

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, November 2, 2020

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Frankfort Municipal Airport, 3009 IN-28, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Commissioner Josh Uitts called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

PRESENT

Josh Uitts
Steve Woods

ABSENT

Jordan Brewer

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Nancy Ward, Chris Overman, Liz Stitzel, Dr. Tharp, Caren Crum, Kevin Myers, Ron Gascho, Rich Kelly, Renee Crick, Dennis Dunlap, Tom Little, and others are 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

No comments were made.

IN THE MATTER OF DENNIS DUNLAP RETIREMENT

Dennis Dunlap stated that he will be retiring on December 31, 2020. He suggested that he reach out to some colleagues to find out their level of interest and he can return in a December meeting with some names and suggestions for replacement. He would remain on call, and he would help the individual in transition.

IN THE MATTER OF PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE CONTRACT

Caren Crum requested the Commissioners signature for the Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Clinton County Government. Commissioner Uitts signed the agreement.

IN THE MATTER OF PROBATION OFFICE REPAIRS QUOTE

Nancy Ward stated they need to make some renovations and repairs in the probation office to make it work for them. Mike Sexton submitted a quote for \$18,705.00. Commissioners agreed to accept the quote.

IN THE MATTER OF APEX SECURITY SYSTEM

Jon Hussey presented the Commissioners with a quote from APEX for a new door access system for the Courthouse. The estimate is \$10,991.00 plus the cost of key fobs that are \$6.00 each. Commissioners agreed to move forward with this.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITION

Renee Crick requested the Commissioners approval for the new Assistant Director position. Renee stated that she had worked with Dennis Dunlap on the job description and had emailed it to the Commissioners. Commissioner Woods motioned to accept the job description and approve the position. Motion carried 2-0.

Renee stated that each year if the State 911 board goes above and beyond on their revenues, the county occasionally gets an extra distribution of funds and this year it was over \$92k, last year it was \$77k. It will go into their 911 fund.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW FLOOR CLEANER FOR EDWARD JONES BUILDING

Matt Neal updated the Commissioners on some of the ways the fair council have generated funds this year. They had a fall festival that netted them \$9,000. He stated the building rental funds were down due to COVID, but they have fully rented the horse barns. He stated that because of COVID and the extra cleaning guidelines that is the reason they decided to charge Area Plan for the rental of the building for their meeting. Commissioner Uitts stated that he had not considered the extra expenses of cleaning due to COVID. He stated as long as they are just covering their cost for cleaning and not profiting they don't mind paying the rental fee. Commissioner Woods agreed to cover the cost of the COVID spray but nothing else. Commissioner Uitts stated he would attend their Fair Board meeting to discuss the matter.

Matt suggested that with all the extra COVID cleaning that they invest in a commercial floor cleaner. Commissioner Woods asked why some of the money raised from the festival would not be used for the floor

cleaner. Matt stated that those funds are used for the day to day expenses. They are still operating in the negative because they were not able to have the carnival portion of the fair this year. Commissioner Woods motioned that they move the floor scrubber from the courthouse to the fairgrounds and buy a new one for the courthouse. Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Kevin Myers needed approval for a change order from White Construction for the SR 28 & 800 W Intersection project. Commissioner Woods motioned to approve change order, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Kevin discussed the results of the speed study that had been done for 180 E. by BF&S. The study recommendations were to reduce speed by 5mph or leave as is. Commissioners agreed to leave the speed as it is.

Kevin stated that they were getting equipment ready for winter and that they will need an additional salt spreader. He would like to get quotes for a new one and it should cost around \$21k. Commissioner Woods motioned to get a new salt spreader ordered, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Kevin stated that one side of 800 North is completely done.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel stated that they sent the mower to the second lot on Morrison st. They have cited an unsafe building that is a burnt out house on Farmers Gravel Rd. It has gone to tax sale recently and anticipate that it will resolve itself but they have received some complaints on the structure and have started the enforcement procedure.

Liz stated that she received the Solar Plans and she is currently going over them and this is the place to make sure that everything is the way we want it to be. Commissioner Uitts stated his biggest concern was the buffer areas and the line of site for the existing residences. Most people not in favor of the project were typically concerned about the visual aspect of the project. He also wants to make sure farmers have access to their fields and not cause any issues in that way. Liz stated that she is contacting people that are directly adjacent to the project that had left a number at the first meeting to let them know she has the plans if they want to look at them.

The public meeting is November 16th at 7p.m. at the Edward Jones Building.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion about the 2022 holiday schedule regarding New Year's Day landing on a Saturday and having no compensation for it on another day. Historically if the holiday landed on a Saturday we would make the holiday on the Friday before, and if it landed on a Sunday, the holiday would be on Monday. Commissioner Uitts stated the New Years Day for 2022 will be taken on December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Uitts signed Paul Phillippe's quarterly report.

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve the Atlas Excavating Pay App #2, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Uitts stated that due to the grant the county received from the EDA for the sewer portion of the I-65 project it freed up funds that they were able to shift to the water side of the project that allowed us to construct an elevated tower. HWC has submitted contract amendment #7 for the construction of the elevated tower. Commissioner Woods motioned to approve amendment, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve J.G. Case Pay App #6, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve the 2021 Sharp Program Contract for \$10,000, Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve the quote from Hinshaw Roofing for roof repair at the Courthouse. Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

No reports received.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Uitts discussed the Farm Cash Leases and Snow Removal contract that will expire this year.

Commissioner Uitts stated that the City has gone back to a restricted schedule due to COVID, but the Commissioners, Dr. Tharp and Rodney had a conference call and decided at that time as long as the county stayed in the Orange category for COVID positives that the county would stay business as usual. The Commissioners felt if the county progresses to red that would be the time to restrict things like business hours and contact with the public.

Dr. Tharp stated that they would be moving to the new facility this month.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve the following claims as submitted, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

- Friday claims dated October 23, 2020 in the amount of \$13,831.26
- Friday claims dated October 30, 2020 in the amount of \$13,316.95
- Bi-weekly claims dated November 2, 2020 in the amount of \$315,862.93
- Court claims dated November 2, 2020 in the amount of \$7,455.05

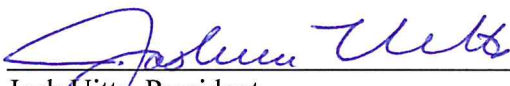
IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Woods motioned to approve the payroll as submitted, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

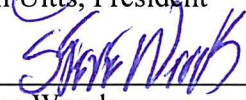
Payroll dated October 23, 2020 in the amount of \$412,959.34

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Woods motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Uitts at 9:55a.m. Motion carried 2-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY

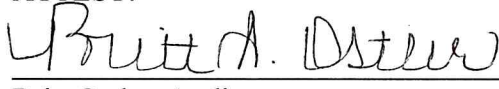


Josh Uitts, President



Steve Woods

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

