

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 7, 2024

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on August 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Meeting Room, at 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

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

PRESENT

Jordan Brewer

Bert Weaver

ABSENT

Josh Uitts

Others in attendance were Rick Campbell, Rodney Wann, Brett Barton, Liz Stitzel, Stephanie Harshbarger, Renee Crick, Dan Sheets, Carol Price, Rich Kelly, Nancy Ward, Grace Gouveia, 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

Todd Vostry made comments regarding the lack of upkeep and maintenance of the solar farm area. He stated there is a solar panel laying on the ground. There are 4 foot tall weeds along the chain link fence.

Liz Stitzel addressed Mr. Vostry's concerns by saying there seems to be some confusion between Invenergy and the utility as to who is doing what. She can send letters and tag, but we could also modify the tall grass ordinance and have the county mow and place liens on the land owners.

Commissioner Weaver stated he reached out to their senior management last week to set up a meeting to discuss and show them what is going on.

Commissioner Brewer and Weaver agree that amending the ordinance would create more flexibility so things can be done quicker. Liz will work with Tom Little on amending the ordinance.

IN THE MATTER OF DRAINAGE PROJECT LOAN-RESOLUTION 2024-05

Dan Sheets presented Resolution 2024-05 that allows him to borrow \$407,000 for the Lawshaw/Leibenguth drainage project. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Resolution 2024-05 and for Commissioner Brewer to sign. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH HIRE

Renee Crick reported that they will be ready to advertise hiring two people in the next month. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve hiring two people. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF VOTING PANEL BIDS

Tom Little opened the only bid received from Microvote for \$182,000 for 65 voting panels. Stephanie Harshbarger stated since there is only one bid she would like the commissioners to approve the Microvote bid. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Microvote bid. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF TB NURSE WORK HOURS

Rodney Wann reported the TB Nurse has completed her state training and would like to bump her hours from 32 to 35 per week. He will need to go to council to cover those hours. Commissioner Brewer stated he would like to hold off until the budgets for 2025 instead of changing it mid year. Rodney stated she is already having to juggle hours to keep under the 35.

Britt Ostler asked how many TB cases do we have in Clinton County. Dana Longenecker stated there are zero active cases presently but she has 11 new latent TB cases in the last month. We have an increase of immigration and one of the requirements are TB blood tests and once identified they will need to start them on the regimen. She's having to leave on Fridays to offset all the time that she's putting in on weekends and afterhours. Commissioner Brewer said he would like to see how it goes in the next few months to see if the workload warrants the hours to be increased.

Rodney Wann would also like to fill the vacant food inspector position. Commissioners approve of filling the vacant position.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported the roundabout is complete, and the final meeting is next week. On 830 east between 100 North and 200 North the box culvert is in and the road is open. Milestone is working on the roads around the solar farm. The traffic count is being done on 100 North. He will be putting up no through truck signs on each end. and the traffic study for 0 and 425 North is being conducted to put up a 4 way stop. Rick talked with Jackson farm on 700 South about helping pay for the paving in front of the farm and he's still waiting on their reply. They offered \$10-15,000. He plans on paving Monday if he can get their confirmation. They have three of their new trucks and are still waiting on three more.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported they posted a notice of condemnation for the house on SR 26. A neighbor would like to purchase the house on tax sale, and she has confirmed it is supposed to be on tax sale this year. It takes a year to take possession of the property. The neighbor hopes to purchase the property and tear it down at his own expense. The commissioners will wait until after the tax sale to make a decision.

Liz stated they posted a tall grass notice on the unsafe structure in Forest again.

