

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

August 19, 2019

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on August 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room located at 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Vice-President of the Commissioners, Commissioner Woods called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

**PRESENT**

Steve Woods  
Scott Shoemaker

**ABSENT**

Josh Uitts

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Carol Bartley, Rich Kelly, Ken Hartman, Renee Crick, Rodney Wann, Kevin Myers, Liz Stitzel, Chris Overman, Greg Miller, Dan Sheets, Brett Barton, Clark Beard, and others shown to be present in the minutes. Commissioner's Assistant Jerri Sexton recorded the minutes.

**IN THE MATTER OF PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cynthia Alexander stated she is the former owner of condemned property on 2203 S CR 1300 E., and the property is a partial property and was never given a proper address. She has paid taxes on the property for over 20 years. She stated that she was in contact with Texas Financial Mortgage Company and she didn't want the loan because it wasn't done right. She talked with an attorney and Texas Financial had sold the loan to City Financial and told her there was nothing they could do about it. In 2005 she tried to just get out of the situation but was unable.

James Carter is an attorney for the bank and he was retained the previous night to handle the matter regarding the property on 2203 S CR 1300 E.

**IN THE MATTER OF EXTENSION OFFICE UPDATE**

Esmeralda Cruz reported: They are organizing a mental health first aid training and trying to raise more awareness and take away the stigma of mental health issues. Clinton County will be hosting one of the trainings on October 17th. They received a teen pregnancy prevention federal grant.

They also have a grassroots leadership development program partnering with the learning network. Esmeralda thanked the public officials for giving their time to come and speak to their students.

Information was given regarding financial aid programs for students and Education after High School programs.

**IN THE MATTER OF MAXIMUS AGREEMENT**

Rhea Harris presented Commissioners with Maximus Contract for signature. Maximus is a vendor that goes through and maximizes their spending for child support. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to approve and Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

She received a recommendation from the Child Support Bureau-Financial Quality Assurance Department after they conducted a review of 2018. Most of the recommendations were about employees being paid out of the correct line item. Other discrepancies were found and are being corrected.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE**

Kevin Myers reported: County Road 100 North paving and shouldering is complete. Still needs striped. Paving is Forest is scheduled in a couple weeks. Chip sealing should start in the next 3 weeks or so. Prep work on 300 North, 500 North, and 730 South for triple seal conversion. Hauling #9 stone to make cold mix at the barn. Renting a paver as soon as the cold mix is made. The plan is to finish CR 700 N between SR 75 and CR 300 E. Will also pave the runaround in Moran and the stretch of 50 W, which is also in Moran.

The drainage crew has all the tile and other materials to do the work on CR 0 E/W and 500 N. Will be installing almost 900 feet of 12" tile.



Still waiting to hear what is going to be needed to help catch and divert water to the west at Little Lakes.

The person who handles railroad crossing removals will get back with us after this week.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE**

Liz Stitzel reported: She has a request for a refund for the inspection fee of \$40.00 and the trip fee of \$10.00. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to approve refund. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Tall grass complaint from neighbors of a property on 500 South in the 3000 block, on the west side of the county, that is zoned A1. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to cite property and mow, Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Jennifer Crawford spoke in regards to her condemned property in Antioch. She requested that she be able to take the house down herself before contractor takes it down. Commissioner Woods states she is welcomed to take it down herself but we would move forward with bid process.

There is a potential buyer for property on 2203 S CR 1300 E. that has requested that the Commissioners take the condemnation off the property.

Liz states there are zoning issues with this property, and no soil test has been done.

Jack Stowers former owner of property spoke regarding the drainage of property and stated there is a hog barn buried in the yard and there is no room for septic.

There was a brief discussion on the condemnation of the property and who is allowed on the property. The Commissioners agreed to allow one month for the potential buyer to do soil testing. Only the potential buyer is allowed on property to do the soil testing. The realtor is not allowed to advertise or let anyone else onto the property.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Woods stated that there will be recycling bins at the landfill early September.

Sheriff Kelly updated the Commissioners on how they are proceeding with the signs. .

#### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

No new business reported

#### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Kevin Myers reported 100 North is being striped today.

Rodney Wann presented the Commissioners with air quality report for the Surveyors office and discussed the air quality in the Archive office and suggested a second dehumidifier to be placed in that office.

Greg Miller reported they will be moving into the new EMS building soon. They are finishing the punch list, and moving things into the building. Addressing some minor issues. There was a brief discussion about the Mulberry project.

Rhea Harris reported she has 16 large full file cabinets on the second floor in the hallway and files in the attic. The old documents need to be imaged but she lacks the manpower and machinery to do so. Some files can be disposed of after they are imaged, some can never be disposed of, and others are on a retention schedule. She would like to purchase a large book scanner and hire a person to do all the scanning. There was discussion about sharing the scanner with other departments and companies that could scan the documents off site. The funds for the scanner could come out of the Clerk Perpetuation fund. They are currently E-filing which has cut back on the amount of paper they use and have to retain. Commissioner Woods states it is up to her how she wants to proceed and recommends getting the quotes and bringing them in front of the Commissioners.

Rodney Wann comments that there are several departments that have document storage issues and are in need of solutions to these issues. Commissioner Woods stated they will look into it.

Brett Barton reported they are interested in moving off the square and buying a property that was purchased through sheriff sale. The person that purchased the property no longer wants the property and reached out to them. He has the ability to pay cash for the property. Sentinel would move into building and pay rent. The current contract for the building they are in now is month to month and the current owner is trying to sell the building.

Commissioner Shoemaker stated that they would need to have two appraisals and the County Council involved to purchase real estate. Commissioners stated they can move forward to get appraisals and to consult with Tom.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioners have nothing to report

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to accept the August 5, 2019 Regular meeting minutes, Commissioner Woods seconded, motion carried 2-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

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

- Friday claims dated August 9, 2019 in the amount of \$10,247.56
- Friday claims dated August 16, 2019 in the amount of \$5,623.23
- Court claims dated August 19, 2019 in the amount of \$20,058.49
- Bi-weekly claims dated August 19, 2019 in the amount of \$732,492.45

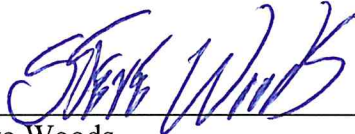
**IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL**

Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to approve the following payroll claims as submitted. Commissioners Woods seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Payroll ending August 2, 2019 in the amount of \$375,684.66

Without any further business to come before the Board Commissioners , Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Woods at 10:21 a.m. Motion carried 2-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Steve Woods



Scott Shoemaker

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor