

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

July 20, 2021

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 20 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Commissioner Josh Uits called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

**PRESENT**

Josh Uitts  
Jordan Brewer  
Mark Timmons

**ABSENT**

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Rick Campbell, Renee Crick, Rich Kelly, Brett Barton, Rodney Wann, Liz Stitzel, Greg Miller, Chris Overman, Ken Hartman, 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 Uitts led the pledge of allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Julia Hoffman stated she lives on 800 West and when I-65 gets shut down the traffic on her road becomes very heavy. Most recently I-65 was shut down on July 12th for 12 hours, and the traffic was so heavy that they couldn't get out of their driveways. She wanted to know what her options are as a citizen to deal with this situation.

Commissioner Brewer stated there are two challenges, the first being the stretch of 800 West up to 300 South is going to have more truck traffic now because of NHK, and the continued development of that area.

Sheriff Kelly stated that it is a public road and with limited manpower it's almost impossible to keep people from turning down that road without putting a stop gate there.

**IN THE MATTER OF DIVISION C ELEVATED WATER TOWER BIDS**

Jon Query from HWC presented a bid report to the Commissioners for the Division C 500,000 gallon water tank, and booster station portion of the I-65/SR 28 project. They received bids from Maguire Iron, Inc. for \$2,239,000, Caldwell Tanks, Inc. for \$2,256,800, and from Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors, LLC for \$2,349,186.00 for the water tank portion. The budget estimate was \$2,200,000. For the booster station the bids were: Maguire Iron, Inc. \$680,000.00, Caldwell Tanks, Inc. \$734,000.00, and Phoenix Fabricators and Erections, LLC for \$807,128.00. The engineer's estimate was \$550,000.00.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to award the Division C base bid contract and mandatory alternate number one to Mcguire Iron, Inc. for a total contract price of \$2,919,000.00. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF ENVOY BOT PRESENTATION**

Rich Taylor and Adam Collins from Envoy gave a presentation on a public procurement process called Build, Operate, Transfer (BOT), which under Indiana Code 5-23 allows a public unit to hire a developer to design, build, operate, finance and maintain a project. They will present to the council as well.

**IN THE MATTER OF LANDFILL UPDATE**

Paul Cardinal from Republic Services gave an update on the Landfill. He stated there is a delay on the construction of their building. IDEM was out last week for their quarterly visit. There were no violations or areas of concerns found. Paul announced that they have a new Driving Training Program, they are training CDL drivers in house and paying for their CDL license.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE**

Rick Campbell reported the Council approved the purchase of two new graters and they have been ordered. There was discussion on what to do with the old grater. The tractor is in but waiting on the mower, should be in by the first of August. The department is chip sealing now and is about halfway done.



**IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN**

Liz Stitzel reported that there are weeds growing up through and around the debris at the manson elevator. She will have them sprayed since they can't mow them.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve the credit card agreement for the Treasurer's office. Commissioner Timmons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the Hinshaw contract that is scheduled for early fall. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve Jon Hussey's conflict of interest statement, Commissioner Timmons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve Jerri Sexton conflict of interest statement. Commissioner Timmons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

No new business to report

**IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Rhea Harris reported she needed clarification on the conversation she had with Mark regarding the EMA building and future morgue site. Commissioner Timmons stated that they are going to be turning a portion of the EMA building into the new morgue and her voting machines will not be safe and secure where they are during construction. He also stated that he measured a room at the jail and it is actually bigger, measuring approximately 11 x 16. Rhea stated that there were reasons they moved out of the jail, such as damage done to the voting machines. She and her mechanics will need to have 24/7 access to the machines. There was further discussion on possible locations they could temporarily move the machines and coming up with a more permanent option.

Chris Overman reported that the fire alarm system has been installed and will be inspected annually. While Apex was in the attic they found some leaks. They had Hinshaw and Welty out to get quotes. Chris stated he could come up with \$5-7,000 in his budget. Commissioner Uitts stated we have a building and repair budget for that purpose. Chris will get the quotes then return to discuss options.

Sheriff Kelly reported that they will be interviewing 7 people Wednesday for the merit position. They are still waiting for vehicles to be delivered. In a few weeks they should have an idea of the cost of repairs at the jail.

Rodney Wann reported they met with school superintendents to map out a plan to return to school this year, and immunizations. Rodney would like to bring back his retired public health nurse as a contractual employee.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Brewer thanked the Fair Council for their hard work during a challenging week at the fair due to all the rain.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

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

Friday claims dated July 16, 2021 in the amount of \$9,479.00  
 Bi-weekly claims dated July 20, 2021 in the amount of \$315,687.90  
 Court claims dated July 20, 2021 in the amount of \$25,622.59  
 Surplus claims dated July 20, 2021 in the amount of \$8,987.12

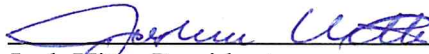
**IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL**

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

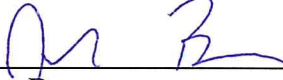
Payroll dated July 2, 2021 in the amount of \$412,512.81

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Brewer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Timmons at 10:17 AM. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Josh Ujts, President



Jordan Brewer



Mark Timmons

ATTEST:

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Britt Ostler, Auditor