They are close to having dedication paperwork ready for Turtle Hill.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Envoy pay apps for \$2,266,390.01 and \$2,623,068.95. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Jackie Cauffman presented the quarterly report for approval. She has sent Kelly the expenses broken down by category. Commissioner Brewer stated Kelly is no longer at the county and we have no one in that position now. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Paul Phillippe quarterly report voucher. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer presented the new agreement for EMS billing services with Accumed that has merged with another company, the agreement is with the other company. This will save roughly \$17,000 a year. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the agreement. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Brewer presented the paramedic student clinical site contracts for Cass County and Avon. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve these contracts. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Brewer presented the 2025 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the holiday schedule for 2025. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated Jane Pauley Community Health Center has asked the county for a letter of support to be the new mental health provider in Clinton County. Commissioner Weaver motioned to send a letter of support to Jane Pauley Community Health Center. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff Kelly reported they hired two merit deputies and they still have one open position. He would like approval to start a new hiring process in September so they will have a pool of applicants to pull from. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the new hiring process to create a pool of applicants. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated they had conversations about vehicles and sent Sheriff Kelly a plan for review. Sheriff Kelly stated he talked to Chief Deputy Mayfield and he hasn't finalized the plan, but looked at it initially and that will be fine. Commissioner Brewer stated to let them know because if they can do this plan it will bump up the vehicle purchase up to 7 from 4.

Brett Barton reported he spoke with the landlord about the roofing quote and he was not happy. He had the state come in and check for mold since there is a high potential for mold. There was a high level of CO2 that they would occasionally open the door to vent out. He spoke with the mayor about a building here in town. She was intrigued with his proposal and wanted to talk with her advisors. Commissioner Brewer asked if the landlord was going to get a second quote. Brett said he didn't know and hopes he reaches out to someone else. Commissioner Brewer stated he also talked with the mayor and thought it was a real possibility.

Renee Crick reported that the consoles are in and somewhat back to normal. She has called Leo to finish the trim and will be getting pictures out. When they are completely finished she will send an email to the commissioners, council and town boards to come see it. She stated one of the monitors for the courthouse finally quit working so they switched the courthouse cameras to another monitor. She thinks that after 14 years the other monitors will start to have issues as well and will need to figure something out with those.

Rodney Wann stated that he and Tom had worked on the contract and wanted to know where we are on it. Commissioner Brewer stated he and Tom needed to work on a couple details and would get back with him.

Tim Elston asked for approval to get his computer replacements ordered for this year. Office licensing will be about \$9,800 and the towers will be about \$27,000. These are in our 2024 budget. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the purchase of both. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver stated the roundabout is about 99% complete. We need to get together and determine what dates we want to give them that are the exceeded date program. They have suggested the 25th because that's when it was fully operational or the 28th. There is a pre close out date next Wednesday. He has a meeting with the solar farm to discuss the issues.

Commissioner Brewer thanked Councilor Carol Price for organizing a visit with Senator Braun to visit Trinity Hope Center and learning about some of the health initiatives and the public health work and the opioid settlement and how it's being distributed and many other organizations that help our community. Senator Braun left very impressed with all the work that's being done in Clinton County. As he was there on behalf of his campaign for running for governor he was looking at how we get Indiana from being 46 or 47 in the nation in health to move up that ladder. Commissioner Brewer stated they could provide the blueprint but it's the people that make the difference. He is proud of the individuals contributing to these programs and thanked them.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

Friday claims dated July 19, 2024 in the amount of \$5,487.84
Friday claims dated July 26, 2024 in the amount of \$133,393.43
Friday claims dated August 2, 2024 in the amount of \$27,870.23
Bi-weekly claims dated August 2, 2024 in the amount of \$1,057,810.60
Court claims dated August 2, 2024 in the amount of \$21,237.60

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

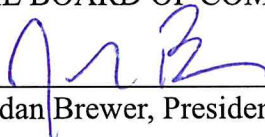
Payroll dated July 12, 2024 in the amount of \$541,941.02
Payroll dated July 26, 2024 in the amount of \$543,954.96

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated July 2, 2024, and July 16, 2024 seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Motion carried 2-0.


Next meeting will be held on August 20th. Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brewer at 9:54a.m. Motion carried 2-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President

Josh Uitts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

