

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 3, 2020

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on March 3, 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, Rich Kelly, Ken Hartman, Dennis Dunlap, Chris Overman, Brett Barton, Kevin Myers, Carol Bartley, Nancy Ward, Shan Sheridan, Greg Miller, Alan Dunn, Ron Gascho, Renee Crick, Bert Weaver and others shown to be present in the minutes. Commissioner's Assistant Jerri Sexton recorded the minutes.

Commissioner Uitts opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Billy Metcalf stated he is concerned about how they will level the ground for the solar farms in the areas around him that are not level. He is also concerned about the drainage and run off into his pond and wildlife in the area. He does not like the idea of having solar panels on 3 sides of him. He thinks that once the overlay is approved they will start building the solar farms. Commissioner Uitts stated that is not the case.

Commissioner Uitts took Mr. Metcalf's phone number and would get answers to his questions and call him.

Bert Weaver-stated he would just like the Commissioners to take their time in making decisions regarding the solar farms. He stated that the majority of the people are not against solar farms, just the location of them that they are concerned about.

Commissioner Uitts stated it is impossible to rush decisions based on the way the projects come before the Board of Commissioners. Due to the way the APC rules are laid out they are not able to see the projects prior to creating the overlay zone, which leads to the fears and skepticism in the public. He personally does not agree with it and wishes he could see the project prior to creating the overlay but these are the rules.

Mr. Bower-agreed with Bert Weaver that it seemed rushed. Commissioner Uitts stated while he agrees this came up quickly all they are able to do this day is approve a rezoning overlay. They are not going to start building the next day. Mr. Bowers is concerned about the possibility of his property values decreasing 20-25% and water contamination and asked the Commissioners to protect him and others that may be affected.

Mr. Bower asked if Hardy Hills sells out to another company will they be held to the same contract.

Commissioner Uitts stated that there seems to be a perception that the Commissioners are just going to rubber stamp this project. He stated if and when this happens it will be gone through with a fine toothed comb and will make sure there is accountability in the agreement.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Kevin Myers reported he needed the Commissioners approval to accept the low bid for a shop truck from Mann Chevrolet for \$67,922.40 with trade in of a 2006 GMC 2500 for \$5023.00. Commissioner Woods motioned to accept this bid. Commissioner Shoemaker seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Kevin stated they have been repairing gravels and their new trucks are working out great.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported that the solar company is willing to give specifics or show copies of the site plan, if anyone wants to contact her and she will forward their questions on to them.

Update on the Wagoner house at 3330 Michigantown Rd-Area Plan has cited the house for condemnation. The owners contacted their office and requested a building permit so that it couldn't be condemned but was denied verbally. They were given 30 day notice per what the Ordinance states.

Liz presented the Commissioners with LUPAC #02-20-358 for the Solar Overlay rezoning. The Area Plan Commissioner has sent a favorable recommendation. The Commissioners will take under consideration and leave it tabled until the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF HWC ENGINEERING BIDS FOR WATER PROJECT

Jon Query presented the Commissioners with the bids they received for the I-65/SR-28 Division B water project. They are as follows:

Engineer's Estimate	\$4,750,000.00
JG Case Construction, Inc.	\$4,720,735.00
Miller Pipeline	\$5,071,164.95
Infrastructure Systems, Inc.	\$5,239,118.00
F&K Construction, Inc.	\$5,514,150.00
Watson Excavating, Inc.	\$5,430,477.50
Atlas Excavating, Inc.	\$5,635,390.00

Jon recommends accepting the low bid of JG Case Construction, Inc. stating they have worked with them before. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to accept the bid from JG Case construction, Inc for the amount of \$4,720,735.00. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Alan Crumly of ADP stated he was here to answer any questions about the two year contract for payroll, timekeeping and HR services. He stated that they added 3 months to the agreement to help with budgeting. They will have the addendum to the contracting adding the 3 months later in the day and can forward to Attorney Tom Little. Commissioner Woods motioned to accept the ADP as our new vendor with the stipulation of Tom reviewing the addendum to the contract. Commissioner Shoemaker seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chris Overman asked when the implementation of the new program would take place. Britt Ostler stated it would take 16 weeks to go live after the Council approves the funding.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to renew the Ivy Tech Lease Agreement for the use of the EMA parking lot for CDL Training. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shoemaker presented the Maintenance agreement for the phone system. He motioned to accept agreement for \$3,843.65 for software assurance and support agreement. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Chris Overman stated they put together brochures to get the word out of who they are. It gives a little history, a mission statement, resident qualifications, services provided and lists the rent based on income.

He stated that a resident in Mulberry passed away and donated a 1993 Toyota Pickup that he would like to add to the inventory of the county and use as a work truck. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to accept the gift of the truck and add to the insurance. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

He would also like the Commissioners approval for the Halloween Haunted House that raised money for the residents. Commissioners approved.

Brett Barton stated he would like some guidance from the Commissioners on purchasing a building for more space. He does not believe there would be enough room in the probation building for both of them. They have the funds and it would not be an additional expense for the county. Commissioner Uitts stated it would make more sense to own a building and stop leasing and that Tom will have to give some guidance on the next steps. Commissioner Shoemaker agrees and recommends that the Council President create a committee to be involved with purchasing. Alan Dunn stated they have a committee and are ready.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Woods stated that there needed to be a brief administrative meeting with EMA director Darrell Sanders and the BOH about Covid-19.

Commissioner Shoemaker stated he needed approval to move forward with HR and studying the reduction of the custodial staff to one and increasing the salary of the current position. Commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Uitts stated that Greg Miller has been working hard on expanding our EMS coverage to the east side of the county and he has talked to Council President Alan Dunn and they feel there is a way to move forward with this and it is budget neutral. He would like to get consensus from everyone to take appropriate

steps to get something constructed, but would like to eliminate the extra expense of having an architect and to have a general contractor draw up plans. Commissioners are in agreement to move forward. Greg Miller will take the lead and work with Commissioner Uitts, Tom and the Council to move forward with this project.

Commissioner Uitts stated that IU Health has reached out and would like to alter the portion of our ground transportation services that states if we cannot successfully collect a bill from someone we transport they are the back stop. Commissioner Uitts asked Tom to look at the amendment because he has some concerns about some of the language in it.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to approve the Commissioners regular meeting minutes dated February 19, 2020, with a change in the minutes to state 2nd amendment sanctuary county instead of city and Special Meeting Minutes dated February 26, 2020. Commissioner Uitts seconded with making the necessary changes.. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Friday claims dated February 21, 2020 in the amount of \$6,802.25
- Friday claims dated February 28, 2020 in the amount of \$50,736.95
- Bi-weekly claims dated March 3, 2020 in the amount of \$676,210.18
- Court claims dated March 3, 2020 in the amount of \$18,650.59
- Miscellaneous claims dated February 28, 2020 in the amount of \$14,830.57
- Conference Reimbursement claim dated March 3, 2020 in the amount of \$25.32


IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

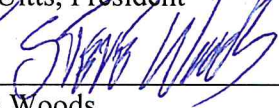
Payroll dated February 14, 2020 in the amount of \$412,987.49

Without any further business to come before the Board Commissioners, Commissioner Woods motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker at 10:00a.m . Motion carried 3-0.


THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Josh Uitts, President

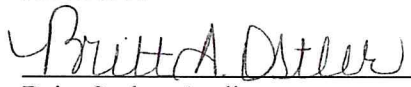


Steve Woods



Scott Shoemaker

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor