

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 3, 2024

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on September 3, 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, Rodney Wann, Judge Mohler, Carol Price, Mary King, Shawn Mayfield, Grace Gouvia, Rich Kelly, 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 PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received.

IN THE MATTER OF SECURITY COMMITTEE

Judge Brad Mohler reported when he started in 2013 they established a courthouse security committee which is required by the supreme court. At that time they made some improvements to the courthouse, such as cameras and access. The committee has met and they are continuing to look at security needs for the courthouse and the future annex building. This committee consists of Tony Sommer, Jordan Brewer, Shawn Mayfield, Stephanie Harshbarger, Rich Kelly, and Alan Dunn. They will seek input from all office holders in the courthouse. They have recently moved the screening from the third floor to the first floor. To be in compliance with the Indiana Supreme Court they will need to submit a confidential security plan. Judge Mohler is seeking approval to allow this committee to continue working and allow the committee to approve our courthouse security plan that has to be on file with the Indiana Supreme Court. Judge Hunter has put together a draft that the committee has looked at and made minor changes that Judge Hunter is updating now, and it will go in front of the committee for approval, then submitted to the Supreme Court. Commissioner Uitts motioned to have the committee continue to meet, draft and approve a security plan, and submit the plan to the Indiana Supreme Court. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported Milestone is working on the roads around the solar farm and putting a topcoat on now. He stated County Road 500 and 0 is complete. They are working on 300 North, and started grinding up CR 50 today, and it should be paved by the end of the week. Traffic study for 425 and 0 and it is recommended we put a 4 way stop there. He sent the traffic study for 100 North to the commissioners. Commissioner Weaver motioned to make 425 and 0 a 4-way stop. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to take the speed reduction for division road under consideration. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Sick Leave Donation Policy-Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the new Sick Leave Donation Policy. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The policy will be sent to the department heads.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Paul Phillippe state grant for vehicles. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Farm Leases-Commissioner Brewer stated the 25 acre farm land on 375 rents for \$210/acre to Grant Ostler, and the 136 acre farm land rents for \$325/acre to Charles Dunn Farms. Both tenants have done a good job and have followed the stipulations of the contract. His recommendation is to move forward with offering the same lease contracts to the same individuals. Commissioner Uitts motioned to move forward with the lease agreements. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the sign placements for voter registration information for the Clerk's office inside the courthouse. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the sign placements for New Beginnings Ministry Pork Chop Dinner. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff Kelly stated he would like to get working on the work release ordinance. He will start looking for replacement vehicles for the 2013-14 Ford Taurus civil service vehicle and the minivan that is non usable.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Friday claims dated August 23, 2024 in the amount of \$41,668.03
- Friday claims dated August 30, 2024 in the amount of \$35,190.45
- Bi-weekly claims dated September 3, 2024 in the amount of \$979,991.40
- Court claims dated September 3, 2024 in the amount of \$15,201.27

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated August 9, 2024 in the amount of \$543,980.70

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated August 20, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Commissioner Uitts abstained. Motion carried 2-0.


Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 17th.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner 9:16 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President



Josh Uitts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor