

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
November 7, 2024
9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on November 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Meeting Room, at 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
Bert Weaver

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Rick Campbell, Melissa Trump, Carol Price, Lorra Archibald, Nancy Ward, Caren Crum, Joe Mink, Renee Crick, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Don Stock, Hillary Guffy, Chase Thompson, Liz Stitzel, 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 Brewer led the pledge of allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF REPUBLIC LANDFILL UPDATE
Dan Baietto did not appear for the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OFFICE CLEANING BIDS
Tom Little opened the office cleaning bids. First bid is from Caitlyn Mathews for \$200 per building per week, for the total of \$600 a week. The second bid is from Grace Barton in the amount of \$575 a week. Commissioner Weaver motioned to take bids under advisement. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF FAIRGROUND BARN QUOTE
Hillary Guffy stated the barn is down and she was present to ask for the funds to rebuild the barns. Commissioner Brewer stated we would use the remaining ARP funds of \$337,000 to build two 60x150x12 barns to replace the old cattle barn used to be. That cost plus the demo, electrical, building pad and dumpster rental came to approximately \$296,000. They are asking approval for Haynes Construction quote for roughly \$184,000 and approval for the electrical quote from Congleton Electric. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve quotes, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND
Lorra Archibald stated they received 8 applications for the opioid settlement funding and approved 7 request, and they are as follows:

Entity	Requested Amount	Committee Recommendation
Inwell	\$2,878.00	\$1,439.00 ea. from the City and County-Restricted/Unrest.
Community Corrections	\$2,800.00	\$1,400.00 ea. from the City and County-Restricted/Unrest.
CC EMS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00 from the County-Unrestricted
CC Sheriff’s Dept.	\$3,500.00	\$3,500 from the County-Unrestricted
Rossville School	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00 from the County Restricted/Unrestricted
CC Sheriff’s Dept.	\$8729.00	\$8729.00 from the County-Unrestricted
CC Probation	\$4,525.00	\$2,262.50 from the City and County-Restruced/Unrest.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the committee’s recommendation for the opioid settlement funds as well as the committee making the decisions on if they should be restricted or unrestricted funds. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY PROPERTY BIDS
Tom Little opened the only bid received for the W. Morrison street property for \$32,000.00 from Eric King. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve that bid, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0. There were no bids received for the Green street property. The county will re-advertise the Green St. property.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Stock stated the house on Green street has been inspected, it is in bad condition with a bad foundation, and his recommendation is for it to be torn down. There was discussion on the sellability of the property. Tom stated since they were not able to meet the minimum requirement they are now able to accept an open bid and it will be re-advertised.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ASSET K-9 TIKO

Deputy Melissa Trump made a request to the commissioners to retire K-9 Tiko and for her to be able to purchase him for an agreed upon price. Deputy Trump gave a statement regarding her care and K-9 training and the bond she shares with Tiko. She stated she started a petition and has over 2600 signatures.

Sheriff Kelly stated the reason for where we are now is for disciplinary issues, and these assets are purchased through a grant for use for the community not to be a prop. The discipline started in March. He stated the K-9 has been transitioned to handler Deputy Hillman. Tiko has approximately 5 years of service left.

Detective Jon Greiner spoke in regards to the criminal investigation for the use of county property and if the county asset was used inappropriately on social media for personal gain. The prosecutor has decided to not press charges. He submitted his findings to the commissioners.

Nick Hillman spoke in regards to his experience in handling K-9's and the care and training of K-9 assets and information regarding Deputy Trump and Tiko. He read a letter from Sargent Kevin Kroll from Montgomery County Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Weaver stated this punishment has already cost the county over \$100,000 and is affecting a dog. He motioned to establish a policy for the K-9's so they don't have these kinds of issues in the future. Commissioner Weaver also motioned to return K-9 Tiko to Deputy Trump. Commissioner Brewer recommended on the first motion if he would consider instead of a motion they create a policy to be implemented and bring it back to be considered. Commissioner Weaver agrees with that recommendation. On the second motion Commissioner Brewer stated they've taken in a plethora of information and he was not comfortable with taking a position today. He would like more time to consider the matter and make a decision at the next meeting. The second motion does not receive a second and the motion dies. Commissioner Uitts motioned to take this request under consideration. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell presented two CDL Agreements for two new employees, Christopher Russell and Trey Frazier. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve agreements, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Rick stated Michigantown Road was completed and he received the invoice for \$1,082,836 which was below the estimated 1.3 million dollar project.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel stated she had no new complaints. Liz stated that Tom had a contract for the Michigantown house and she had a minor change she needed to add to it. Mr. Waggoner is willing to sign the contract but he is not present for the meeting. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the president to sign the contract on behalf of the commissioners after the minor modification has been made. Seconded by Commissioner Uitts. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FOREST PROPERTY

Liz Stitzel stated Michael Moore called for a drywall inspection but it didn't pass. He then scheduled a final inspection for the previous day and it did not pass. Mr. Moore stated he can get it done by the next meeting. Commissioner Weaver motioned to give Mr. Moore until November 18th. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Commissioner Brewer voted no. Motion carried 2-1.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the Paul Phillippe quarterly report. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Envoy Invoices for \$4,800.00, and \$10,000. Commissioner Uitts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the INTAC ADA Consultant Agreement with Tim Clark. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the EMS Generator Repair for \$2,035.84. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer presented Ordinance 2024-12 requiring utility permit applicants to provide a performance bond and changing the application process to provide the contractor's information. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-12, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the 2025 Commissioner Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve sick time leave donation for an employee. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the sign placement request for Zonta. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Renee Crick reported she discussed some of the issues Koorsen has brought up with Commissioner Uitts but she thinks it requires a conversation with Koorsen before any work is approved. Commissioner Uitts stated the facility gets inspected by the state fire marshall every year and doesn't recall ever seeing a report where there has been an issue. He will work with Renee and Koorsen. Renee reported they had their LEPC table top drill with great attendance. Renee reported Homeland Security awarded them their first grant of \$86,798.86 and it will be utilized for critical upgrades and technology equipment. She will purchase 10 portable radios and 2 laptops. The 3 new hires started this week. She sent out an email to various entities to invite them to see the facility on November 20th.

Tim Elston requested to move forward with the Data Center project. The cabinet will cost \$4,400 and the Switches cost \$29,900. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the project. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim requested approval to purchase another back up switch. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the purchase. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Uitts motioned to lift the current burn ban. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated they had a request to reinstate earned vacation time for an employee that left the county for more than a year and has now returned. The policy states if you return within a year it can be reinstated but this is outside the one year. Commissioner Weaver motioned to deny the request. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the following claims as submitted, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Friday claims dated October 18, 2024 in the amount of \$1,410.94
Friday claims dated October 25, 2024 in the amount of \$28,982.64
Friday claims dated November 1, 2024 in the amount of \$2,189.13
Bi-weekly claims dated November 7, 2024 in the amount of \$295,093.23
Court claims dated November 7, 2024 in the amount of \$14,849.99

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the payroll as submitted, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll dated October 4, 2024 in the amount of \$531,541.61
Payroll dated October 18, 2024 in the amount of \$545,575.32
Payroll dated October 4, 2024 in the amount of \$1,395.84

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Weaver motion to approve regular meeting minutes dated October 2, 2024, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve special meeting minutes dated October 4, 2024, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated October 16, 2024, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.


Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Administrative meeting minutes dated October 24, 2024, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The next meeting is November 19th.


Commissioner Uitts motioned to cancel the December 4th meeting. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver 10:35a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President

Josh Uitts


Bert Weaver

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor