

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 21, 2021

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on June 21, 2021 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
Mark Timmons

ABSENT

Josh Uitts

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Rick Campbell, Renee Crick, Beth Keeney, Rich Kelly, Brett Barton, Rodney Wann, Liz Stitzel, Ken Hartman, Janet Lloyd, Chris Overman, Gina Brettnacker, Greg Miller, Shan Sheridan, Jada Ray, 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

Candy Storms stated that she was sent an email requesting her appearance before the board for a tile issue. Commissioner Brewer stated that this is more of a Drainage Board issue and asked her to return at 11:00 a.m. for the Drainage Board Meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF DOXPOP AGREEMENT

Beth Keeney presented a Doxpop agreement with a Fraud alert amendment.. Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the agreement, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH MOTOROLA AGREEMENT

Renee Crick presented the Motorola agreement for approval. Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the agreement. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Renee stated that she believes the best solution and option for the antenna is using the 180 foot antenna at the jail. The coverage would be better for this option. Ra-Comm quoted \$42,830.20, which may be a little high. She has the funds in her 911 budget. She asked permission to move forward with this option. Commissioner Timmons motioned to move forward with this option, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported that they have been working on 730 E stating it was torn up when they closed the railroad tracks. They have been working on budget for next year and would like to include a couple maintainers in their budget at \$65,000. The grader lease is up in October and he would like to trade that one in and lease two new graders. The old one should pay for the two new ones in the first year. Rick would like to use Central Paving for the Community Crossings Road Resurfacing.

Commissioner Brewer stated they have fielded many calls about the heavy traffic on 800 North due to SR 26 being closed. He asked that speed limit signs of 55/mph be placed. Rick stated that as soon as the contract is signed with Central Paving they will be paving 800 N.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel stated she had nothing new to report. The Commissioners tabled the mowing discussion until Commissioner Uitts returned.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Timmons motioned to award Central Paving the Road Resurfacing Bid, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated that they received two quotes to replace the Courthouse signage. Longhorn's quote is for \$4,500, and Express Print quote is \$3,727.15. Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the quote from Express Print. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated that at the last meeting they approved Gibson to upgrade our phone system and Gibson works with Windstream who will handle the service. He wanted to note they signed contracts with both.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer stated they have been working on getting fiber out to the Eastside EMS. Frankfort Municipal Utilities gave a quote of roughly \$16,000 to get the fiber out there and then \$75.00 monthly charge. Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the quote for the fiber, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff Rich Kelly reported the freezer has been replaced. The padded cells are set to be replaced in the next two weeks. They had 25 applicants for the 3 merit deputy positions that are open.

Greg Miller reported they were on schedule to complete the Eastside EMS building by the first of August. He stated they are finishing up the Interlocal agreement with Rossville. Their 3 years lease is up this year on the Ambulances and he is working with the lease company and ambulance manufacturer on new ambulances. They are also working with Kirklin to integrate with them for supplying a lot of supplies for the fire department.

Greg reported they are seeing about a 10% increase in ambulance runs. The use of Narcan has increased. There is an increase in reimbursement from medicaid and medicare and less self pays.

Clinton County EMS has been helping IU Health transport patients.

Commissioner Brewer recognized Rodney Wann and stated that the Clinton County Board of Health was recognized as Frankfort Times Citizen of the Year. They did a wonderful job during the pandemic and continue doing a wonderful job post pandemic. Rodney stated he and his staff are appreciative of everyone that supported them during this time. Rodney reported that they took possession of the trailer the previous Tuesday and it is currently at the EMA office. They are getting ready to go through a training course with Matt Stidham's help. They have plans to go out to the schools in July to catch up on normal vaccinations and offer Covid vaccines to children that are age appropriate for the vaccine.

The Board of Health would like to have a dinner in July for all the volunteers during the pandemic and seeks support from the Commissioners. Commissioner Brewer states it would be a good idea.

Rodney stated that this county and several other counties went back to yellow for a short period and they are continuing to test for COVID. We are about 40% vaccinated.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer reported that he and Shan Sheridan met with AES Indiana and was approved by the IURC this past week to purchase the Hardy Hills solar project. They will start the project this summer and will be online in 2023. Invenergy will oversee this project until 2023 then AES Indiana will take over.

He reported that the county was able to purchase the old Regions Building this past week and thanked Tom for his hard work and patience for working with the previous owner and getting the deal negotiated and worked out. They purchased the building for \$500,000. As a citizen he is glad to have this building back in county control and not in the hands of foreign investors. They have hired RQAW for the architecture and design.

Commissioner Brewer stated that the HR consultant Dennis Dunlap retired at the end of last year and throughout February and March they have conducted interviews for his replacement. They had 3 highly qualified consultants but ultimately made the decision to hire Rick Brown as our new HR Consultant. He came highly recommended by Dennis and has over 25 years in HR experience and management.

Rick Brown spoke in regards to his experience in the field and looks forward to working with everyone.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the following claims as submitted, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Friday claims dated June 11, 2021 in the amount of \$66,626.69

Friday claim dated June 18, 2021 in the amount of \$7,303.78

Bi-weekly claims dated June 21, 2021 in the amount of \$581,779.23

Court claims dated June 21, 2021 in the amount of \$19,646.08

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the payroll as submitted, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Payroll dated June 4, 2021 in the amount of \$410,690.24

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated June 7, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Motion carried 2-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Brewer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Timmons at 9:52. Motion carried 2-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY

Josh Uitts, President



Jordan Brewer



Mark Timmons

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

