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MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 4, 2018

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on June 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room located at 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

President of the Commissioners, Josh Uitts called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

PRESENT

Josh Uitts
Steve Woods
Scott Shoemaker

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Kevin Myers, Ken Hartman, Britt Ostler, Sheriff Jeff Ward, Rodney Wann, Dan Sheets, Renee Crick, Dennis Dunlap, Liz Stitzel, Mark Mills, Chris Overman, Wanda Mitchell, Clark Beard and others shown to be present in the minutes.

Auditor Cathy Hamilton recorded proceedings of the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Uitts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Uitts asked for public comment.

Benni Weldy presented a map showing those in her immediate community that favor and do not favor wind farms.

Linda Marshall asked those in the room that live in Clinton County to raise their hand.

Clint Orr stated he is pro renewable energy. In Tipton County there are some residents who do not like the appearance of wind turbines but Clinton County cannot continue on the path we are on and we need to be a part of the solution. A change in direction of energy sources is needed. Be a leader not a follower.

Fred Minich stated landowners in Germany and Wisconsin hate wind turbines.

Terry Cox stated he has visited wind farms and thinks they are great. Without another source of income property taxes will increase. It is in our best interest to hold tax rates down.

Jenny Snodgrass stated she has a history of epilepsy and doesn't want to move in order to exist. Wind turbines present health risks.

IN THE MATTER OF EMS BIDS

Boyle Construction Management, Inc.- \$1,268,000

3-D Professional Contracting, Inc. - \$1,446,500

Monroe Construction Group, LLC - \$1,350,000

S&B Construction Group, LLC - \$1,363,000

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to table the bids for review. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0. American Structure Point took the bids for review.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Kevin Myers reported:

Spreading all of the gravels with 9 stone was completed May 22nd. They are ready for dust control whenever the contractor can get started.

The trucks have been hauling 9's to Michigantown and to the barn to get ready to make cold mix.

We continue to work on drainage projects.

Milestone started milling, wedging, and paving the Community Crossings projects. Greenlawn Road subdivision is complete, milling and wedging, and paving of Kirklin Brick Road is being done but it looks like the rain is going to slow them down some. The road will be edged with satone later, and we are going to put all new road signs on it.

We lost only our second engine in a truck in 25 years last week. We are trying to find a rebuilt one for it.

Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors (IACHES) is June 6-8. I obviously have to be here and will be glad when it's over.

Working on the budget for 2019.

Decision needs to made regarding consultant selection for bridge #67.

I found out that if we want a paver for next year we need to get it ordered very soon.

I have attached the application for a new employee. He would be a great fit at the Highway Dept.

Commissioner Woods moved to approve an employee application as presented. Commissioner Shoemaker seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel reported:

Working on bidding final sites.

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to removed the lien on the Gilbert property as the owner has removed the building. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEMO BIDS

Ridenour Excavating, LLC	\$7,100
Alliance Excavating & Demolition, Inc.	\$21,600
Howe Construction & Excavating	\$10,500
Sexton Building & Electric	\$11,600 for demolition and removal of house. \$17,600 for demolition, removal of house & basement and backfill.

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to table bids for review. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF E.ON/EC&R DEVELOPMENT

Lael Eason of E.ON Wind reported on E.ON. They are looking at Clinton County for construction of wind farms and the response was overwhelming. Over 250 leases have been implemented on 37,000 acres. \$1.2 million dollars will be received in lease payments along with additional property tax dollars, Road improvements will offset tax dollars. They request the Commissioner lift the moratorium on wind projects in Clinton County.

Tim Wyrick stated his family has signed a lease with E.ON and they are completely in control of the project. Clinton Central School is struggling and there is no other option to increase tax dollars.

Jim Ristow stated he has signed a lease with AES and was transferred to E.ON. He asked for the opportunity to proceed with the lease.

Bob Zahn stated he is a landowner in Clinton County and a developer for E.ON. There is no cost to the County and the project will help the County financially as is has for Benton and White counties. He asked for a fair evaluation.

Brad King, Regional VP of E.ON stated concerned citizens are basing the decision on incorrect information and asked the Commissioners to lift the moratorium and conduct an honest discussion openly.

IN THE MATTER OF RESPONSIBLE HARVEST

Andy Robertson of Responsible Harvest of Clinton County, Inc., thanked the Commissioners for the moratorium. It can only be removed only by court order or Commissioner approval. There are legislative issues on trespass zoning that will in legislation discussions in January 2019. There are pending lawsuits in Miami County that will make our current wind ordinance unlawful. Of 48 counties in Indiana, only 5 have allowed wind farms. Federal government is ending subsidies in 18 months and E.ON is in a rush to begin prior to that.

Respectfully ask the Commissioners to maintain the moratorium against industrial wind development.

Commissioner Shoemaker stated he will not change the moratorium and is not in support of wind development. His district residents are not in favor.

Commissioner Woods stated he is not interested in lifting the moratorium, but needs to look at all sides. The County Council needs to be involved to look at options for increased revenue.

Commissioner Uitts echod Commissioner Woods.

IN THE MATTER OF EMS EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT

Dennis Dunlap presented a policy for tuition reimbursement program for EMS training classes.

Commissioner Woods moved to accept the EMS EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY. Commissioner Shoemaker seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

Judge Hunter appeared to request a Commissioner appointment to the Public Defender Commission.

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to place Eric Spencer on the Public Defender Commission of Clinton County.

Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS**IN THE MATTER OF PAUL PHILLIPPE GRANT**

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to approve the Paul Phillippe Transportation Grant. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Central Dispatch Director Renee Crick reported the Shift Supervisors attended power phone training.

Parkview Home Director Chris Overman announced the 100 Year Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 16th at Parkview Home.

Area Plan Director Mark Mills announced the APC meetings have been changed to the first Tuesday of each month.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Uitts reported:

AAA worked on drain issues outside the courthouse. He will be seeking bids for inside courthouse work.

EMS bids came in under projected.

Commissioner Woods reported:

Courthouse air conditioner compressor has been installed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Uitts re-opened the session for public comment:

Fred Minnick stated there is a misconception that wind energy stays in the county, it is sold. President Trump is working on other energy sources.

Will Eberle of E.ON responded to the comment of energy leaving the county. Farmers does not object to their crops leaving the county. E.ON is not trying to divide Clinton County and they would like to participate in the process.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Shoemaker approve the following claims. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

- Friday claims dated May 25, 2018 in the amount of \$10,309.61.
- Friday claims dated June 1, 2018 in the amount of \$20,488.94.
- Court claims dated June 4, 2018 in the amount of \$16,891.92.
- Bi-weekly claims dated June 4, 2018 in the amount of \$286,740.35.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to approve the following payroll claims. Commissioner Woods seconded Motion carried 3-0.

- Board of Health payroll ending May 25, 2018 in the amount of \$732.20.
- Payroll ending May 25, 2018 in the amount of \$357,563.50.

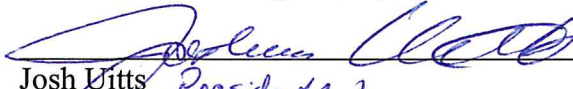
Payroll change notices for Highway, Election and IV-D were presented for review.

Without any further business to come before the Board Commissioner Woods moved seconded by Commissioner to adjourn at 10:08. Motion carried 3-0.

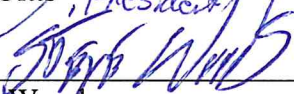
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Scott T. Shoemaker



Josh Utts, President



Steve Woods

ATTEST:



Cathy J. Hamilton, Auditor