

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 1, 2021

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021 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

Jordan Brewer

Mark Timmons

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Rick Campbell, Rich Kelly, Brett Barton, Ashley Kelly, Liz Stitzel, Ken Hartman, Renee Crick, Tim Elston, Shan Sheridan, Dr. Tharp, Rodney Wann, 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 VACATION OF ALLEY IN HILLISBURG

Les Bergum representing Tom Marshall, Johnson Civil Township Trustee, petitioned the Commissioners for the vacation of a portion of an alley in Hillisburg. It is part of the east-west alley that lies between Lots 45,46,47, and 48 on the north and Lots 73,74, 75, and 76 on the south in the Original Plat. Commissioner Timmons motioned to vacation this portion of the alley and to approve Ordinance 2021-03, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Les was asked to address the Commissioners regarding the widening of SR 28 at the intersection of SR 39. Les stated that the City has not approved this yet and they are concerned with the Ivy Tech building regarding loss of landscaping, parking spaces, moving a light post and additional damages. The cost of improvements is approximately \$5,400 more than what was originally offered. Les requested a meeting with City, County and Ivy Tech.

IN THE MATTER OF MALCON

Charles Malinowski, President of Malcon and Matt Lowery, Senior Consultant works with Clinton County EMS for annual reimbursement to get additional money from the state of Indiana on medicaid services. The proposed agreement is a \$6,350.00 increase if the county gets more than \$23,000 back. They also work with EMS to get 100% fuel tax refunded. Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the Malcon agreement for 2020, 2021, 2022. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF JANSSEN & SPAANS ENGINEERING, INC

Leo Rumschlag, Senior Project Manager of Janssen & Spaans Engineering, Inc. wanted to introduce himself and stated they were looking to expand their services to other counties in Indiana. They specialize in bridge design, bridge repairs and inspection and have worked with Clinton County in the past.

IN THE MATTER OF JAIL UPS BATTERY REPLACEMENT AND ANTIVIRUS RENEWAL

Tim Elston presented the Commissioners with the Antivirus renewal agreement for the county software that has already been budgeted for 2021. They need to replace 160 UPS batteries at the jail at a cost of \$2500. Commissioner Timmons motioned to replace the batteries and approve antivirus renewal. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported that they have bids out for the demolition of the Manson Elevator.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported that they are hauling stone and replacing signs that were knocked down during the storm. He presented the Commissioners with a design change for Bridge #55. Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the design change for Bridge #55, Commissioner Brewer seconded Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts stated they have received Federal approval for Bridge #21. Commissioner Brewer thanked Rick for filling in potholes at the fairgrounds near the vaccination area to make it safer.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve Atlas Excavating Pay App #6, Commissioner Timmons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer motion to approve amendment to Ordinance 2021-01A, Commissioner Timmons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom Little reported that the hospital is ready to close in the next few weeks on the hospital property that the county still owns, and the commissioners will need to designate a person to sign at closing. Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve Commissioner Uitts as the signee at closing, Commissioner Timmons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts reported that they have recently conducted interviews for an HR Consultant and are ready to make a decision. Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve Rick Brown as our HR Consultant. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts reported HB1381 is currently pending in the Indiana General Assembly, and if approved it would take away local control of land use decisions. Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve Resolution 2021-02 Expressing support for local control of land use decisions. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the renewal of Incarcerated offenders provider agreement, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners tabled the BF&S sales disclosure.

Commissioner Brewer reported that the Pasture Lease and Mowing Contract has expired and they will be accepting bids soon. Commissioner Timmons motioned to accept bids for both the Pasture Lease and Mowing contracts. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Rich Kelly gave a year end Jail report for 2020 and an update on maintenance projects that need to be completed. He reported that they had a deputy involved in a vehicle crash and will need to replace the vehicle. They are needing to update body cameras. They will need to hire two new merit deputies to replace two deputies retiring. Commissioners agreed to replacing deputies. Rich reported that they are required to offer health insurance to retired deputies. Commissioner Uitts agreed that the county is required to offer the insurance but not required to pay for it. He would be willing to approach the council to try to come up with a percentage the county may be able to contribute.

Rodney Wann reported that last week started the second year of our emergency response to the COVID 19 pandemic. Rodney thanked Healthy Communities, Auditors, Highway Department, Commissioners, The Fair Board, Sheriff Department and local businesses for all the help and support of the Health Department. They are still operating two testing clinics at least until the end of March and will still have one available after that point. They have had the vaccine clinic for about 8 weeks and have had approximately 4000 people vaccinated and about 1200 people have had the second dose. Rodney will be talking to the State Department of Health about the one dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine. They have been counting on mostly volunteers for the vaccine clinic.

Judge Hunter expressed concerns about the courtroom renovations and receiving enough support from the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer stated that they will be looking to replace a vehicle at Parkview Home due to a transmission issue in the old vehicle.

Commissioner Uitts stated that Tracy Baber had approached the Commissioners several years ago about purchasing the land the skating rink sits on. She owns the building and the county owns the land. One appraisal came back at \$30,000 and they are waiting on another that should come back soon. They will need to make a decision on selling the land to her.

Commissioners Uitts presented letters for the EDA grant for the I65 and SR 28 Wastewater Infrastructure Project. Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve the letters for the EDA grant and for Commissioner Uitts to sign the letters on behalf of the county. Commissioner Timmons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Friday claims dated February 19, 2021 in the amount of \$2,450.21
- Friday claim dated February 26, 2021 in the amount of \$33,697.44
- Bi-weekly claims dated March 1, 2021 in the amount of \$95,954.13
- Court claims dated March 1, 2021 in the amount of \$5,935.98

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated February 12, 2021 in the amount of \$430,800.54

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

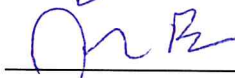
Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated February 17, 2021, and Executive meeting minutes dated February 19, 2021 seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Motion carried 3-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Brewer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Timmons at 10:08a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Josh Uitts, President



Jordan Brewer



Mark Timmons

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

