt Ordinance 2025-01. Motion passed 6-0.

2025 Salary & Wage Ordinance 2025-02

Upon motion of Council member Price, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, the Motion to Approve the 2025 Salary & Wage Ordinance was approved 6-0.

Central Dispatch - Change in Existing Position/ 2024 Annual Report– Renee Crick, Director

Renee Crick presented the 2024 annual report to the Council. (See Attached) Some highlights were as follows: filling Assistant Director position, remodeling of Central Dispatch, new training program implemented by the Assistant Director, received a \$86,798 grant to purchase portable radios and laptops for remote communication in emergency situations, and purchased Training Tracker program which has been very beneficial. They need to hire 3 more dispatchers to be fully staffed.

The Statewide 911 2025 budget had a Shift Supervisor/Training Coordinator position. After reassessing everyone's duties, it was realized that the Training Coordinator duties have now been taken on by the Director and Assistant Director. Requesting to change that line to just a Shift Supervisor. That would give the department a total of four supervisor positions. The Council has no objection.

Highway Department – Change in Positions – Rick Campbell, Superintendent

Mr. Campbell recommended changing two truck driver positions be changed to operators due to an increased need for those duties. The Council has no objection.

OLD BUSINESS

Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2025-03

President Dunn read each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate of Additional Appropriations. Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Corrie, the Motion to approve the following Additional Appropriations carried 6-0:

\$1339.98 request from Sheriff's Office for General Fund 1000-380-03-0006 Jail Meals for Prisoners

\$1594.50 request from Auditor's Office for EMS Fund 1159-000-01-0011 EMS Director

\$278,011.00 request from Auditor's Office for LIT Public Safety Fund 1170-000-04-0003 Ambulance

\$877.00 request from Auditor's Office for LIT Correctional Facility Fund 1233-000-01-0047 Jail Commander

\$1594.50 request from Auditor's Office for EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-01-0011 EMS Director

\$100.00 request from Sheriff's Office for Sheriff's Gift Fund 4104-000-03-0011 JCAP Donations

\$75,000.00 request from Community Corrections Office for Project Income Fund 4912-000-03-0051 Averahealth Drug Testing

\$39,000.00 request from Auditor's Office for Federal Inmate Fund 4968-000-01-0043 Sheriff Pension

Motion made by Council member Chynoweth seconded by Council member Hensley, to deny the following additional appropriation presented by the Surveyor. Motion carried 6-0.

\$327.06 request from Surveyor's Office for General Fund 1000-006-03-0051 Surveyor Vehicle Maintenance.

TRANSFERS FOR APPROVAL

Motion made by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member King, to approve the following transfers of appropriation presented to the Council carried 6-0.

\$9244.00 from General Fund Circuit Court 1000-232-03-0001 Wrap Around to 1000-232-01-0025 CASA Employee

\$57,990.40 from Statewide 911 Fund 1222-000-01-0026 Shift Supervisor/Training Coordinator to 1222-000-01-0024 Shift Supervisor

\$2988.36 from Central Dispatch Fund 4958-000-01-0001 Dispatchers to 4958-000-03-0040 ESO Solutions/Motorola Fire

\$3400.00 from Wildcat Solid Waste Fund 8210-000-01-0003 Full Time EE to 8210-000-01-0033 Health Ins

\$30.00 from Wildcat Solid Waste Fund 8210-000-01-0003 Full Time EE to 8210-000-01-0036 Vision

TRANSFERS NO APPROVAL REQUIRED

\$89.67 from General Fund Surveyor 1000-006-02-0011 Gas to 1000-006-02-0001 Office Supplies

\$19.15 from General Fund Commissioners 1000-068-03-0013 Mileage to 1000-068-03-0074 Seminars

\$60.00 from General Fund Area Plan 1000-079-03-0018 Fuel & Oil to 1000-079-03-0017 Vehicle Maint

