

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 21, 2023

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on February 21, 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, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Stephanie Harshbarger, Mike Waldron, Dr. Stephen Tharp, Dr. Melissa Pearson, Chris Overman, Ed Cripe, 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

No public comments were received.

IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Stephen Tharp introduced Dr. Melissa Pearson as the new Health Officer; she has been a member of the Board of Health since 2016. Dr. Pearson recommended Dr. Carleigh Wilson to take the MD vacancy on the board, and Rodney Wann stated that Kathy Martin would be willing to fill the general public vacancy on the board. The commissioners will take those recommendations under consideration.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTION BOARD AGREEMENT

Clerk Stephanie Harshbarger requested approval and presented a 5 year commitment agreement for the use of the Edward Jones Building for future elections. Commissioner Brewer stated he would like to make a couple amendments to the agreement before signing. After some discussion Commissioner Weaver motioned to table the matter, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF FRANKFORT COMMUNITY LIBRARY APPOINTMENT

Gregg Williamson submitted the nomination of Tim Anno for an appointment on the Public Library Board. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Tim Anno for the appointment effective March 1, 2023, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported he had asked the council if he could lease two new Caterpillar loaders for the 2024 budget. He stated you have to get on the list now to be able to get these built for next year. The council approved, and the cost would be \$115,518.20 annually for 5 years. They have one they will be trading and one that is leased that will be turned in. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the lease with McCalister for two new loaders. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick stated due to the heavy wet snow we had, there were a lot of equipment and trucks that needed repairs afterwards.

The state reached out to him regarding the bridges they applied for and said they were short on money and wanted the county to pay all the engineering fees and Rick told them no. They may not get all the bridges they applied for but will apply again next year.

The Hillisburg project has started today.

Rick stated the council approved for a roller last year and they had to appropriate the funds for this year because they forgot to put it in the budget. Rick stated the guy forgot about them and wanted him to take one at a higher price and he told them no. He said he would lease one off Cat if he needed one.

JoAnn Ostler is retiring March 3rd and will be having a retiring party for her from 1-3pm.

Rick asked if they could get an AED for the highway department, he had the money to pay for it in his budget. Commissioners approve of the highway department getting an AED.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel reported that Kat had emailed the commissioners updates on unsafe structures. They are fighting to get contact with one, the letters are coming back and marked vacant. Eventually it will go to tax sale. For now they have run out of options.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer presented Ordinance 2023-01, establishing the opioid settlement fund committee. There will be a representative from each of the following departments or agencies: The Mayor of Frankfort, Frankfort Police Department, a commissioner, EMS, Sheriff Department, Community Corrections, Probation, Board of Health, Inwell, and Healthy Communities. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer presented the engagement letter from RPM Asset Valuation to do the appraisals of the Courthouse and Annex Building as part of the bond process. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the engagement letter. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the placement of signs on the courthouse lawn for St. Mary's Frankfort Knights of Columbus for the annual fish fry. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated they have two options regarding the ongoing litigations and they need to decide to either waive the attorney client privilege or exercise the attorney client privilege.

Commissioner Uitts motioned that the Board of Commissioners as the Executive of Clinton County assert its attorney client privilege to the fullest extent allowed by law in connection with any court proceedings in which Sheriff Richard Kelly or Matron Ashley Kelly is a party. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 to exercise the attorney client privilege.

Commissioner Brewer presented the Highway Annual Report for 2022. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the report. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Rodney wann stated they had applied for an immunization grant for just under \$72,000. Part of this is for their immunization nurse extended hours, and also the clerk. He will send his annual report to the commissioners office..

Sheriff Kelly reported they would transfer a Dodge Charger to probation. Ed Cripe has also reached out about a vehicle, and Rich said he has a Ford Explorer that he can transfer to the Coroner's office. They need a replacement vehicle for transport, they will use the misdemeanor fund to replace it with a 2023 Traverse. He will send an email with the two vehicles' information.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer stated they had their annual meeting with the insurance agent Todd Jackson. They had projected that the liability and workmans compensation would increase by 17% for this year, and that is what was budgeted for 2023. It will come in closer to 7% so there should be some savings.

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 February 10, 2023 in the amount of \$8,635.84
Friday claims dated February 17, 2023 in the amount of \$3,783.85
Bi-weekly claims dated February 21, 2023 in the amount of \$804,293.60
Court claims dated February 21, 2023 in the amount of \$33,715.64
Opioid Settlement Claims dated February 21, 2023 in the amount of \$103,050.00

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

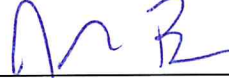
Payroll dated January 21, 2023 in the amount of \$484,734.19

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

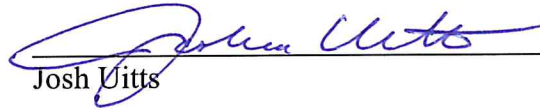
Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated February 7, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



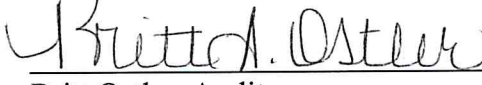
Jordan Brewer, President



Josh Uitts

Bert Weaver

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

