

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 5, 2018

9:00A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on November 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room located at 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Vice President of the Commissioners, Commissioner Woods called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

PRESENT

Steve Woods
Scott Shoemaker

ABSENT

Josh Uitts

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Cathy Hamilton, Ron Gascho, Ken Hartman, Britt Ostler, Liz Stitzel, Dennis Dunlap, Chris Overman, Rodney Wann, Greg Miller, Kevin Myers, Renee Crick, Rich Kelley, Carol Bartley, Dr. Stephen Tharp, Dan Sheets, and others shown to be present in the minutes. Commissioner's Assistant Jerri Sexton recorded the minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Woods asked for public comment and none was received

IN THE MATTER OF HILLISBURG PROPERTIES

Sam Hicks and Richard Huffer did not show for meeting. Commissioner Shoemaker stated that there were some errors made on getting the information to Jerri that delayed getting the demo bids advertised. They have since been advertised on November 2nd and will advertised again on November 9th and demo bids will be opened on November 20th.

IN THE MATTER OF EMS VACATIONS

Dennis Dunlap stated that there has been a request from EMS director Greg Miller to pay out remaining vacation time to all EMS employees that have not taken vacation. The employee handbook currently states that employees are to take vacation time or lose it. We have not deviated from the handbook since 2003. Greg Miller states the request is only for this year and that currently they are using same personnel to cover transfers, 911, and personnel that are out on sick leave. The county would have to pay overtime to cover all these areas plus vacation. County was saved about \$8,000 not paying overtime. They have an overage of \$128,000.00 in their insurance fund to transfer over to payout vacations. Greg request to add new procedure to handbook for EMS employee vacation and personal time. That it will be done by seniority and by picking 48 hours of vacation at a time and can start in January. There would only be one medic and one EMT off at a time to prevent a shortage of people to cover shifts. Commissioner Shoemaker makes a motion to change handbook with guidelines provided to go into effect in 2019. Commissioner Woods seconded motion. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Shoemaker motions to approve request to pay out vacation time by the end of the year but encourages those that have not taken any vacation time should take at least one vacation day. Commissioner Woods seconded motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Shoemaker states the commissioners have met with the Fair council about moving the 4-H scheduling duties from the Commissioners admin assistant to office manager Bethany Perlee at the extension office and asking the council for a 5% increase in her salary. Jamie Blacker Fair Council Chair has approved the changes to be made.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Kevin Myers reported

The proposal for the new bridge deck for Bridge #195 on 200 E just south of Geetingsville. This bridge is #3 on the new Bridge Inspection priority list. As the pictures in the inspection attachment show, the beams are in serious condition. The superstructure is in good shape, so this makes this bridge another perfect candidate for the steel grate deck. This type of deck has the same lifespan as concrete beams at half the cost and closure would be minimal. About 3-4 weeks. Commissioner Shoemaker makes a motion to approve proposal for new bridge deck for Bridge #195, Commissioner Woods seconded motion. Motion carried 2-0.

We have had a berm crew and a crack seal crew out every day when the weather allows. We have hauled most of the sand we will need to mix with salt (we hope) for the winter.

The decision from INDOT regarding our application for the Community Crossings grant will be announced on Nov. 9th.

I have also attached, the road work we accomplished this season. Our totals for chip sealing, cold mix paving and road conversions was \$1,141,840.00. The Community Crossings total cost was \$928,800.00. Total for all of these is \$ 2,070,640.00. A great year in the amount of road maintenance and improvements.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel reported on the following properties: Hillisburg properties and state Rd 39 property are moving through the bidding process. Property complaints are slowing way down which is normal for this time of year. Commissioner Woods stated he had received an update on the Dunham property and it is still progressing but very slow. Contractor Ridenour has informed Liz's office that he cannot hold agreed on bid past the end of the year. Commissioner Shoemaker inquires about brown house on Michigantown road, Liz states that they have cited it for condemnation but the owner decided to do a repair and had a 6 month deadline. The permit has expired this month and she has sent owner a message that they can either give a 3 month extension to get property done or they can move to a condemnation order. She will have more information later today.

Liz also reported that the town of Colfax is working on some trail efforts connecting into Boone County. There is 1.5 miles under construction now. There will be 5-6 miles branching into Thorntown and Zionsville with the goal expanding from Lafayette to Indianapolis. Tippecanoe County starting to join conversations about this. They had a trail summit in Boone County with several representatives from this county and surrounding counties and one of the main topics was public safety concerns regarding trail going through several counties. Looking at some kind of marking system.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

In the matter regarding 2019 Holiday Schedule

Commissioner Shoemaker states the new holiday schedule will omit the election days and the hot dog festival since these are not actual holidays. Commissioner Shoemaker makes a motion to approve holiday schedule for 2019 and 2020 for Clinton County Government offices. Commissioner Woods seconded motion. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Shoemaker request Dennis Dunlap to evaluate the county's personal time policy and to compare it with other counties and to possibly update our policy.

Commissioner Woods presented a mock up sign for the County parking lot that has the county seal, and something similar for the probation office. He will move forward with getting these complete and the highway department will mount them in appropriate areas.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

There are three change orders for EMS, change order #2 under drains for the amount of \$6073.56, for change order #3 soil stabilization for the amount of \$32,043.01 increasing the duration of project 22 days. Change order #4 Build pad and Portion of Drive with Stone and Export Unsuitable Soils from Retention Pond in the amount of \$20,609.59. Commissioner Shoemaker motions to approve change orders, Commissioners Woods seconded. Motions carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sheriff Ward states a house is up for sheriff sale again to bid on. Commissioner Shoemaker states he cannot support trying to out bid or pay full price for a house to tear it down and build a parking lot. This should be brought up to the council for funding.

Renee Crick informs that Thursday is the LAPC tabletop drill. Wednesday Learning to Lead will be at the Jail.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Uitts reported:

Commissioner Shoemaker reported:

Commissioner Woods reported: We need 50% of employees to participate in the wellness program to maintain our insurance premiums for the next two years.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to accept the October 15, 2018 minutes as presented. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to approve the following claims as submitted. Commissioner Woods seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

- Friday claims dated October 19, 2018 in the amount of \$18,221.53
- Friday claims dated October 26, 2018 in the amount of \$17,592.98
- Friday claims dated November 2, 2018 in the amount of \$33,241.98
- Court claims dated November 5, 2018 in the amount of \$27,889.11.
- Bi-weekly claims dated November 5, 2018 in the amount of \$410,649.70

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to approve the following payroll claims as submitted. Commissioners Woods seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

- Payroll ending October 12, 2018 in the amount \$356,836.96
- Payroll ending October 26, 2018 in the amount \$374,811.53

Without any further business to come before the Board Commissioner Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker at 10:10a.m. Motion carried 2-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY

Josh Uitts, President

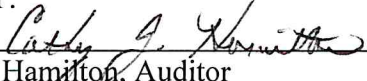


Steve Woods



Scott Shoemaker

ATTEST:



Cathy J. Hamilton, Auditor