\$358.00 from General Fund Area Plan 1000-079-03-0085 Reimburse Towns to 1000-079-03-0084 Plan Seminars

\$37.00 from General Fund Courthouse 1000-161-03-0004 Pest Control to 1000-161-03-0052 Fire Extinguishers

\$44.00 from General Fund Parkview Home 1000-622-03-0041 Water Softener to 1000-622-03-0083 Trash Removal

\$300.00 from CUM Courthouse Fund 1140-000-03-0020 Mowing/Snow Removal to 1140-000-03-0021 Boiler Maint

\$12.00 from MVH Fund 1176-530-02-0002 Computer Supplies to 1176-530-02-0001 Office Supplies

\$1010.00 from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-02-0011 Gas & Lube to 1236-000-02-0013 Medical Supplies

\$305.00 from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-02-0011 Gas & Lube to 1236-000-02-0031 Other Supplies

\$195.00 from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-03-0042 IT Repair to 1236-000-03-0041 Utilities

\$42.00 from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-03-0042 IT Repair to 1236-000-03-0017 Maint Contracts

\$90.00 from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-03-0014 Informational Materials to 1236-00-03-0041 Utilities

\$8.36 from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-03-0042 IT Repair to 1236-000-03-0041 Utilities

\$176.66 from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-03-0042 IT Repair to 1236-000-03-0041 Utilities

\$200.00 from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-03-0042 IT Repair to 1236-000-03-0041 Utilities

Financial Reports

Motion made by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Hensley, to approve review of the December 2024 financial reports. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Carol Price attended the First Ladies breakfast for the new governor. There has been a delay in finalizing Jane Pauley Center as our mental health provider. 2 other mental health providers have come forward to contest the Jane Pauley Center and request an opportunity to be our mental health provider. Commissioner Weaver had contact with one of those providers and expressed the County's opinion regarding their company and to discourage them from proceeding.

Community Corrections had looked at the prospect of remodeling the old Police Station. The estimated cost of remodeling has come back more expensive than anticipated, making that option unfeasible.

President Dunn spoke regarding plans for the City of Frankfort to be responsible for 50% of the PIP budget beginning in 2025. An Interlocal Agreement is in the works to make this happen.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

EMS – Director, Steven Deckard, reported they are through the first EMS training class and 1 of the students signed contract to begin their employment with Clinton County.

Director Deckard also reported that the Council approval of ISTATS equipment last year proved beneficial in a recent case. He thanked the Council for allowing this purchase.

Total transfer revenue for 2024 was \$1,516,000, an increase of \$280,000.

Full time paramedic will join EMS in April. He would like to complete the ride along training before that time. Council was agreeable to transferring funds from full time paramedic line item to part time.

SHERIFF

Rich Kelly spoke regarding their immediate need to replace a minivan, may reach out to Community Corrections to see if they'd be willing to assist in funding through their Misdemeanor Fund. Current maintenance issues at the jail with duct work rotting out; major electrical problems will be an expensive project.

Matron Ashley Kelly submitted the semi-annual Commissary report for July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 to President Dunn. Reported that through re-billing inmate medical bills, produced a 95% savings in medical expenses.

Matron Kelly reported that for 2024 there were 36 graduates from the MRT program, with 100% success rate (0 recidivism). Also, the 5th class of JCAP participants graduated 7 men. There were 9 adult education graduates. The new Federal inmate contract has been signed for a per diem rate of \$90, with \$35 transport fee reimbursement, beginning February 1, 2025.

Sheriff Kelly spoke regarding the Commissary contract needs to be finished up. Highly suggests a new jail needs to be built.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47a.m.

Clinton County Council

Alan Dunn
Alan Dunn, President

Mary King
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Mike Hensley
Todd Corrie
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Carol Price
Carol Price, Pro-tem

Absent
Joe Mink

Jeff Chynoweth

ATTEST:
Britt A. Ostler
Britt A Ostler, Clinton Co Auditor

