

## MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 17, 2020

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on March 17, 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  
Scott Shoemaker

### ABSENT

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Ken Hartman, Chris Overman, Brett Barton, Kevin Myers, Nancy Ward, Greg Miller, Alan Dunn, Ron Gascho, Renee Crick, and others shown to be present in the minutes. Commissioner's Assistant Jerri Sexton recorded the minutes.

Commissioner Uits opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bradley Wagoner in reference to the 3330 Michigantown Road house that was recently condemned, is requesting that the condemnation be stopped due to work that has been done to the house. Commissioner Uits took Mr. Wagoner's contact information and will talk to Liz and get back with him.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PORTABLE RADIOS**

Chief Deputy Lappin requested approval from the Commissioners to place the order for radios. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to approve proposal D between Motorola and the county. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF GUTS CONTRACT**

Gina Brettnacher presented the commissioners with the 2 year Guts agreement approval that handles their tax sales. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to approve the 2 year agreement with Guts. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE COURTS**

Judge Brad Mohler stated they received recommendations on what to do relating to the courts and trials from the Indiana Supreme Court during the COVID-19 outbreak. They will limit some of the non party access to the courtrooms. They are not closing courts but will have certain types of hearings that will comply with the emergency rules.

### **IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE**

Kevin Myers reported they have been hauling stone, repairing, grading and dragging gravels and installing pipes. They started the building that was approved for the tractors. They hope to also put a roof over the fuel tanks. Truck #4 is completed and the outfitting on, and truck#5 has begun.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ADDRESS RESTRICTIONS ON BEACON**

Nancy Ward stated the employees at the probation office would like to be removed from Beacon. Commissioner Shoemaker stated as far as state statute goes they fall under law enforcement and can be removed.

Their office has a contamination exposure policy and they are trying to limit who comes in the office, they are not going to the jail to do pre-sentencing interviews and field visits have been suspended. They will do whatever they can do by phone.

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

No old business to discuss

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

Zach Klutz with Taft Law firm spoke in regards to Ordinance 2020-05 the Establishing a Redevelopment Authority. This will be a three member board appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Woods motioned to pass Ordinance 2020-05, Commissioner Shoemaker seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to appoint Jordan Brewer, Andrew Bailey and Cathy Hamilton to the Redevelopment Authority. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

Alan Dunn reported they have received guidance from the State Board of Accounts on emergency actions that can be taken by the Council for COVID-19. The council has emergency spending powers that can be used in response to the COVID-19, and can call a meeting with just notice to the press. and can appropriate money without the normal advertising requirements. There was discussion on Department heads keeping track of any money spent in response to COVID-19 for possible reimbursement later.

Commissioner Shoemaker discussed compensation for employees that are working overtime during the COVID-19 crisis, such as Rodney Wann.

Commissioner Shoemaker requested approval for Tom to move forward with a quiet title to a Green St property the county has acquired to recoup legal fees. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to allow Tom to proceed, Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Renee Crick reported they will be doing tornado siren testing March 18th around 10:15.

Kevin Myers requested approval to advertise for bids for the infrastructure project on SR28 and 800 West. Commissioner Woods motioned to allow Kevin to advertise for bids, seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker. Motion carried 3-0.

Rodney Wann updated the Commissioners on actions the BOH working with Darrell Sanders at EMA have taken in response to COVID-19. They are working with establishing a call center for public information.

Commissioner Uitts stated that they will take steps to broadcast future meetings to comply with social distancing recommendations and keeping gatherings under 10 people.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

No Reports

**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 March 6, 2020 in the amount of \$20,545.04
- Friday claims dated March 13, 2020 in the amount of \$8,626.92
- Bi-weekly claims dated March 17, 2020 in the amount of \$578,014.62
- Court claims dated March 17, 2020 in the amount of \$14,696.45

**IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL**

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

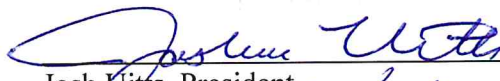
Payroll dated February 28, 2020 in the amount of \$399,756.25

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated March 3, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried 3-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board Commissioners, Commissioner Woods motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker at 9:32 a.m . Motion carried 3-0.


**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY**

  
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Josh Uitts, President

  
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Steve Woods

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Scott Shoemaker

ATTEST:

  
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Britt Ostler, Auditor