

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 20, 2019

10:00A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on May 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room located at 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

President of the Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts 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, Carol Bartley, Rich Kelly, Ken Hartman, Renee Crick, Rodney Wann, Kevin Myers, Liz Stitzel, Dennis Dunlap, Nancy Elsea and others shown to be present in the minutes. Commissioner's Assistant Jerri Sexton recorded the minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Uitts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received

IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF ALLEY IN HILLISBURG

Richard Huffer request for the Commissioners to vacate an alley next to his house at 8974 E Church St. in Hillisburg. Commissioner Uitts states he will talk to the county attorney and start the process.

IN THE MATTER OF DRAINAGE TILES

William Waddell is concerned about people that cut into his drainage tile and then not properly repairing the tile. He would like there to be an independent inspector that makes sure that the tiles are repaired. His property is on 52 and 28. Commissioner Uitts will consult with INDOT and approach drainage board with this matter..

IN THE MATTER OF PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE UPDATE

Esmeralda Cruz reported: Makayla Applegate was introduced as their new intern in their 4-H department through a Purdue program. Esmeralda updated the Commissioners on educational programs at the Purdue Extension Office. She introduced a program called Co-Parenting for successful kids in which they are in partnership with the courts, Judge Hunter and Judge Mohler. For any parent going through divorce or custody the courts require them to register for this 4 hour program.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Kevin Myers reported: Request Commissioners signature on their annual report. Still spreading roads and still have another couple weeks of spreading. They need speed limit signs on Colfax mansion road. He sent Specs for new dump truck to Tom. Contractor will start on bridge that is on 800 W 550 N. We have been approved for federal aid for Bridge on 250 West. Bid for 100 North will probably go out in June, but contractors are so backed up. Central Paving backed up for Forest Roads. Commissioner Shoemaker states that Kevin is trying to work with Railroads to get unused railroad tracks removed from roads or pave over them. Kevin has been in contact with Norfolk and Southern but they are not cooperative.

IN THE MATTER OF HUMANE SOCIETY

Genie Newhart, President of Humane Society Board gave a monthly report. She explained how they calculate their Fund Balance, Cash Assets plus property and equipment minus liability (payroll). Of the \$310,484.77 balance that they have, \$210,000.00 of it is property and equipment. As of this day, after paying all the bills they have \$5,738.75 in their checking account.

Commissioner Shoemaker and Commissioner Woods asked what is their long term plan for all the cats. Genie states they want to educate the public about spay and neuter and contact rescues. They don't want to euthanize just for lack of space. They may lose support from community. They will discuss these matters at their meeting. Commissioners discuss going to a quarterly payout to the Humane Society instead of monthly. Commissioner Woods motioned to go to a quarterly payout starting in July. Commissioner Shoemaker seconds. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel reports: They have two tall grass complaints in agricultural zoning district. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to site both residences for tall grass. Commissioner Woods seconds. Motion carries 3-0.

Liz reports that they received a grant for Frankfort and the town of Colfax for almost 1.7 million for infrastructure and development. Colfax is requesting a speed reduction in an area on Harvey St. The grant will pay for speed study. Liz is requesting support from Commissioners to have a speed study. Commissioner Shoemaker wants to look into why we need a speed study to lower the speed. Sheriff Kelly states if a person challenges it that is when it becomes an issue. The Commissioners would support if there needs to be a speed study.

Commissioner Woods states we need to take steps in securing a house on the corner of Oak st and 900 East in Hillisburg due to a squatter issue. There is a Trailer and empty house sitting on 2203 South County Road 1300 East that belongs to Jack Stowear and there is no septic. BOH has sent a letter and has declared it unfit. Commissioner Woods states there is a house on Michigantown Blacktop with holes in the roof that needs to be sent a letter to repair. Liz is aware of this house location.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts reports there is an Amendment to the contract with HWC for the I-65 project. The Amendments are to relocate the dual force mains from Lift Station #2 to the South side of SR 28. Relocate Lift Station #2 to the south side of SR 28. Relocate the force main from Lift Station #1 to the south side to SR 28 and parallel the proposed water main and then cross from I-65 at the same location as the water main. The cost of changes is \$52,500.00. Fifty percent could be paid by Frankfort Municipal Utilities, Commissioner Uitts has every indication that they will pay 50% of cost. Commissioner Woods moved to approve Amendment, Commissioner Shoemaker seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Woods ask Commissioner Uitts for an update on the EMS building in Mulberry. Commissioner Uitts states he talked to Andrea Huber the Madison twp trustee. They received an estimate of what it would cost to make the addition. She is going to reach out to the town of Mulberry to see what they are able to contribute towards the project. The estimate came back at \$230,000 to add a bedroom and truck bay. Commissioner Uitts plans to meet with Madison twp trustee and Mulberry town council to discuss what is actually needed.

Commissioner Shoemaker motioned to discuss with the drainage board on Tuesday to fill in large hole next to new EMS building for safety concerns. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sheriff Kelly presents the Commissioners with an estimate to refill refrigerant and an estimate to repair. Commissioner Woods asks if he could get an estimate to change to 409 from R22 due to cost. Sheriff Kelly states it would be \$30-35,000 to change system. One chiller is working and one is not. Sheriff Kelly will get an estimate to change system. He presented an estimate on keypad doors for \$6,000.00

Renee Crick reports she is working with Tim at ACCS to get application done electronically and will advertise the open position.

Genie Newhart reports they are not euthanizing on site at the Humane Society anymore.

Commissioner Woods reported that they had a meeting about the health clinic in the past week. The name has been chosen as Associates Health Center. The July 1st date is still on target. The health insurance loss report is at 29% which is extremely low. The 2018 report finished at 80%.

Commissioner Woods reported EMA has cleared out all the dirt and concrete at the hospital area that they were allowed to store there temporarily. The fencing should be installed by the end of the month.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Commissioner Woods moved to accept the April 15, 2019 minutes and the May 3, 2019 minutes as presented, Commissioner Shoemaker seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Uitts abstained.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

Friday claims dated May 10, 2019 in the amount of \$11,420.81
Friday claims dated May 17, 2019 in the amount of \$5,755.02
Court claims dated May 21, 2019 in the amount of \$18,674.40
Bi-weekly claims dated May 20, 2019 in the amount of \$685,379.44

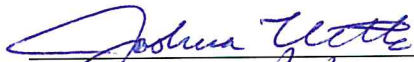
IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to approve the following payroll claims as submitted. Commissioners Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

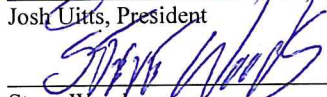
Payroll ending April 26, 2019 in the amount of \$376,574.26

Without any further business to come before the Board Commissioner Shoemaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Woods at 11:12am . Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Josh Uitts, President



Steve Woods



Scott Shoemaker

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor