

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 7, 2024

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on February 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
Josh Uitts
Bert Weaver

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Judge Brad Mohler, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Ed Cripe, Grace Gouveia, Chris Overman, Mike Waldron, Beth Keeney, Gina Bretnacher, Kiale Mitchell, Renee Crick, Kelly Moore, Rick Campbell, Rodney Wann, 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

Sally McGill read a statement opposing the potential solar farm.

IN THE MATTER OF FILLING A VACANT COURT REPORTER POSITION

Judge Mohler requested approval to fill a vacant court reporter position. Commissioner Uitts motioned to fill the existing position. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated that he and Judge Mohler had a meeting regarding the Courthouse and Annex building security. About 10 years ago they had a Courthouse security committee that hasn't been active for awhile and they will be revitalizing this committee with a commissioner, councilman, the two judges, prosecutor, sheriff, and EMA as the 7 members of this committee.

IN THE MATTER OF PART-TIME DEPUTY RECORDER JOB DESCRIPTION

Beth Keeney asked for approval to hire a part-time person to fill in while another employee is on maternity leave and times when they need a little extra help. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the job description and to hire the new part-time employee. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Beth stated she would like to restore plat book 1 that has mold and mildew in it, and pieces falling out of it. They have a quote for \$3,340, and she has the funds in her recorder perpetuation fund to pay for it. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the contract with Kofile for the restoration of Plat book 1. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF MID-AMERICA MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Chris Overman reported that he negotiated a contract with Mid-America Elevator, and saved \$950 off the original contract and asked for approval for the contract that has a 3 year auto renewal and a 5% increase cap. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the contract, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chris presented an estimate from Aaron Flooring for carpet for \$2,114.50 to replace carpet in a sitting room and a residents room they haven't been able to rent out. Commissioners approved.

Chris stated that all donations go to a residence fund and he spent those funds on things the residents would appreciate such as leather recliners from Lehmans, and purchased metal rockers from Menards for the front porch. They also replaced old gym equipment with a new elliptical and two exercise bikes. He was also able to purchase new linens, blankets and mattresses for the residents.

IN THE MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH 2023 YEAR END REPORT

Renee Crick gave the Central Dispatch 2023 year end report, stating they had 34,173 calls for service, which is less than a 1% decrease from 2022. They utilize a program called ECats that is paid for by the Indiana Statewide 911 Board to track calls. In December they were able to finish the installation of their two radio positions at the Frankfort Police Department. The full report is available upon request.

Renee presented a quote from QPH for a preventive maintenance agreement for the air handler in the amount of \$2,100. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the QPH Maintenance Agreement. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Renee reported they had mandatory training at FPD for the backup dispatch and trained on setting up the MEVO kits. She activated the tornado sirens from FPD to make sure they worked. They visited Hancock County's dispatch because they have the same consoles that our dispatch will be getting. She has been working on the communications PACE plan, and all public safety department heads have been invited for Thursday night's meeting. She has prepared a plan for the eclipse on April 8th that will also be discussed at the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported they have a junk and debris case they have been dealing with for a long time that has been through the courts and still not resolved. They have posted notice under the section of the ordinance that requires clean up of the items. The landowner is aware that it is a different process and the deadline will come between now and the next meeting. She will be bringing more details and pictures at the next meeting.

Liz inquired about having a county mower in place before spring. Jerri Sexton stated she has talked to Payton from Platinum Landscaping and he has offered to continue this year.

Commissioner Brewer inquired about a property in Manson that had burnt down and asked if anyone had turned that in to be cleaned up. Liz has not received any complaints on this property yet.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported they were working on gravel roads. He presented the lease agreement for the front loaders to be signed. This has already been approved and just needs signatures.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Steven Deckard presented the volunteer Fire/EMS Interlocal Agreements with Forest, Kirclin, Colfax, and Rossville increasing the compensation from \$55 to \$80 per run. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve all four of the volunteer Interlocal Agreements that increases compensation to \$80. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Clinton County Community Service Grant Awards

Commissioner Brewer discussed the Community Service Grant Awards stating we had \$162,500 in request and only \$110,000 budgeted for this year. The approved grant recipients will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding before receiving the funds. The following are the approved grants:

The Crossing School	\$35,000	
Healthy Communities	\$20,000	
Paul Phillippe	\$15,000	20% local match
The Learning Network	\$12,000	
Coach Kids	\$8,000	
Sharp Program	\$10,000	
Boys & Girls Club	\$10,000	

We care recovery had requested \$15,000, but this request seemed more applicable to the opioid settlement fund. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the community service grant awards as listed pending the MOU's are signed prior to receiving funds. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Paul Phillippe

A spokesperson from Paul Phillippe stated they have to have a 20% match for their vehicle purchase and the cost of the vehicles have doubled this year. They are requesting half of the total purchase price. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the local match for Paul Phillippe public transportation partnership between Clinton County Government, Federal Government and Indiana Department of Transportation and Paul Phillippe. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Envoy

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Envoy Courthouse invoice in the amount of \$6,741.12 and Annex invoice for \$9,200. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IU Health Care Service Agreement

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the service agreement with IU Health Care regarding the public employee health clinic pending changes to the notice for renewal or termination. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Compensation

Commissioner Uitts motion to approve Resolution 2024-01. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chamber Elevator Agreement

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the contract service agreement to contribute \$100,000 to the Chamber for the elevator project. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Conflict of Interest

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the conflict of interest for Christopher Luce who works at EMS but also owns Big Smoke Barbeque and does food catering. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sign Placement

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the sign place request for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Corrections Parking Lease

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the parking lot lease for Community Corrections for one year for \$15 per month. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Grant Manager

Commissioner Brewer introduced Kelly Moore as our new Grant Manager and gave a little background information on her and the newly created position.

Kelly Moore stated she's been in the position for about a month and has been doing a lot of networking and she will be reaching out to department heads to schedule a meeting, and she is here for their support.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ed Cripe reported that since they have opened the morgue they have saved \$50,400. The savings come from not having to transport out to other counties and use their facilities. He stated he is now the Indiana State Coroner Association President.

Sheriff Kelly reported he had another retiree coming up in their maintenance department and needs to post that position. He made a request for one of the commissioners to come by to review some service agreements for new equipment that's coming in. Commissioner Brewer stated he can come in Monday or Tuesday of the next week.

Rich stated that he had some jail vehicles with some issues that need to be replaced in 2024.

Ashley Kelly stated that Terry Richey has agreed to be available in a part-time manner after his retirement if he is needed. They talked about creating a line for this using their custodial line since that person has been off for health issues. Commissioner Brewer stated they would need a job description. Ashley stated they would use the same maintenance job description changing it to a part-time status.

Rich stated they need to discuss the Supervisor job descriptions and the salary ordinance that was sent to the commissioners.

Britt Ostler stated she and the Treasurer would like to create a position that is shared between them. They have worked with HR to mesh both job descriptions together to create one. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the job description creating a new position. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Steven Deckard reported the quote for the motorola radio equipment for the chase vehicle is \$5,004.62 and a \$200 fee for installation. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the quote for the radio for the chase vehicle. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Steven stated he was starting to get frustrated with their current billing company Acumed, and has started to explore alternative options. He has found another company that is a much better fit that charges 5% and Acumed charges 6% which would be a savings over \$10,000 just by making the switch. He is working on getting additional quotes from companies. He will send the current contract to Tom to see if they can get out of it.

Grace Gouveia thanked the commissioners for supporting preservation. She stated she was able to get 6 or 7 books re-covered in January.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver reported that he and Rick spent some time with the solar farm people to give them a heads up on which roads they will help the county repair.

Commissioner Uitts reported he would be sending the other commissioners an ordinance for the establishment of a county cemetery commission. There are 82 cemeteries in Clinton County and 30-35 are not being managed or have been forgotten about. The Sheriff stated they would like to be a part of the commission and inmates can help with the clean-up of the cemeteries.

Commissioner Brewer reported that part of the Hardy Hills Solar Farm went live at the end of December and another portion should go live by the end of Spring. The county will receive our EDA payment by April 27th, in the amount of \$473,000 a year for 10 years. The total investment of the project ended up being closer to \$305 million. Originally it was scheduled to be around \$200-\$250 million. It will be on the tax roll in year 11.

He stated in our Special Meeting last week they selected a new liability/work comp insurance provider for the county. The previous provider had decided to leave the marketplace altogether only giving a 60 day notice during the holidays. We received two quotes and went with Great American, Hamilton and continued with IPEP for the Workmans Comp. Total insurance cost is up about 15% to \$636,457. They did increase our property coverage where we were underinsured. We have budgeted enough for this year so we shouldn't have to ask for additional funds from the council.

Commissioner Brewer gave the Clinton Central girls basketball team a shout out for winning the sectional over the weekend and playing for Regionals the upcoming weekend.

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 January 19, 2024 in the amount of \$8,656.90
Friday claims dated January 26, 2024 in the amount of \$45,538.72
Friday claims dated February 2, 2024 in the amount of \$31,495.06
Bi-weekly claims dated February 7, 2024 in the amount of \$397,999.56
Court claims dated February 7, 2024 in the amount of \$24,037.72
Surplus on February 7, 2024 in the amount of \$15,311.55

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated dated January 12, 2024 in the amount of \$532,974.84

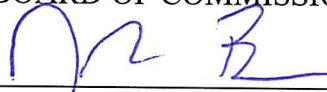
IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Special Meeting minutes dated February 1, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Uitts abstained.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 10:23 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Breyer, President



Josh Uitts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor

