

MINUTES FOR THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2025

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on May 13, 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. Council President Alan Dunn called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. On call to order the following members were shown to be present or absent.

PRESENT

Alan Dunn
Jeff Chynoweth
Joe Mink
Mary King
Carol Price

ABSENT

Todd Corrie

Mike Hensley

Britt A Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council. Tim Elston was also present to broadcast the meeting virtually.

Others present were, Janet Lloyd, Rich Kelly, Brett Todd, Shawn Mayfield, Renee Crick, Rick Campbell, Lorra Archibald, Dan Sheets, Liz Stitzel, Ember Morris, and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Hensley to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025, meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton reported there were 100 clients on electronic monitoring in April 2025, 0 of those being a juvenile, 5 on CTP, and 2 on PTR. State allocated funds will decrease around \$20,000 in 2026; looking for creative ways to make-up the gap. He has spoken with State and grant officials to find out if they're allowed to invest the monies in the Project Income Fund to earn interest. All responses have been positive; no known reason that that cannot be done. Interest could potentially generate \$10,000 to \$15,000.

PROBATION

A report from Probation Officer Ember Morris stated that juvenile detention costs for the month of April were \$0.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Hardy Hills CF1- They are a state-assessed utility. Assessment was higher than anticipated, which lead to the second dividend paid being higher as well. It was determined by the County that they were in substantial compliance.

Upon Motion made by Council member Mink second by Council member King, to approve said CF1. Motion passed 6-0.

Opioid Settlement Committee Recommendation – Lorra Archibald, Executive Director
Healthy Communities of Clinton County has submitted the only application for this cycle. This

request is for \$17,000 from each of the County and City restricted funds. Monies will be used to pay for evidence based programming for Recovery Café meetings.

Motion made by Council member Price, with a second by Council member King, to approve the application to Healthy Communities of Clinton County. Motion carried 6-0.

Job Classification and Compensation Committee-- Mary King spoke regarding the following job descriptions needing approval: CASA Director, Crime Scene Investigator, and Parkview Maintenance/Groundskeeper. She stated that the Committee was recommending that all job descriptions be approved as presented.

Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Mink, to approve above job descriptions. Motion passed 6-0.

Salary Ordinance, Amended 2025-10 – New Board of Health Administrator salary

Motion made by Council member King, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, to approved amended Salary Ordinance. Motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Department- Sheriff Kelly is requesting permission for use the Commissary Fund for the following expenses: \$5000 for giveaways to be used at parades, fairs, schools, etc; \$1500 for landscaping and lawn equipment.

Motion by Council member Mink, seconded by Council member Price, to approved said Commissary expenses. Motion passed 6-0.

Sheriff Kelly also requested permission to eliminate the Lieutenant line in the Sheriff's General Fund budget and add a Merit Deputy position. The position was vacated after the retirement of Lieutenant Blacker. Difference in bi-weekly salary will be a decrease of \$457.60.

Motion made by Council member Mink, seconded by Council member Hensley, to approve reclassification of Lieutenant position to Road Deputy. Motion passed 6-0.

The Sheriff stated that there are currently several issues that need addressed in the department facility: block wall is deteriorating around dishwasher, boiler issues, etc. Currently have 2 open positions. President Dunn stated that in light of the announced supplemental LIT distribution and the current substantial balance in the Jail LIT fund, those monies could be used to start addressing some of these ongoing issues.

OLD BUSINESS

Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2025-11

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 Mink, seconded by Council member King, Motion to approve the following Additional Appropriations carried 6-0:

\$6080.00 request from Extension Office from the General Fund to 1000-011-03-0001
Extension Contractual Services

\$1300.00 request from Commissioners from the General Fund to 1000-161-03-0052
Courthouse Repairs

\$17,000.00 request from Auditor from the Opioid Settlement Restricted Fund to 1237-000-03-0012 Distributions to Recipients

