

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 6, 2022

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on December 6, 2022 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 Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Rick Campbell, Shawn Mayfield, Stephen Miller, Rodney Wann, Dr. Stephen Tharp, Brett Barton, Liz Stitzel, Caren Crum, Steven Deckard, 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 PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE CONTRACT RENEWAL

Caren Crum presented the 2023 Extension Contractual Services Agreement for \$194,380.00 to the commissioners for approval and signature. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the agreement, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF IU HEALTH CONTRACT

Steven Deckard presented the IU Health Supervising Hospital Agreement, Service and Pharmaceutical Agreement, and Transportation Services Agreement to the commissioners for approval and signature. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the agreements, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY HOWARD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FRANKFORT CLINIC

George Hurd, Vice President for Behavioral Health and Community Health Network gave a business performance update to the commissioners for the operations at the Frankfort clinic. George stated they will be working towards adjustments in the service. They are in the process of providing notice of vacating from the current location that requires a year in advance notice. They will be looking for a new location. They will continue to provide services either by telephone, virtually or at home. They will continue to provide services in different ways but transitioning away from the clinic services. Their lease will end in November 2023, and there will be a gap where there will not be a physical location in Frankfort. The plan will be to establish a new physical location again.

Dr. Bordeau stated this is completely a bricks and mortar issue and they are not eliminating any staff and will continue to provide services in this transition period.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported they are continuing to work on the issue with the house in Antioch, and she did not have any new issues to report.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY PLAN

Rich Campbell presented a utility reimbursement agreement for Bridge #55 to be signed by the Commissioners and Auditor. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 3-0. Rick stated they are still hauling stone and patching.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY MATERIAL BIDS

Rich Campbell discussed the increase in price of the highway materials. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve all the highway material bids for Rick to choose from, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the Paul Phillippe Quarterly Grant Report, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer gave an update for the water tank and booster station. The initial substantial completion date was for the end of 2022. Maguire Iron would like to extend the date to 4/30/2023 due to delays with the emergency generator from the generator manufacturer. Frankfort Municipal Utilities has concerns of potential freezing of the booster station components due to the lack of backup power; it was determined to wait until the spring of 2023 for start-up of the system, thus requiring the substantial completion date to be extended. There is no additional cost associated with this change order. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the change order, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Tharp stated as the current Health Officer he has concerns on how the Health Officers are chosen and are educated for the position. The system is antiquated and has been reviewed by the Governor's Public Health Commission and they are making recommendations for state wide changes. He was impressed that we have a physician in our community who is interested in becoming the Health Officer. He believes this proposal is a very good way to move forward and ensure that we have people in the community that are available and appropriate for this position. After meeting with their Board they agreed to submit the proposal to add an assistant or deputy Health Officer that would allow someone to be properly trained. Dr. Pearson would take the Health officer position and Dr. Tharp would become the assistant so that he could train and mentor Dr. Pearson for the position.

Commissioner Brewer stated that this resolution would appoint Dr. Pearson as the new Health Officer and Dr. Tharp would be the Assistant Health Officer to begin January 1, 2023. There would also be a position on the board to fill since Dr. Pearson would be transitioning out of that position into the Health Officer position. Commissioner Weaver motion to approve Resolution 2022-10, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Renee Crick reported she held a meeting with Laramie Volunteer Fire Department members to discuss moving forward with fire coverage for Washington Twp. They invited Steven Deckard as EMS director, Captain Myers at the Sheriff's office, and Chief Stidham from Frankfort Fire. They are getting their guidelines and policies in place and had a good meeting. Renee stated that Chief Stidham will have a meeting on their coverage and provide her with maps to get to her mapping vendor. Change will happen January 1, 2023. There will be no additional expense to her department.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer stated they have received a judgement for funds that are owed to the EMS department for roughly \$1300. There is conflict between Attorney Tom Little and the people that owe the money. For the county to be a part of the lawsuit to collect we need to engage with Les Bergum, Ryan Moore, Cook, Triplet, and Albertson LLC. The exact amount is \$1,277.33. The reason the county is a part of this is because there is a bank in New York going after other assets and this is part of the liability claim. Tom stated it was a full closure action that the bank brought against the property. He asked Les Bergum to do this for \$500.00 or less. Commissioner Uitts motioned to engage Les Bergum for the judgement claim not to exceed \$500.00 in attorney fees. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer announced there will be a farewell celebration for the Clerk Rhea Harris for December 7th on the second floor of the courthouse.

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 December 2, 2022 in the amount of \$235,055.59

Bi-weekly claims dated December 6, 2022 in the amount of \$396,610.22

Court claims dated December 6, 2022 in the amount of \$28,365.92

Claim dated November 21, 2022 in the amount of \$45,000

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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


Payroll dated November 18, 2022 in the amount of \$461,470.83

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES


Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated November 21, 2022 Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve a Special Meeting dated November 10, 2022 seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Commissioner Brewer abstained. Motion carried 2-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Uitts at 9:43 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President

Josh Uitts


Bert Weaver

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

