

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 9, 2023

10:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on August 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 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

Josh Uitts

Bert Weaver

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Rick Campbell, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Brett Barton, Rodney Wann, Liz Stitzel, Britt Ostler, Tammy Sander, Renee Crick, Stephanie Harshbarger, Nancy Ward, Joe Mink, 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

Linda Miller expressed concerns over the upkeep of the retention pond behind her house on Maish Road. She stated there is lots of scum and she is concerned about West Nile. She would like to have someone look at it and possibly have aerators put in it. Commissioner Uitts stated he had looked at it the day he talked to her on the phone and agrees it has a large amount of growth and has been exacerbated by the lack of rain. The bank needs to be cleaned up and they would consider it as part of the drainage board. It has been tested in the past for West Nile and can be tested again.

Rodney stated the health department can put it on their list to go evaluate the retention pond.

IN THE MATTER OF E-POLL PADS

Stephanie Harshbarger stated the Election Board recently purchased new Election iPads and would like to dispose of the old Election iPads. If approved by the commissioners, the General Manager of Microvote will come and take the iPads and take them to Indianapolis and watch them be destroyed. There is no cost to the county. Commissioner Weaver motioned to have the old Election iPads destroyed. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF JUDGMENT AGREEMENT

Les Bergum presented a summary judgment for the amount of \$130,382.96 and stated he needed a motion to file a response to the summary judgment on behalf of Clinton County EMS for a junior lien for the amount of \$1,277.00 plus interest. Commissioner Uitts motioned for Les to respond on the county's behalf. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF VACATION OF ALLEY IN CAMBRIA-ORDINANCE 2023-05

Phillip Triplett presented a petition to vacate alleys in Cambria. Area Plan supports the vacation of alleys. Commissioner Weaver motioned to vacation the alleys and adopt Ordinance 2023-05. Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ROUNDABOUT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #2

Chris Wheatley presented supplemental agreement #2 for the intersection improvements of State Rd 28 and 800 W. The agreement increases the not-to-exceed amount from \$683,720.00 to \$789,867.00. Commissioner Brewer stated these numbers are not changing from the total project that was approved, they are just now bringing the supplement. There will be two change orders in the future that are deductions that are due to not having to relocate the water main. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the BF&S supplemental agreement #2. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported the house on Michigantown Road has not moved forward with providing a bond and getting a permit nor shown he has space for a septic. Liz will reach out to him one more time this week.

The house on Farmers Gravel Road was torn down but the garage remains and the grass is not being maintained. Commissioners agree to cite for tall grass. Commissioner Brewer questioned why they didn't tear down the attached garage, and asked to see the quote. He recommended citing both grass and the remaining structure.

Liz reported that a house located at 9472 E CR 600 N in Forest was cited back in 2018 as an unsafe structure. Since then Michael Moore pulled a permit to repair and was given a timeline. He did make repairs to the roof and the exterior but did not bring the house into a habitable condition or get past a rough-in inspection. He did renew his permit in 2020. He was told by her staff that if he didn't make progress with the board of health regarding the septic review by this meeting, it would be brought up for discussion of condemnation.

Jon Cole, the neighbor of Michael Moore presented pictures of the property. He stated that it has always been in disrepair and has not had a well and septic for awhile. He stated that Mr. Moore does not complete any of the projects. He is living in a camper and putting buckets of feces by his property line.

Rodney Wann stated he has spoken to Mr. Moore on a few occasions and told him to cease and desist from dumping feces. Mr. Moore refuses to comply. They cannot prove that Mr. Moore lives on the property and the property is not in his name because he has not filed paperwork with the Recorder's office. Commissioners will give Mr. Moore the opportunity to appear at the next meeting before voting on condemnation.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported he has talked to FEMA regarding the tornado damage, and they will be giving the county a \$6,679.00 check. Central Paving made their pug mix and they have been paving 400 South from 1100 to 421. He would like to pave Michigantown Road with the community crossings grant next year. Commissioners will take it under consideration.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the bridge repair quotes from CivilCon for \$98,417 for CR 800 W, and \$121,078 for CR 830 E. This will come out of Cum Bridge fund. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the Paul Phillippe quarterly report. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer read the quotes to replace the Chiller/Furnace at the Probation office.

TL Myers	\$9,486.33-has state registration documents
Ontime Heating	\$10,800-no state registration documents
Jim's Heating/Cooling	\$17,764.93-has state registration documents
ICU Mechanical	\$21,096.45-no state registrations documents

Albaugh heating/cooling-Quote has withdrawn their quote.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to accept TL Myers' quote. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer presented the annual maintenance contracts for the chiller/boiler from QPH. The chiller contract amount is \$3,252.50; Boiler contract amount is \$1,790.00. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the annual contract agreements with QPH. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to adopt the new employee handbook. Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. There will be a meeting with HR and Department Heads at 11:30 to roll out the new handbook.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Brett Barton discussed how the county interpreter is compensated. Originally it was to be paid through Circuit Court until that line item was exhausted. Then paid through Superior Court until that was depleted. Then Community Corrections would take over the rest of the year and transfer funds, which they found out that is not possible. He had to create a line item in his 100 series to compensate her. Since the interpreter is his wife he wanted to be fully transparent in what is happening and to sign any conflict of interest if necessary.

Commissioner Brewer stated he did not believe there is a conflict because she falls under the commissioners direct supervision. He stated they will talk with HR later that day to see what they need to do if anything.

Sheriff Kelly stated he will provide a list of vehicles in the next week. The last 7 of the Tahoes will be delivered sometime this month. They have 6-8 vehicles that will be traded in or for use in other areas of the county.

They will need to replace a dryer at the facility. They also had some drainage issues and had to have it cleaned out.

Renee Crick reported she lost a shift supervisor that became a sheriff deputy, She promoted Rachel Sanson.

Rodney Wann reported he already talked to the council regarding hiring a STI Coordinator contractually. After developing the program they realized there is more oversight that is needed than originally thought. He would like to have that employee as a part-time hourly position. He invited the commissioners to the August 26th seminar exercise event located at the new police station.

Steven Deckard presented an Interlocal Agreement between EMS, City and Fire Department. Commissioner Brewer stated he would like to read it before voting. They will table until the next meeting. For the paramedic program, they were approved with their LSSR. The final thing will be a site visit scheduled for September 27th. After this it will be approximately 3 months for recruitment, and they will start January 1, 2024 with the 15 month program.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver reported that he will be having a meeting with the Humane Society and the City.

Commissioner Brewer reported that they received communication on the next opioid settlement for restricted funds of \$25,062.55 and unrestricted funds of \$7,909.01.

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 July 21, 2023 in the amount of \$33,485.49
- Friday claims dated July 28, 2023 in the amount of \$48,905.72
- Friday claims dated August 4, 2023 in the amount of \$4,950.65
- Bi-weekly claims dated August 7, 2023 in the amount of \$1,243,643.82
- Court claims dated August 7, 2023 in the amount of \$50,162.12

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated July 14, 2023 in the amount of \$500,206.89

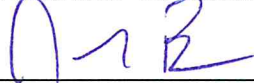
IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated July 17, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Commissioner Weaver abstained. Motion carried 2-0.

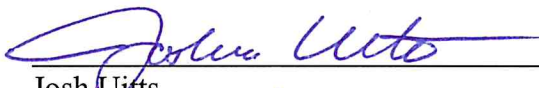
Next meeting will be August 22, 2023.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Uitts at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

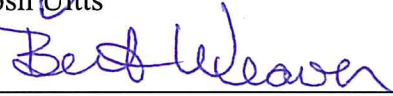
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