

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 14, 2020

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on December 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Commissioner Josh Uits called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

PRESENT

Josh Uits
Steve Woods
Jordan Brewer

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Kevin Myers, Ken Hartman, Rich Kelly, Beth Keeney, Brett Barton, Caren Crum, Renee Crick, Tim Elston, Dennis Dunlap, Tom Little, Britt Ostler and others shown to be present in the minutes. Commissioner's Assistant Jerri Sexton recorded the minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Uits led the pledge of allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

IN THE MATTER OF PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE PROGRAMMING AND USE OF BUILDING AGREEMENT

Caren Crum reported she received quotes for the repairs and maintenance for the Extension office and Mike Sexton had the lowest quote at \$33,695.00. Melinda Grismer gave the Commissioners an annual report on the Learning Network. Melinda presented to the Commissioners the shared use agreement between Purdue and the county. Commissioner Woods motioned to sign the agreement, Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Woods motioned to approve Mike Sexton's quote for repairs for the Extension office. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF WORK FROM HOME POLICY

Dennis Dunlap presented to the Commissioners a work from home policy. He stated the Families First Coronavirus Response Act expires December 31st that allows some employees to work from home for specific reasons related to COVID. The elected official or department head and employee needs to come to an agreement and then they would bring that agreement to the Board of Commissioners for approval. There needs to be a way to record the employees time worked at home or clock in and out from home. The Commissioners will take the policy under advisement and amend the policy so that employees can clock in and out from home.

Dennis stated that the work from home policy due to COVID related issues is not a substitute for working from home for lack of child care. Beth Keeney stated she will have to address the issue in her department immediately. Sheriff Kelly would like the ability to have some employees work from home due to COVID related issues if needed and the ability to have them clock in and out.

Dennis stated that he will be at the January 4th meeting to give 3 recommendations on his replacement.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Kevin Myers presented the Commissioners with the Land Improvements and Damages letter, in regards to Bridge #67 to approve and sign. Commissioner Woods motioned to approve and sign letter, Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Kevin presented a compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 letter to INDOT for approval and signature. Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve and sign the letter, Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Kevin presented the LPA Consultant Contract for approval and signature. Commissioner Woods motioned to approve the contract, Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chris Wheatley from BF&S presented an agreement for the preliminary engineering for the SR 28 and 800 W phase 2 project, for improvements on the East side of the interchange. Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve agreement, seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried 3-0.

Kevin and the Commissioners will meet in an Executive session on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. to discuss his replacement after he retires on January 29, 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

County Attorney Tom Little opened the snow removal bids and they are as follows:

Russell Trucking & Excavating:	EMS	\$160.00	
	Parking lot	\$160.00	
	Ext. office	\$260.00	
	Probation	\$200.00	
	BOH	\$100.00	
	CH	\$150.00	
		1 Year	3 Year Contract
Smith's Lawn Care LLC	CH	\$240.00	\$261.00
	BOH	\$80.00	\$86.00
	Probation	\$170.00	\$182.00
	Ext. Office	\$280.00	\$298.00
	Parking lot	\$575.00	\$609.00
	EMS	\$130.00	\$138.00

Commissioners discuss eliminating the BOH because of their recent move to Rossville Ave. Commissioners will take bids under advisement and approve at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF LANDFILL CONTRACT

Bert Weaver reported that he has gone to the landfill three times this year and believes there are some things that need to be addressed in the contract this company is not honoring. He does not believe they are involved in any community organization or has contributed to any. The parties agreed they will not pay any host fee to the County for solid waste. He was at the landfill and saw 10 trucks come through and none of them used the wheel wash. They are not controlling the litter, and it is stated in the contract they will promptly retrieve and dispose of the litter within a 24 hour period. The company agrees to continuously maintain the landscape and replace trees as they die. He stated last summer there were about 30 that were dead and weeds were tall. The company hours are supposed to be 6:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday but they are operating 6:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The trucks are not using the designated truck route. The company should meet with the County Commissioners on a quarterly basis. In the contract it states the company will allow all residents of Clinton County to dispose of a pickup truck or smaller vehicle load for \$10.00 and he paid \$24.00 each time. He would like to see these issues addressed.

IN THE MATTER OF FARM LEASE BIDS

Tom Little opened the Farm Lease Bids and they are as follows:

Charles Dunn Farms, Inc.	\$325.00 per acres (County Farm)
Dawson/Drew Cragan	\$206.50 per acres (375 W)
Grant Ostler	\$303.00 per acre (County Farm)
Grant Ostler	\$210.00 per acre (375 W)
James Jarrell	\$333.00 per acre (County Farm)

Commissioners will take these bids under advisement.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve Pay App #7 for J.G. Case Construction, Commissioner Woods seconded motion. Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve Atlas Excavating Pay App #3, seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve APEX Security Systems, LLC agreement for \$11,591.00, Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

2021 Clinton County Board of Appointments are as follows:

BOH	Patti Beisner
Colfax Library	Vicki Oswalt
Kirklin Library	Misha Premeaux
Redevelopment Commission	Jordan Brewer

Jay Hawley

Wild Cat Solid Waste Dist.	Mark Timmons
	Josh Uitts
	Jordan Brewer
Alcoholic Beverage Board	Ben Pfeffer
Board of Zoning Appeals	Corbin Orr
Area Plan Commission	Corbin Orr
	Jordan Brewer
Airport Authority Board	Alan Dunn
Big Cicero Drainage Board	Jordan Brewer
National Organization of Disability	Don Albitz
PTBOA	Mike Nichols(D)
	Sandy Arion(R)
County Attorney	Tom Little
Carol/Clinton County Drainage	Josh Uitts

Appointment for Community Corrections Board is tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve the 2021 Clinton County Board of Appointments, seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve the Maintenance update for fire wall for IT. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Britt Ostler cleared up any miscommunications relating to the payroll with the Commissioners.

Sheriff Kelly reported they had 175 inmates. They graduated 22 people from the education program.

Greg Miller reported Mulberry EMS Station is open and running, there is no open house due to COVID. East side station bids are on schedule. They have done 20 COVID rapid tests in the last 2 weeks. They are stocking up on COVID supplies.

Renee Crick reported she has interviewed 3 applicants for the Assistant Director position, she has named Colleen Dillingham and will do a press release soon. Since Colleen was a supervisor Renee will be interviewing next week to fill that position.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer reported that they had a drainage committee meeting, and the infrastructure around the county is 50 to 100 years old. They will be working on a plan to start upgrading our water infrastructure in the county and how to fund it.

Commissioner Uitts reported that he had a zoom meeting with Indiana University Health Systems about the COVID vaccine. The meeting answered a lot of questions he had about the vaccine and feels confident about the safety of it, and would like our community leaders to help spread the word about the safety of the vaccine. It will be available next week to our health care providers and probably at the end of January for the public.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve the following claims as submitted, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Friday claims dated December 4, 2020 in the amount of \$34,554.10
Friday claim dated December 11, 2020 in the amount of \$36,343.09
Bi-weekly claims dated December 14, 2020 in the amount of \$972,657.99
Court claims dated December 14, 2020 in the amount of \$31,856.27

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

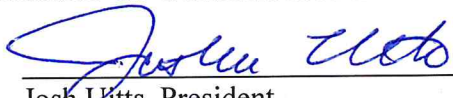
Payroll dated December 4, 2020 in the amount of \$ 404,883.27
Soil and Water Payroll dated December 4, 2020 in the amount of \$525.00

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

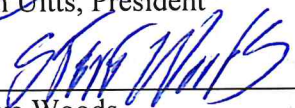
Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve special meeting minutes dated November 5, 2020 and regular meeting minutes dated November 17, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Woods Motion carried 3-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Woods motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brewer at 10:23a.m.

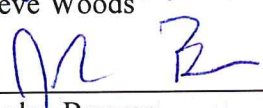
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Josh Uttis, President




Steve Woods



Jordan Brewer

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor