

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 6, 2023

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on March 6, 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

ABSENT

Bert Weaver

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Rick Campbell, Rich Kelly, Rodney Wann, Renee Crick, Chris Overman, Liz Stitzel, Britt Ostler, Tom Little, 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

Caren Moskowitz asked how much does the county give to animal control and what are their requirements to receive those funds. She stated the reason she was asking was because there have been a lot of issues lately regarding animal control not picking up animals because they were not contained. The ordinance states animals at large not contained. She stated she was helping Don Stock get some ordinances in place in the city. She asked what the animal control money is for. She stated that there is a cat problem near her home and animal control won’t do anything about it. She’s afraid people will start shooting cats. Sheriff Kelly stated it’s illegal to shoot domesticated animals.

Commissioner Uitts stated they have an animal control ordinance and the money is allocated to be used towards animal control expenses. The problem is they don’t have an accurate way of tracking those funds. He stated that they had a meeting with BOH, Humane Society, Police Chief, and the Sheriff was invited a couple weeks prior and they are currently going through the ordinance to redefine and specify what those responsibilities are. As commissioners his question has always been is it the county’s responsibility for animal control. He doesn’t believe that it is, and a lot of these problems are in the city limits.. He said they would accept suggestions from her on what they should do.

Commissioner Brewer stated that there is no accountability or stipulations on receiving the \$100,000 and one of things they will address in the ordinance is creating that accountability. He stated 80% of animal control calls are in the city.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION BOARD AGREEMENT

Stephanie Harshbarger presented the amended Election Board agreement that is a 5 year commitment for the use of the Edward Jones Building for elections. Commissioner Uitts motioned to accept the agreement. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0. This will transition from the EMA building to no longer being a voting site to the Edward Jones building.

IN THE MATTER OF LANDFILL UPDATE

Jenny Holt, general manager of the Republic Landfill was present, and Darrin Folk, operations manager presented a landfill update stating they will be setting a new date for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new office. They have been battling the wind and rain for a couple months. They have the 3,300 feet of wind screen on the north and east side of the facility which has helped with the southwest winds keeping the litter contained on site. They have had their soil and erosion inspection a few months back. They still have a few items that still need to be addressed. They will have a spring seeding event once they get the erosion mitigated, and that will probably be the latter part of April or first of May. The Clinton County Landfill development was officially closed and they received the certification letter from IDEM in December. That site has not received any solid waste since December of 2018. They put a new flare in March or April last year on the east side of the road.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF HEALTH

Rodney Wann presented the IHIE subscription agreement which is information sharing throughout the clinician's database for the public health nurse. This gives her the ability to get into the same system that physicians are entering their data into without calling and waiting for a response. This is a 3 year agreement. Tom Little stated the term wasn't defined and allowed the company to terminate but didn't allow Clinton County to terminate. Commissioner Brewer wanted to make those changes before signing.

Rodney stated he has received a resignation from the food inspector and wanted approval to fill that position. Commissioners approved. Rodney stated he wanted approval to put the Reorganization into play that he has proposed. Commissioner Brewer asked if he thought the public health funds that passed in the House side and now in the Senate state level, will it change how he would do his reorganization with additional funding possibly available. Rodney stated what he is asking right now is irregardless to the funding. He has the surplus funding that supports the next year or two, and with his experience with the tax levy even if it didn't pass, that would give it enough time for that to be absorbed into what would be considered additional expenses. It will be critical to have the reorganization in place if the funding passes because they will be asked to efficiently and effectively use those funds in a very short turnaround period. Commissioners approve of the reorganization.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported they received the approved consultants contract for Bridge #55. The commissioners will read it then sign at a later date. They are continuing to work on the tile in Hillisburg and have one more property and will be done.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported the house on Farmers Gravel Road is unchanged and recommends calling for demolition bids. Commissioners support starting the bid process.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer stated they have one appointment to fill of the two vacant positions on the Board of Health and after giving a brief background he recommended Kathy Martin. Kathy stated she is director operations of Healthy Communities and it would be an honor to serve on the board. Commissioner Uitts motioned to appoint Kathy Martin to the general public appointment on the Board of Health. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer presented the addendums to the PPA agreement with Envoy stating the original agreement was more of an umbrella agreement in nature and could include a lot of different projects. Over the last 6 months as we have progressed with the Annex and Courthouse projects, those projects have been split into two projects. The addendums also reflect an updated cost associated with each project. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve addendum number one for the Courthouse renovation. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve addendum number two for the Annex project. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Brewer presented a Public Record Request form for internal record keeping purposes. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the Public Request form. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chris Overman reported Apex Security has decided to go a different direction and recommends we use Cottage Watchman. He stated on the proposed contract there is a place to make an addendum to a 1 or two year agreement. On the back there is a 60 day out with a registered letter. He has ADT coming Tuesday to give a quote. Commissioner Brewer stated he wants the Courthouse, EMS and Parkview on the same contract, he will talk to Steven.

Chris stated he finally got 3 bids for the boiler replacement, and wants approval to go to the council for funding. He stated with the last storm they had some roofing blow off on the north end, and has called Hinshaw to come out. He will send the boiler bids to the commissioners for review.

Renee Crick reported that next week is severe weather preparedness week. On Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. in conjunction with the National Weather Service they will do a full activation of our tornado sirens for testing.

Renee also reported they were able to make the repairs on the air handler.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer reported they got the HPC approval for the Annex project last week from the City. They will go before their BZA on Wednesday to get a variance for the building because there is not enough parking although they will have roughly 110 spaces. They are also working with Frankfort Utilities to make all the electrical go underground for the entire block.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Friday claims dated February 24, 2023 in the amount of \$29,420.61
- Friday claims dated March 3, 2023 in the amount of \$161,759.43
- Bi-weekly claims dated March 6, 2023 in the amount of \$269,284.85
- Court claims dated March 6, 2023 in the amount of \$19,983.27

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

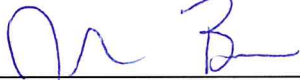
- Payroll dated February 10, 2023 in the amount of \$488,454.92
- BOH payroll dated February 10, 2023 in the amount of \$653.70

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve regular meeting minutes, and Executive Session Minutes dated February 21, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Motion carried 2-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brewer at 9:43 a.m. Motion carried 2-0.

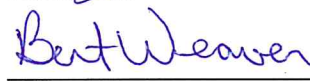
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Jordan Brewer, President

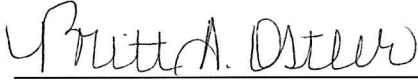


Josh Uitts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

