

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 6, 2023

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on November 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Frankfort Municipal Airport, 3009 IN-28, Frankfort, IN 46041.

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

PRESENT

Josh Uitts
Bert Weaver

ABSENT

Jordan Brewer

Others in attendance were Rick Campbell, Renee Crick, Ashley Kelly, Rich Kelly, Tammy Sander, Mike Waldron, Brett Barton, Britt Ostler, 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 Uitts led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Weaver made an apology to the Sheriff for mistakenly saying an off duty deputy parked in a handicap parking spot at Walmart then later discovered it was actually a law enforcement parking spot.

Sheriff Kelly stated they take that very seriously and accepted his apology.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Christie Smith read a letter that stated her concerns about the Solar Farm proposal. This farmland is owned by Ceres Farms LLC and the solar project would surround her entire home including her drive. She understood that there has not been an application submitted as of yet and there could be no action taken at this time. There were many Rossville citizens at this meeting in support of her concerns.

Commissioner Uitts stated that he doesn’t like the fact that it is a corporation that owns the land. The past projects were a different situation because it was individual farmers that owned the land and that's what they wanted to do with their land. It was easier for him to side with the farmers with what they wanted to do with their land. He doesn’t know who Ceres Farms are and doesn’t care because they aren’t one of his constituents and the Rossville citizens are. He is not in favor of it and he doesn’t like the way they have approached the situation.

Christie asked Commissioner Weaver his thoughts on the project. Commissioner Weaver said he also was not in favor and would be opposed if it ever comes before the board. He feels Clinton County has done enough and we already have a large solar farm and a landfill in district 1.

IN THE MATTER OF LEARNING NETWORK ANNUAL REPORT

Melinda Grismer gave the commissioners an overview of the Learning Network annual report. She stated they contribute a lot to the upkeep of the building. They added a new back door and have added projectors with screens. They have 30 new laptops that are shared with Extension and they paid for a computer lab in that building. They had 125 people in their English as a second language class. Summer kids workshop is one of the most popular programs and they received a Lilly grant to help subsidize the program. They will invest in equipment and replace the old table and chairs. They’ve already enhanced the WiFi, and continue to try to improve the building. and be a helpful partner. They have a bank of medical interpreters and have a very robust citizenship program. They had 9 citizens go through the naturalization process.

IN THE MATTER OF SNOW BIDS

Commissioner Uitts opened the snow bids and they are as follows:

Smith Lawn Care:	<u>1 year</u>	
Property 1 Courthouse		\$270
Property 2 Board of Health		\$118.
Property 3 Probation office		\$170
Property 4 Purdue Ext.		\$280
Property 5 Nickle Plate		\$575 (Parking Lot)

Property 6 EMS (Main)	\$130
Property 7 EMS East	\$98
Property 8 Annex	(What may be needed will be covered under Property 1)

3 year

Property 1 Courthouse	\$261
Property 2 Board of Health	\$136
Property 3 Probation	\$182
Property 4 Purdue Ext.	\$298
Property 5 Nickle Plate	\$609 (Parking Lot)
Property 6 EMS (Main)	\$138 @ Fairgrounds
Property 7 EMS East	\$106
Property 8 Annex	\$488

Russell Trucking: Bid was broken down by amount of snow not per event. Commissioners will need to look at what the bid notice stated.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to table the bids, Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported they were crack sealing some roads and cutting brush. They are putting salt boxes and plows in most of the trucks to make sure everything works. Bridge #67 is done and should be open by the 15th. Bridge #55 is closed and will be all winter, they are starting to demo process. They will be replacing a small bridge on 800 West on the 13th of this month and should have it done in a week.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Paul Phillippe quarterly report. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver motioned to table the Fire Protection Proposal. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the sign placement request from St. Mary's. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Renee Crick reported that her staff member that was involved in an accident was released from the hospital.

Next Tuesday and Thursday IPSC is coming in to do radio training at the Frankfort Police Department training room.

Brett Barton stated he is purchasing GPS units for \$10,000. His board approved the contract but didn't know if the commissioners needed to approve also. Commissioner Uitts stated that he was good.

Sheriff Kelly reported the glass was about 60% installed and their own maintenance people were installing it. He stated they had their own issues with Community Howard and had moved forward with their own company that handled the interior portion of the medical. They noticed on the outside they need continued medical, mental and addiction help. Commissioner Weaver stated he and Carol Price are working on this issue. In his opinion they will need a lot of people working on this.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver stated he went to the Healthy Communities Dinner and Clinton County Government was presented a plaque for Organization of the Year.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Friday claims dated October 20, 2023 in the amount of \$1,270.08
- Friday claims dated October 27, 2023 in the amount of \$36,697.43
- Friday claims dated November 3, 2023 in the amount of \$24,156.65
- Bi-weekly claims dated November 6, 2023 in the amount of \$845,598.48
- Court claims dated November 6, 2023 in the amount of \$24,890.45

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated October 6, 2023 in the amount of \$481,525.58

Payroll dated October 20, 2023 in the amount of \$510,324.27

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Uitts at 9:44 a.m. Motion carried 2-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY

Jordan Brewer, President



Josh Uitts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor

