

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 18, 2023

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on April 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Frankfort Municipal Airport, 3009 IN-28 46041.

Commissioner Jordan Brewer called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

PRESENT

Jordan Brewer
Josh Uitts
Bert Weaver

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Rick Campbell, Rodney Wann, Brett Barton, Liz Stitzel, Britt Ostler, 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 Brewer led the pledge of allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR A SPEED REDUCTION

Steve Felty- on the agenda, no show to the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE PROGRAM UPDATES

Esmerelda Cruz stated that there were 8 lives lost in a tragic car accident in Mexico. These were members of our community and they are working with the families and the Mexican Consulate to bring back their loved ones from Mexico. They are also working with the Mayor of Frankfort to schedule a candlelight vigil in show of support for these families. There are several ways set up for people to donate financially to help these families.

Esmeralda stated that the Frankfort Hispanic Heritage Festival was a huge success last year and is set for September 16th this year. She gave an update on the Grassroots Leadership Program. She has been working on a Financial Literacy Research Study for a couple of years. They had 18 people from our county that participated in the focus groups.

They have been nominated for two state awards and have been selected for one which will be announced at a later date.

IN THE MATTER OF BUTLER FAIRMAN AND SEUFERT ADMINISTRATIVE SETTLEMENT

Chris Wheatley from BF&S presented an Administrative Settlement for the Doke property in the amount of \$24,990.00. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the settlement. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DLZ ADA/TITLE VI PROPOSAL

Sara Huss of DLZ presented a proposal for ADA and Title VI consultants. They would be updating the most recent plan and policies from 2017. The cost of the ADA Transition Plan would be \$19,500 and the Title VI Implementation Plan would be \$7,900. The option of looking at employee common areas would be an hourly rate maximum of \$10,000.

IN THE MATTER OF INTACT ADA/TITLE VI PROPOSAL

Tim Clark of INTAC presented a proposal for the ADA and Title VI consultants. His billing rate is \$150.00/hour not to exceed \$26,000. Project to be completed in 6 months.

Commissioners will take proposals under advisement until the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported they are still spreading gravel and patching. He found out last Wednesday that they received the Community Crossing grant for one million dollars to pave 150 South (Kelly Road). He presented the 2023 Community Crossing Road Resurfacing Bid Advertisement for approval. Commissioner Weaver motioned to proceed to advertise the Community Crossing Road Resurfacing Project. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick would like to start summer hours on May 30th until September 4th. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the summer hours, seconded by Commissioner Uitts. Motion carried 3-0. The patch truck Rick ordered at the beginning of the year came in last week. The FEMA paperwork needs to be turned in by Friday and should be ready.

Their big roller quit working and they got a used one off of Central Paving. Rick would like approval to scrap the old one. Commissioners approve of him scrapping the old one.

Commissioner Uitts congratulated Rick on receiving the Community Crossings Grant again and stated his department has worked hard at doing this and has brought in just over 6 million dollars in road resurfacing funding since 2017.

Commissioner Brewer presented Resolution 2023-01 which authorizes the commissioners to execute the INDOT agreement. To accept the Community Crossings Grant the commissioners had to create a resolution. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Resolution 2023-01. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported they still don't have a county mower. Commissioner Uitts stated they do have one, and will send her the mowers information. The owners have removed the house on Farmers Gravel. The garage remains and she will check to see if it needs to be taken down.

Commissioner Weaver stated he had a call regarding a property on Mulberry-Jefferson and near what he refers to as Camp Cullom Road intersection with trash and debris. She will check into the area.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer presented Ordinance 2023-03 which is amending the ARPA Ordinance. This will contribute \$1,000,000 to the Roundabout Project. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-03 amending ARPA Ordinance 2022-12. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated they have a recommendation to fill the MD vacancy on the Board of Health. The recommendation is for Dr. Carleigh Wilson, who is a resident of Clinton County since 2005. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer presented a Travel and Expense policy which will be a part of the updated employee handbook. It is for the maximum reimbursement for meals and the overnight stay. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the changes, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer presented the Paul Phillippe notification of de-obligation of Federal and State Transit Funds. These are funds they had left over from their grant that they need to return. The amount to be returned is \$118,451. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the notification of de-obligation. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer presented the Baker Tilly engagement letters for arbitrage monitoring services. The first is for the local income tax bond anticipation notes of 2019, 2020 and 2011 water/sewer project. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the engagement letter. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Commissioner Uitts voted Nay. Motion carried 2-1.

Commissioner Brewer presented the second engagement letter for Baker Tilly for the Economic Development Income Tax Lease Rental Refunding Bonds of 2017. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Commissioner Uitts voted Nay. Motion carried 2-1.

Commissioner Brewer presented the Envoy change order for the relocation of the power poles for \$15,857.99 for removing and construction of the power poles. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the change order, Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer presented a request for sign placement for 5 days from the New Beginning Ministry for a pork chop dinner. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the sign placement on the South East corner of the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Rodney Wann reported they have a new hire for food inspector. He is currently advertising for the Environmental Health position. He has interviews set up at the end of the week and next week. He was notified by the State Department of Health that they had money left over from COVID. They selected only certain counties in the state to receive the carry over money and Clinton County Health Department is one of those. They offered \$39,000 to do supplemental immunization services. He would like approval to spend about \$4,500 that he had left over to expedite the changeover of the fluorescent lights on their side of the building. Commissioners approved. Rodney will take it to the council for approval.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver reported he met with FEMA and received direction on how to apply for FEMA aid. His understanding is that the Commissioners did not need to make a declaration of disaster for the storm damage. He was disappointed to find out they only had a week to fill out about 20 pages of paperwork. Todd Corrie stated that they would be able to use their own spreadsheets to turn into FEMA. All of the county entities will qualify to receive 75% of the total cost of damages.

Commissioner Weaver stated he has been working with Document Mountain in regards to digitalization of our records. He anticipates maybe sometime in May making a formal presentation to both the commissioners and council.

Commissioner Brewer stated that with that declaration of disaster, it opened it up for citizens as well, for homeowners, commercial business affected are not applicable but they can go to FEMA.gov to apply.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Friday claims dated April 7, 2023 in the amount of \$62,472.71
- Friday claims dated April 14, 2023 in the amount of \$69,264.80
- Bi-weekly claims dated April 18, 2023 in the amount of \$323,562.76
- Court claims dated April 18, 2023 in the amount of \$47,645.96

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated March 24, 2023 in the amount of \$471,645.96

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated April 3, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE NEXT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Commissioner Brewer announced the next commissioner meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2023 at the Airport.


Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:56 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY




Jordan Brewer, President

Josh Uitts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

