

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 6, 2022

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on July 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, Renee Crick, Grace Gouveia, Liz Stitzel, Steven Deckard, Shawn Mayfield, Britt Ostler, and others 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 APC/BZA APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Brewer stated that they have needed to fill an appointment on the APC/BZA boards since Corbin Orr moved away a few months ago. He recommended that they appoint Grant Mohler who grew up in Clinton County. Grant is a Rossville graduate and went on to Purdue and received a degree in Agriculture, sales and marketing at Purdue, and is currently the district manager for AgriGold Seed. Commissioner Uitts stated we need people like him, he has lived here his whole life, he's educated and most importantly he is young. He stated his youth carries the most weight, we need new faces and ideas. Commissioner Uitts motioned to appoint Grant Mohler to the APC. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported they started chip sealing Tuesday, and will continue as weather permits. They started demolition on bridge #36. They are working on an invoice to send to the Hardy Hills Solar project for hot mix for \$15,000 for all the road repairs. They asked them to start mowing side ditches. There is a detour for 421 near the bridge, and they have their unofficial detour signs up, and the work will last about a year and a half. Commissioner Brewer asked if Rick knew when they will close SR 39 South for bridge work this summer. Rick did not know when it would start.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel reported she just issued a permit for the solar farms to start driving piles over the next week and it will be noisy. It will start to get real busy in the next few weeks. Commissioner Uitts asked at what stage of the project will the buffer zone be done. Liz stated it will be closer to the end of the project, but before anything is powered up. Commissioner Brewer asked if they had set hours they would be working during the day to be mindful of the neighbors. Liz stated they would be having a meeting next week with Cupertino to discuss plans and she will bring it up in that meeting. In general she believes they will be working daylight hours. Commissioners would like to know when the meeting will take place so one of them can attend.

Commissioner Brewer asked if she was going to proceed with demolition of the dilapidated buildings that they had discussed at the beginning of the year. Liz stated that with her being so busy with the solar project it has been pushed back, but she and Tom will work on getting bids to take the three buildings down this year.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer stated they had approved Ordinance 2022-06 about a month prior, which was an amendment to the Broadband Ordinance 2021-07. Since then we have learned from OCRA, who oversees the broadband, that using language that was applied to the amended broadband ordinance would not consider us broadband ready in the state. He brought it back up for discussion and asked if they want to go back to the original ordinance or keep the amended version. Commissioner Weaver stated he felt we needed to go back to the original ordinance 2021-07 that follows the statute. Commissioner Uitts motioned to amend the 2022-06 to reflect the original language that was included in the original ordinance of 2021-07. Commissioner Weaver

seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. This allows Clinton County to still be Broadband ready according to the state.

Commissioner Uitts motion to approve the Maguire Iron Pay App #8. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Addendum#1 PPA And approval of courthouse/ Annex Project Scoping Proposal BOT. Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The start of the project will be early 2023.

Commissioner Weaver motion to approve Speed Ordinance 2022-07 reducing speed on CR 750 N across bridge #21 to 45 mph. Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer brought up for discussion the transfer of land to the RDC. It is roughly 25 acres on the west side of 375. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the transfer of land to the RDC. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim Elston updated the commissioners on the issues with the jail phones, stating there was equipment failure a few weeks prior. He was able to find a part to repair, but parts for the aging system are scarce. He is looking at Gibson to upgrade the aging phone system. To upgrade would be just over \$32,000. Commissioner Brewer stated they have funding. Shawn Mayfield stated Sheriff has indicated he is willing to pay for half the upgrade out of his budget. Tim stated they are estimating a two month lead time on equipment. Commissioner Uitts motioned to upgrade the jail phone system. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Grace Gouvia reported that she is having conservationist Kathy Lechuga from Signature Conservation LLC come on July 19th. She will be looking at our archives now, and going over to the Annex building to help come up with a plan of things that we need to preserve records. With her report Grace will be able to apply for a grant at the end of the year. The grant would be awarded in May or June of next year.

Commissioner Uitts stated that as we make the move over to Annex we may want to send a letter to elected officials and employees stating if there are items that look historical in nature that we need to make sure they not be tossed out or be destroyed. We need to do our best to preserve the history as we transition.

Steven Deckard reported that throughout the month of June they've discussed Forest taking over as Ambulance 13 and covering the Northeast voluntary ambulance service coverage area. He has talked to Stace Alter and he wanted us to add fuel to the contract as well as their legal name. If the commissioners are ok with that he will make the changes to the contract and send it over by docusign. Commissioners approved of the changes.

Steven also asked for a cell phone for hospital transfers. The hospital will be able to call one number instead of medics personal phone numbers to request a transfer. Commissioner approved of the cell phone.

Renee Crick stated they are doing some interviews later that day.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners had nothing to report.

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 June 24, 2022 in the amount of \$393,445.40
Bi-weekly claims dated July 6, 2022 in the amount of \$379,540.35
Court claims dated July 6, 2022 in the amount of \$28,768.87
BMV claim dated June 24, 2022 in the amount of \$30.00
Surplus dated July 6, 2022 in the amount of \$14,404.13

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated June 20, 2022 in the amount of \$443,710.98
EMS Payroll dated June 20, 2022 in the amount of \$5,883.79

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Administrative meeting minutes dated June 7, 2022, and regular meeting minutes dated June 21, 2022, 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 9:32 A.M. Motion carried 3-0.


THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President




Josh Uitts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

