

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 7, 2023

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on February 7, 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 Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Rick Campbell, Renee Crick, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Tammy Sander, Carol Price, Jada Ray, Shan Sheridan, Brett Barton, Rodney Wann, Chris Overman, 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 HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported that their new clerk is working out well. They plowed snow for 3 days last week and the heavy wet snow was tough on the guys and equipment. They have several trucks down. They have ordered more salt.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY HOWARD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UPDATE

Danielle Majors gave an annual report for Community Howard Regional Health, she reported they served 680 patients, 56% were medicaid patients. They will be going to more of a community based service and can continue to serve patients by going into their homes. They are working with their current patient population to ensure they have a plan of care for them as Community Howard leaves their physical clinic and transitions into home base care. They will be leaving their physical location on February 28, 2023.

Commissioner Weaver stated he has had several calls that people have indicated they don't know where and how to reach them, and asked if they have contacted their patients. Danielle stated after they had talked to the commissioners they had contacted all their patients and they are all aware of what is taking place. They will try to do more media to make sure the general public is informed. People can call the access number; it is the same access number and isn't changing. They are looking for a landing zone for their caregivers and a place to meet patients that don't want them coming to their home. They are working on a contract now and will provide more information when it's available.

Dr. Allison Bordeau stated they provide intensive outpatient treatment and refer to their clinics. They also do some virtual services. In person would be at one of their Tipton or Kokomo clinics.

George Hurd explained that a lot of their funding comes from medicaid/medicare patients. The rates these pay for a unit of service has not adjusted since the mid 1990's. Commissioner Brewer wanted to clarify that the county rate that is supplied to them has increased every year and there may have been some confusion from statements made the last time they were there..

IN THE MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH YEAR END REPORT

Renee Crick provided the end of year statistics report for 2022 to the commissioners. They received 34,309 calls, an increase of 1.9% from 2021. They received their MEVO to go kits in case they are required to evacuate the building. The average call is approximately one minute.

IN THE MATTER OF ROUNDABOUT PROJECT BIDS

Tom Little opened of the Roundabout Project Bids and they are as follows:

White Construction: \$5,636,000.00

Milestone Contractors, LP \$4,807,725.00

Commissioner Weaver motioned to take the bids under advisement, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The bids will be available for anyone to review.

IN THE MATTER OF SR 28/800 WEST APPRAISALS

Ron Francis presented the appraisals for parcels 1 and 3 for review and signature. Parcel 2 is still being looked at. Commissioners Brewer stated the first appraisal is for Wayne R Doke property for \$19,900, and the second is for Preferred Holdings of Indianapolis North, LLC for \$4,000. Commissioner Weaver motioned to accept the appraisals as presented. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel presented the commissioners with an update of unsafe structures, they are as follows:

426 S County Rd 450 W-Kat plans to call the owner again if demo has not begun by 2/7/2023

Recommendation: Allow time to see the property changes hands and tear down begins, if not then start more aggressive fines and move to condemn and budget to remove structure.

8989 E Oak St.-Six plus old case. Multiple letters have been sent. The owner is deceased, but another individual has paid taxes and shown interest in the property. It appears someone is squatting in the house. No actions have been taken by the commissioners.

Recommendation: Fines or condemnation is advisable since the owner has passed. Objection is likely due to someone squatting in the house.

3330 E Michigantown Rd.-Three plus year case. Commissioners last action: Allow a new permit to remodel the house and repair the issues if an Engineer approved the plan and 125% of the estimated cost of repair was bonded. Recommendation: Allow repair with a permit and bond. If requirements are not met for obtaining a permit then condemn and remove.

9333 E County Rd 600 N-Inspection was done and repairs were needed. Forest Post office repairs were completed. Liz expects this should come off the list.

2360 W Farmers Gravel Rd-Multiple letters have been sent. Owner has asked for more time to sell or tear down, but has made no move to do so. Commissioner's last action: moved to condemn, giving 10 days to remove. A representative for the owner presented two bids for the demo of the property, and asked for 30 days. The commissioners will wait until their first meeting in March if no action has taken place by then.

The commissioners will take the recommendations for the unsafe structures under advisement.

Liz and the commissioners discussed the condition, lack of maintenance, and the possibility of demolition of the silos at the Manson Elevator. Commissioner Brewer stated that there needs to be a clear definition of the property lines and to get a verification.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer stated that there was close to \$142,000 requested for the Community Service Grant Award funds, and the county was only allocated \$107,500 for this fund. After consideration by the commissioners the following programs were awarded:

Coach Kids	\$7,500	
Sharp Program	\$10,000	
Paul Phillippe	\$15,000	(Transportation)
The Crossings School	\$35,000	
Healthy Communities	\$20,000	
Learning Network	\$9,000	
Boys/Girls Club	\$11,000	

Commissioner Weaver motioned to allocate the \$107,500 as presented, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer presented the Paul Phillippe quarterly report. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the quarterly report grant application and have the president sign. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer presented the At&t Centrex Contract. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the contract, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated there is an appointment that needs to be filled on the Building Corporation, and nominated Larry Price. Commissioner Weaver motioned to accept the nomination, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer presented the Gibson software assurance proposal for software updates and maintenance of our phone system. The quotes are for \$255.48, and \$2,219.86. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve proposals, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Renee Crick stated she forwarded the Motorola contract to commissioners for review. The total is \$150,454.00, and the council is aware she will be asking for additional. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Motorola contract, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Renee stated the air handler issue that she thought was resolved is now worse. There was discussion about the need to repair versus replacing the air handler. Commissioners asked to have QPH take a more thorough look at it and to get quotes for a couple options.

Jada Ray reported she has had an employee leave and asked that she may fill that position. Commissioners approve her posting that position.

Brett Barton asked for approval to use the old Regions building for training exercises. Commissioners approve and Commissioner Weaver stated that they should stay out of the basement because of mold issues.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver stated he will be looking into old ordinances regarding mailboxes that are damaged.

Commissioner Uitts stated that he has successfully made contact with a mowing contractor. His name is Payton Douglass. Commissioner Weaver motioned to move forward with accepting Payton Douglass as the county mowing contractor. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated last Friday he was able to represent the county in front of the Indiana Commission to combat substance abuse disorder. Mayor Sheets, Council President Alan Dunn, Lorra Archibald, and himself went and made a presentation in front of this commission on how they have worked as a community for our opioid settlement funds. They are having a lot of communities around the state that haven't done anything with the funds they received.

Commissioner Brewer stated they have been working on development of Banderas Point on I-65 and SR 28. This is Don Good's development for an event center for entertainment and social activities. This will be a 30 million dollar investment for that project which will coincide with our roundabout project. They are continuing to build off the infrastructure that was put in place out there, and will eventually have hotels and restaurants.

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 January 20, 2023 in the amount of \$40,495.09
Friday claims dated January 27, 2023 in the amount of \$45,535.99
Friday claims dated February 3, 2023 in the amount of \$55,565.13
Bi-weekly claims dated February 7, 2023 in the amount of \$434,275.75
Court claims dated February 7, 2023 in the amount of \$33,709.12

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

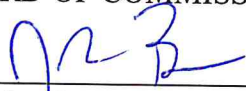
Payroll dated January 13, 2023 in the amount of \$481,838.37

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated January 18, 2023, and joint executive session minutes dated January 18, 2023 seconded by Commissioner Uitts. Motion carried 3-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Uitts 10:03 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

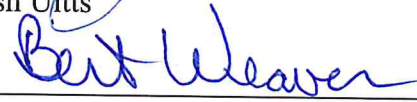
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President



Josh Uitts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor