

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 22, 2023

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on August 22, 2023 at 9:00 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, Rodney Wann, Dr. Tharp, Dan Sheets, Renee Crick, Brett Barton, Steven Deckard, 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 AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported there is a house on 500 N. by the solar farm that continues to have issues with weed control. Liz talked to Invenergy and they said they would get someone over there to mow.

Liz stated there is a property on 130 W in Ag district with a weed and tall vegetation complaint. There is also junk and debris on the property. The commissioners decline to cite the property until they see better pictorial evidence than what was presented.

There still has not been anything filed with the Health Department in regards to getting a septic at 9472 E CR 600 N Forest. There is also a roll of fence in the county right of way. Area Plan has asked him to remove the item since June but it continues to remain. Dan Sheets stated they received the complaint on Friday and went out to investigate and it still remains in the ROW.

Michael Moore, owner of the property in Forest listed items that have been repaired in the home. He stated he will remove the fence that he had in the ROW to prevent the neighbor from parking there. He thought the county ROW was a parking spot because it was gravel. Commissioner Brewer stated it doesn't matter if it's grass or gravel it belongs to the county. He said he can't move forward without a building permit. Liz stated they can issue a building permit after he gets a septic permit. Rodney stated they have been in contact with Michael and given him information on upgrading the septic system. Michael stated he never got a firm answer that he would be able to get a building permit if he put the money into a septic system. Liz stated that Kat has told him multiple times that if he got the septic permit they would issue the building permit. Commissioner Weaver motioned to give Michael Moore 30 days to file for the septic permit. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Brewer stated it would actually be October 2nd before it comes back before the board.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported they are still paving on 400 S. and should be done today. The paver broke down last week and had to be repaired. They are going to back off a little due to the heat. Rick presented the LPA contract for bridge 115 for the commissioners to sign. Commissioners already approved just need to sign.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to sign the LPA agreement, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Rick stated they are getting a check from FEMA for \$4,970 which is less than what he reported in the previous meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Maguire Iron Pay App #17 in the amount of \$56,346.

Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0. They came in \$23,000 under budget. Commissioner Uitts stated they should utilize those funds by putting lights on the water tower so it can be seen at night. He will look into it.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Clinton County EMS with the City of Frankfort, Indiana Fire Department. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer presented the ADA Consultant contract with INTAC. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the contract, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Resolution 2023-03, which is accepting the state public health funding. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Dr. Tharp stated that this all began when the Governor's task force looked at the entire state of Indiana and noted we were 49th out of 50 states as far as our funding for public health. As a result they came up with a proposal for increasing the funding for public health services and staffing. Rodney Wann stated this will allow us to hire two new full-time nurses, one to focus on Tuberculosis and treatment, and the other Lead.

Dan Sheets spoke in regards to Resolution 2023-04 which authorizes the county commissioners to sign a note on behalf of the Clinton County Drainage Board in the amount of \$284,699.07. with an interest rate of 3.5%. This is for the Price-Blackburn 2 mile drainage project. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Resolution 2023-04. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Weaver stated he would like to add the Hot Dog Festival as a holiday going forward. Commissioner Brewer stated they can have a conversation about having that day off at a later date, but prefers not to have it on the holiday schedule.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the sign placement request from New Beginning Ministries for the pork chop dinner on September 23rd. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Brett Barton stated he had the conflict of interest paperwork for the county translator. Tom Little stated he didn't think it was necessary to sign since the position falls under the commissioners. Commissioner Brewer stated he wanted a copy of the conflict of interest to look at before they sign it. He will talk to Judge Mohler.

Rodney Wann stated he sent Commissioner Brewer and Tom Little the revised software service agreement for their third party billing. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the agreement. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Rodney stated he received a grant for immunizations and would like approval to hire a contractual nurse to help with back to school events. Commissioners approve. He would also like approval to get quotes to install a flagpole. Commissioners approve.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver met with the Humane Society Board and they are working through some issues. The City of Frankfort has agreed to move forward with increasing their funding. They are reworking the lease agreement and will have future meetings.

He stated they are receiving complaints about people not being able to get into Howard Community Behavioral Health Services. Howard Community is asking people to drive to Tipton to renew their prescriptions. He would like to work with Carol Price and address these issues with Howard Community to make things a little better. Commissioner Uitts stated it may be time to look at somebody else for this service.

Commissioner Brewer stated we adopted our handbook on August 9th but the front page said August 7th, but due to a power outage on the 7th we were unable to have our meeting as scheduled. They have received some suggestions and they will sort through them and make some amendments to the handbook.

Commissioner Brewer stated the bond on the Annex building will close on the 24th with a 2.4 million dollar savings versus what was projected in February. They were able to obtain a better interest rate and also by having that higher grade from the Standard of Poor's, they were able to obtain insurance which also saved on the bond.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

Friday claims dated August 11, 2023 in the amount of \$51,370.73
Friday claims dated August 18, 2023 in the amount of \$1,648.42
Bi-weekly claims dated August 22, 2023 in the amount of \$901,861.71
Court claims dated August 22, 2023 in the amount of \$17,347.92
Healthy Communities matching grant dated August 10, 2023 in the amount of \$20,000
Ladd-Blackburn Project dated August 8, 2023 in the amount of 298,000.60

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated July 28, 2023 in the amount of \$510,685.84

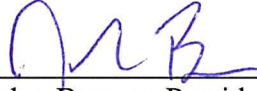
IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated August 9, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.


Next Meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2023

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Uitts at 9:49 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.


THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President



Josh Uitts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

