

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 7, 2020

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 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 Uitts
Steve Woods
Scott Shoemaker

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Britt Ostler, Kevin Myers, Dennis Dunlap, Liz Stitzel, Rich Kelly, Brett Barton, Rhea Harris, Greg Miller, Chris Overman, Rodney Wann, Dr. Tharp, 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 Uitts led the Pledge of Allegiance

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Huffer presented the Commissioners with pictures of his neighbors property that has old trailers, junk, and debris on it and would like the Commissioners to look into seizing the property. Commissioner Shoemaker asked Tom to check into back taxes owed to see if we could get a court order for the property owner to stop putting junk onto the property. Liz stated that they are already in the process of getting an injunction and fines to prevent more junk and debris being put on the property and removing what is there.

Dennis Dunlap reported that he will be going off retainer December 31, 2020 and will serve on an on call basis only.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY HOWARD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Dr. Matt Oliver and associates stated that they are there to discuss the gap for individuals that come to the attention of law enforcement that may need some mental health support or detox but not necessarily meet the requirements to be hospitalized or go to jail. They have been exploring models to operationalize a drop in center and an on call response team and the funding for these options.

Greg Aaron stated they have had many conversations about this in Clinton County and this is a primary concern of the community. They have applied for funding to help Healthy Communities. He requested a letter of support from the Commissioners.

Howard County Commissioner Paul Wyman reported that in the fall of 2017 Howard County had an opioid summit and out of that came the creation of an organization called Turning Point. They found that individuals and families that find themselves in crisis just didn’t know where to go. Turning Point is the no barrier drop in center or access point now for people who are suffering from addiction or mental health. There is no cost to come into Turning Point, you can walk in or make an appointment. They place individuals with personal navigators that connect them to the resources they need. There is a recovery network for people that are in recovery.

Laura Archibald reported that Healthy Communities would be the face of this in our community and they would have a systems of care navigator in their office. That person would be bilingual and be a licensed health care navigator so that they could help people get insurance and they would connect them to the resources they need, including Turning Point if they need somewhere to stay.

Commissioner Uitts asked how much money would it take. Howard County Commissioner Wyman stated that they started out with \$100,000 and now up to \$250,000-\$275,000.

IN THE MATTER OF DIVISION A WASTEWATER BID REVIEW

Jon Query of HWC reported the results of the bids they received on June 18th for the Division A of the utility project. The are as follows:

	Base	With Alternate
Atlas Excavating Inc.	\$6,399,890.00	\$6,577,650.00
F& K Construction Inc.	\$6,504,710.00	\$6,744,540.00

Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to award bid to Atlas, Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COACH KIDS

Susan Grasham reported that they had almost 200 mentors before the pandemic. It has been a challenge to do mentoring due to COVID 19, but have found ways to meet the challenge, such as pen pals to write notes and call it mentor mail. They have also had zoom meetings between mentors and mentees. They have had almost 150 matches in their high school program. The goals for next year are to start a separate mentoring program that takes kids in the 8th or 9th grade that sign up themselves, to help them navigate in the careers they want to pursue in the future.

IN THE MATTER OF BF&S APPRAISALS

Ron Francis presented the Commissioners with the appraisals for the acquired property for the SR 28/800 W project. All the appraisals are not in and he will have to return at a later date for those. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned for the president to sign the statement for just compensation for acquired properties. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HUMANE SOCIETY

Nancy Elsea reported that due to the pandemic they are closed to the public but still adopting dogs out. They have gone from 70 plus to 19 at the shelter. They gone from 127 cats down to 52. They have 12 dogs and 14 cats in foster care. They had 46 animal control calls-39 calls were animals at large, 5 bites, and 2 from the vet.

Nancy presented the Commissioners with a budget proposal for 2021 asking for \$100,000 instead of \$95,000. The increase is for animal control. It's a 7 days a week position and they just hired a kennel tech that just graduated. They raised her salary to \$13.00/hour and would like to hire another person as well.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Kevin Myers presented the Commissioners with the Community Crossings Master Grant Acceptance Bid for Central Paving for \$1,194,970.20. They will receive \$896,227.65 from the state. Commissioner Woods motioned to accept the bid from Central Paving, Commissioner Shoemaker seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Uitts motioned to accept the bid unit price acceptance, Commissioner Shoemaker seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners signed INDOT contract for Bridge #36, Bridge #67 and the IDEM contract.

They are working on 800 North to get it ready for Central Paving.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel asked the Commissioners what they wanted to do with the 3330 E Michigantown house. Commissioner Shoemaker stated we do not have the funding at this time to tear it down. Liz recommended they put a lien on every 3-6 months to keep pressure on the situation so that maybe it will get resolved. Commissioner Woods motioned to put a lien on the property, Commissioner Shoemaker seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to approve the county mowing services contract with Chris Keller for one year. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts discussed the concerns regarding the carnival portion of the fair. With the recent increases of cases of COVID-19 all over the US and locally, and the Governor hitting the pause button with re-opening the state, it raises the question of whether or not to proceed with the fair. Josh reached out to Dr. Tharp to see if his stance had changed.

Dr. Tharp stated that we are not nearly as bad as other states but we are not going in the right direction and becoming more active. With an event that goes on for a week it will be too difficult to make sure things are kept clean and people will wear masks and keep social distancing. His opinion is to have the 4-H part of the fair only. Another concern is that since we are the only county other than Kokomo having the fair, it could bring people from other counties.

There was discussion between the Commissioners, Dr. Tharp, Sheriff Kelly, and Tom Little regarding health and safety concerns of having the fair due to the pandemic.

Due to Lee Anthrop leaving the Fair Council, Commissioner Shoemaker recommended that they appoint Matt Neal to take his place on the Fair Council. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At the recommendation of the health officials, and the department heads, at this time the Commissioners do not support moving forward with having the carnival portion of the fair and Commissioner Uitts will meet with the Fair Council later today.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to approve J.G. Case Construction Pay App #2, Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2021/2022, Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff Kelly presented the contract for the HVAC upgrades that have been approved but needs the Commissioners signatures.

Ordinance on the pay to stay, there is \$1,302.50 in the account. They have the option to not pay if they are inmate workers.

Greg Miller stated they will be hanging drywall at the Mulberry station early next week. He will have a proposal for the well and septic for the East side facility soon.

Brett Barton stated that he needed signatures for grant proposals.

Rodney Wann reported they are still doing testing and currently looking for a new location. Another concern with the COVID situation is the immunization clinic has been shut down for 2 ½ months for children and adults. Would like to see the clinic moved into the new facility early.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None to report

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

Friday claims dated June 19, 2020 in the amount of \$ 5,653.98
Friday claim dated June 26, 2020 in the amount of \$ 74,681.27
Friday claims dated July 3, 2020 in the amount of \$ 9,929.16
Bi weekly claims dated July 7,2020 in the amount of \$ 497,196.19
Court claims dated July 7, 2020 in the amount of \$ 23,098.11
Election claims dated June 19, 2020 in the amount of \$ 14,733.50

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated June 5, 2020 in the amount of \$ 414,952.96
Payroll dated June 19, 2020 in the amount of \$ 408,769.53

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

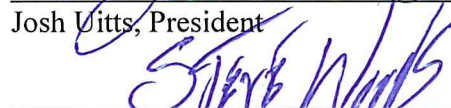
Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 15, 2020 seconded by Commissioner Woods . Motion carried 3-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Woods motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker at 10:22 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Josh Uitts, President



Steve Woods

Scott Shoemaker

ATTEST:

Britta Ostler
Britt Ostler, Auditor