\$2262.50 request from Probation from the Adult Probation Fund to 2000-000-03-0010 Drug Testing
\$8765.86 & \$5019.41 requests from Probation from Adult Probation Fund to 2000-000-03-0086 TRECS
\$8000.00 request from Surveyor from Drain Maintenance Fund to 2700-000-03-0503 Amo-Paris-Floyd
\$364.40 request from Circuit Court from Court Interpreter Grant Fund to 4018-232-03-0001 Interpreter Costs
\$15,000.00 request from Community Corrections from Project Income Fund to 4912-000-03-0030 Maintenance
\$406.59 & \$470.12 requests from Community Corrections from Project Income Fund to 4912-000-03-0061 TRECS Collections
\$4000.00 request from Probation from Probation Opioid Grant Fund to 8111-000-02-0001 Incentives
\$2100.00 request from Probation from Probation Opioid Grant Fund to 8111-000-02-0004 Office Supplies
\$18,800.00 request from Probation from Probation Opioid Grant Fund to 8111-000-03-0009 Contractual Services
\$333,716.43 request from Highway Dept from Community Crossing Fund to 9121-000-03-0001 Community Crossing Distribution

Transfers for approval

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

\$2500.00 transfer from General Fund 1000-068-01-0029 Commissioners HR Manager to 1000-068-02-0001 Office Supplies

Transfers no approval required

\$356.00 transfer from General Fund 1000-068-03-0005 Commissioners Utilities to 1000-068-03-0010 Taxes
\$1292.00 transfer from General Fund 1000-161-03-0003 Courthouse Shredding to 1000-161-03-0052 Fire Extinguishers
\$527.00 transfer from Statewide 911 Fund 1222-000-03-0004 I Am Responding to 1222-000-03-0018 Powerphone Maint
\$371.50 transfer from Statewide 911 Fund 1222-000-03-0010 Maint to 1222-000-03-0018 Powerphone Maint

President Dunn called the Council's attention to the April 2025 Financial and Budget Status Reports for their review. Council member Chynoweth motioned, seconded by Council member King, to accept said financial reports. Motion carried 6-0.

Council Reports –

Council member Price met with Valley Oaks, they are interested in being our CMHC. Jane Pauley Center has asked for a meeting with the County as well. Commissioner Weaver and Council member Price will be meeting with both parties soon.

Mrs. Price also mentioned that she had received a study done by the housing coalition to show what housing issues need to be addressed in Clinton County. Lorra Archibald agreed to make sure that each member is emailed a copy to review.

President Dunn recommended that the County engage Baker Tilly to do some financial analysis and planning to help us navigate the new legislation passed this year regarding the SB-1 and predict how it's going to impact us.

Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Price, the motion to retain Baker Tilly for said financial forecasting, passed 6-0.

Commissioners – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Circuit Court/Auditor – Judge Mohler and Auditor Ostler spoke on behalf of the Elected Officials at the Courthouse regarding preparations they're making for the move to the new Annex building. Regarding short-term and long-term storage, a building owned by Bill Miller and located on Jackson Street, just a block from the Courthouse, is available. It is 5000 sq feet at a cost of \$6/sq foot; \$2500/ month; \$30,000 for a year. Would start with a 9 month contract. He's willing to install new locks; is not climate controlled, but don't believe that to be an issue. All departments are finding excess funds, totaling approximately \$38,000, in their budgets to help with various moving/storage expenses. Have gotten quotes from 2 Men and a Truck regarding moving costs. Estimate right now from them is \$25,000.

President Dunn recommended that, in light of the supplemental LIT distribution the County is receiving, an Annex Storage line be set up in the Commissioners Budget in the amount of \$20,000 to go toward storage expenses for 2025. That amount would be appropriated from that distribution into the new line.

Upon motion from Council member Hensley, seconded by Council member Mink, a motion to appropriate \$20,000 into an Annex Store line in the Commissioners budget passed 6-0.

EMS – Director Steven Deckard reported that 2 ambulances will be sold at auction this week. Estimated they will bring somewhere between \$70,000 to \$90,000.


Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Clinton County Council




Alan Dunn, President

Jeff Chynoweth



Mike Hensley

Todd Corrie



Carol Price – Pro-tem



Joe Mink

Mary King

ATTEST:


Britt A Ostler, Clinton Co Auditor