

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 20, 2024

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on February 20, 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 Rick Campbell, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Rodney Wann, Renee Crick, Chris Overman, Liz Stitzel, Britt Ostler, Kelly Moore, 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 HUMANE SOCIETY UPDATE

Cheyenne Taylor, Director of the Humane Society gave a 2023 report. She stated in 2021 total intakes of animals were 621 and total out: 737. In 2022 total in: 653 total out: 737. In 2023 total intakes: 1,215 and total out: 1,192. There are 17 dogs and 52 cats in-house today, and 49 dogs/cats in foster to adopt. Animal Control responded to 563 calls in 2023. They have 3 Animal Control officers on staff now. Commissioner Brewer would like to have a breakdown of city vs county animal control calls. She stated they had their Spay-ghetti fundraising dinner on the 10th. The last few years they have worked concessions at every Colts home game, but it's a 8-10 hour day for them so they sent a few board members to talk with Purdue about working their home games for fundraising.

IN THE MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH VACANT POSITIONS

Renee Crick stated she forgot to request approval to advertise for open positions before posting on Indeed, she was there to request permission to hire 3 people now then come back later to request 3 new positions. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve hiring of 3 people now. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF GRANT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Kelly Moore presented the new Grant Policies and Procedures for the grant process. These will be sent to all the department heads. Commissioner Uitts motioned to adopt the Grant Policies and Procedure process. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported they plowed snow over the weekend and took Monday off. They were getting prepared to haul stone again. He presented two Bridge #21 ROW letters to sign. There is no financial payment for these ROW.

IN THE MATTER OF FOREST PROPERTY DEMOLITION BIDS

At 9:15 Attorney Tom Little opened and read the demo bids for the Forest property located at 9472 E CR 600 N., Forest IN. Bids are as follows:

A & R Home and Garden Plus	\$10,000
Ridenour Excavating, LLC	\$14,000

Commissioner Uitts motioned to take the bids under consideration and make a decision at the next meeting. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel stated Mr. Moore has contacted an attorney and will be submitting paperwork with a proposed plan for compliance. She will forward the paperwork to the commissioners when she receives it.

Mr. Cole stated he didn't really know what to expect if Mr. Moore was going to be present with his attorney, but just wanted to reiterate that it's been almost 6 years with lack of compliance and he hasn't finished anything he started. Commissioner Brewer stated Mr. Moore and his attorney will get the opportunity to speak at the next meeting, and the commissioners will review the bids and go from there.

Liz stated they are trying something different. If we fail to obtain compliance through the courts they would bring it back through the commissioners to try to obtain compliance. The difference being the plan commission can apply very large fines and go through full bench trials. These fines go against individuals. The first week of February they were in court for the 1000 North case. The judge did apply a \$3,000 fine with a 90 day window to be compliant. If they comply the judge will usually reduce the fine otherwise it stands and goes to the Clerk's office as a judgment. The situation was a house fire originally more than a year ago that generated complaints. Liz recommended an initial fine for lack of compliance. The owner is no longer living on the site. Commissioner Weaver motioned to fine the property owner \$100. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated he's had people reach out around the Hardy Hills Solar Farm with concerns about placement of trees and shrubs possibly creating blind corners in the future at intersections. Liz stated there is a set back in the ordinance that they have to follow. She will go out and inspect the areas.

IN THE MATTER OF MOWING BIDS FOR COUNTY PROPERTIES

At 9:38 a.m. Attorney Tom Little opened four mowing bids from Warren Lawn and Landscaping Inc., Platinum Landscaping, Smith's Lawn Care, and BrightView Landscape Services. Bids are available for review upon request. Commissioner Uitts motioned to take under advisement and decide at the next meeting. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2024-01-Handbook Revision

Commissioner Brewer stated this ordinance corrected some of the work hours in various departments in the original handbook. There will be a few more revisions made down the road. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-01. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Envoy Invoice

Commissioner Brewer presented the Envoy Invoice for \$67,893.50 for the boiler and chiller, but recommended withholding the \$28,545.50 for work not fully completed at the jail, and only approved \$39,348.00 of the invoice. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve \$39,348.00 of the invoice. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of a Cemetery Commission

Andy Robertson spoke regarding the establishment of a Cemetery Commission for the preservation of the graves for our veterans, and founding fathers. He stated that we have already lost two cemeteries, one being Young Cemetery. Buried in that cemetery was Matthias Young who fought in Valley Forge. Indiana State Law requires 5 members on the Commission appointed by The Board of Commissioners. The Indiana State Historical Society receives a report from each county to be filed each year. Out of 82 cemeteries 40-60 need attention, some more than others. The focus of this is to preserve and restore the ones that have been neglected. They will be meeting with the township trustees at least once annually to work with them and not take away from their roles of township trustees. They will also need to report to the Department of Natural Resources. Commissioner Weaver motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-02-the establishment of Cemetery Commission of Clinton County. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Conflict of Interest

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Conflict of Interest for Alan Dunn who farms one of the county's farms. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Parkview AC Replacement

Chris Overman received an estimate from TL Myers for the replacement of an AC unit at Parkview in the amount of \$8,718.72. Chris received another quote for approximately \$10,000 but they weren't going to be able to do the work. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the quote from TL Myers. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Jail HVAC Preventative Agreement

Commissioner Brewer received quotes for a 1 year agreement from QPH for HVAC Preventative Maintenance at the jail for \$5,535 and from Carrier Services 1 year agreement \$2,975 and 3 year agreement for \$3,018.33. There were concerns for the Carrier agreements for what would be received for that amount and there could be additional charges. Terry's recommendation is to go with QPH. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the QPH Preventative Maintenance Agreement. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Job Classification Committee

Commissioner Brewer stated the council created a committee for a process changing a job classification. There are 3 Council members and the Commissioners have one appointment. Commissioner Uitts nominated Commissioner Brewer to be on this committee. Commissioner Brewer accepted.

Library Board Appointment

Commissioner Uitts motioned to appoint Suzi Pluhar to the Public Library Board. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sign Placement Request

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Zonta's Chicken Noodle Dinner on March 9th. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Rodney Wann reported he had a part-time position open up that is grant funded. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the position. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer congratulated Clinton Central girls basketball for their efforts and setting a school record of 25 wins and 2 losses for the season.

Commissioner Brewer also congratulated Junior Noah Weaver from Rossville who won the State Wrestling Championship for the 190 lb weight class. He had a remarkable record of 50-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

BOH claim dated February 9, 2024 in the amount of \$970.20

Friday claims dated February 9, 2024 in the amount of \$9,822.48

Friday claims dated February 16, 2024 in the amount of \$4,860.89

Court claims dated February 20, 2024 in the amount of \$20,394.50

Commissioners tabled a claim in the amount of \$30.00 for a non county employee.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Biweekly claim in the amount of \$953,461.38. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated January 26, 2024 in the amount of \$538,142.35

Sheriff Kelly stated he sent two positions for approval, one being a security supervisor position and one a training supervisor position at the jail. Commissioner Brewer stated he thought that there were corrections to be made on the job descriptions. Matron Kelly stated she let Sesaly know they needed to go through all of their job descriptions because of some discrepancies, but they were ok with these two. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve these job descriptions. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.


IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver 10:01 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President



Josh Ujts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor