

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 8, 2021

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

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

PRESENT

Josh Uitts
Jordan Brewer
Mark Timmons

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Jerri Sexton, Rick Campbell, Renee Crick, Rich Kelly, Brett Barton, Rodney Wann, Liz Stitzel, Ken Hartman, Britt Ostler, and others 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.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Huffer inquired about the Fickle property in Hillisburg. Liz Stitzel stated that they were in court that morning and may have an answer for him later that day.

IN THE MATTER OF COLFAX-FRANKFORT TRAIL

Andy Bailey spoke in regards to the Colfax-Frankfort Trail, stating he had a petition with the area residents signatures opposing the trail. Their main concern is that the trail cuts through their properties.

Jamie Chaney-agreed with Andy and stated that he didn't think the trail would be used a lot due to weather. He also had concerns about the environmental impact.

Emily Russ- Stated that her concerns were about child/livestock safety, and this trail is supposed to run along the Clinton Prairie Elementary playground fencing, and creates concerns of child safety at the school. Another concern is theft.

Gary Neal-Liability is his main concern and he is against the trail.

Commissioner Uitts stated that as of now the commissioners are not interested in this trail project the way it is, and no decisions have been made, but will move forward with the study because it has been paid for.

Commissioner Brewer stated that he appreciated everyone coming out and the conversations that were had at the meeting. There were valid concerns expressed and how it would impact Clinton County and the residents in the area. He wants to continue with the study but is not in favor of moving forward with the grant application.

Commissioner Timmons agreed.

Gary Neal asked when the deadline is for the project. Liz Stitzel stated the grant application closes December 1st. She does not think the study will be done by then.

Liz stated that she believes the cost of the study was somewhere between \$16,000-\$22,000 and done by BF&S.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

Judge Brad Mohler updated the commissioners on some of their fees and the Public Defender commission, which is a reimbursement program. He stated that they had to set up a three person board to monitor the pauper fees and reimbursements. Originally the judges would appoint two people and the commissioners would appoint one person on the board. The State has changed that process to the judges appointing two people and the State will appoint one person. Attorneys Charlie Krause and Kent Ryan's terms are expired and the judges would like the commissioners approval to reappoint these two attorneys. Commissioner Timmons motioned to reappoint Charlie Krause and Kent Ryan for another term. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF VACATION OF ALLEY IN LITTLE LAKES ESTATES/ORDINANCE 2021-07

Attorney Dave Little petitioned the commissioners to vacate a roadway in Little Lake Estates that is no longer needed.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to recess the Commissioners meeting for a public hearing at 9:30 A.M. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Liz Stitzel stated she had no objection to vacating the roadway.

There were no other objections or concerns.

The public hearing was closed at 9:32 A.M.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to reconvene the commissioner meeting. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to vacate the roadway in Little Lake Estates. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners signed Ordinance 2021-07 vacating the “roadway” in Little Lake Estates Subdivision.

IN THE MATTER OF VACATION OF ALLEY IN SCIRCLEVILLE/ORDINANCE 2021-08

Branden Goff petitioned the commissioners to vacate an alley in the town of Scircleville.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to pass Ordinance 2021-08 vacating an alley in Scircleville. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Greg Williamson reported board member Annie Bacon has moved and requested for the commissioners to appoint Peggy Kloenne to serve the remainder of Annie’s term. Commissioner Timmons motioned to appoint Peggy Kloenne to serve on the Public Library Board the remainder of Annie Bacon’s term. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell presented to the commissioners to forms to sign for Bridge #55 for ROW. One is for funding and the other states they will follow regulations. Commissioners signed ROW forms. Rick stated that Central Paving will be done with 1100 East this week. He has the highway department cutting brush and cleaning up stone from chip sealing.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel reported she still does not have news on the Fickle property and will keep the commissioners updated.

Liz requested an inspection and trip fee refund for \$50.00. Commissioner Timmons motioned to issue a refund for the fees. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer reported that TLMyers Insurance has sent a payment to cover the copier that was damaged at the Extension Office, and for other damages. Braden has sent an addendum to the Braden lease to be approved and signed to replace the broken copier. Commissioner Brewer motioned to approve and sign the addendum to the Braden lease. Commissioner Timmons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve J.G. Case Construction Pay App #13. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve Atlas Excavating Pay App #12. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve Resolution 2021-11 Authorizing Commissioner Uitts and Council member Alan Dunn to sign closing documents in the sale of the skating rink grounds. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried. 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve the American StructurePoint Service Agreement to manage the construction of the Fairgrounds grandstand. Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried. 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Renee Crick reported that Tom is working on a Resolution to complete the purchase of the building underneath the water tower once the work is completed. US Forestry is going to purchase that building for \$10,000.

Renee stated that she met with Motorola two weeks ago for a design review. They will probably have their new equipment before the end of the year.

Renee reported that AT&T had installed the wrong equipment and they now are waiting for them to remove the equipment.

Sheriff Kelly reported that the Federal Inmate Fund brought in \$120K last month. It currently has about 1 million in the fund, and the program is running strong with no issues. They are still waiting for the vehicles they have ordered. Kitchen appliances have been purchased and should be delivered this week. They are still waiting on the garage door that was ordered. He stated he had talked to the state about all the road closures and trucks and heavy farm equipment trying to maneuver around the closures. They will be working with INDOT to find ways to get the machinery around the closures.

Sheriff Kelly asked Commissioner Brewer for an update on retiree insurance. Commissioner Brewer stated they had a meeting in August. He stated that the statute allows early retirees to stay on our insurance but there is specific criteria they will need to meet. They will have to pay 100 % of the premium.

Rich stated they have one deputy getting ready to graduate from Indian Law Enforcement Academy, and have hired two other deputies. They have two deputies off from injuries.

Rhea Harris reported that the redistricting is slowly moving forward and requested one of the commissioners to meet with her.

Commissioner Uitts reported that they are about 90% done with the East side EMS building, and waiting on their certificate of occupancy. They will have an open house on Saturday, October 2nd.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Uitts stated that the next Commissioner meeting on September 21st will be cancelled due to the AIC Conference.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

Friday claims dated August 20, 2021 in the amount of \$23,200.70

Friday claims dated August 27, 2021 in the amount of \$136,478.20

Friday claims dated September 3, 2021 in the amount of \$45,933.86

Bi-weekly claims dated September 8, 2021 in the amount of \$420,411.30

Court claims dated September 8, 2021 in the amount of \$18,726.36

Claim dated September 7, 2021 in the amount of \$10,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated August 8, 2021 in the amount of \$401,840.11

Election Payroll dated August 27, 2021 in the amount of \$3,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Timmons motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated August 16, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Motion carried 3-0.

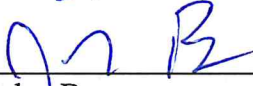
Skip Davis stated that he was working as a volunteer historian at the Fairgrounds and working towards seeking historical preservation of what has been referred to as the old administrative building. He has contacted Tommy Kleckner of Indiana Landmarks in Terre Haute and he had suggested getting a historical society board of about 9 members. He would like the support of the commissioners to make this a true landmark. Commissioners stated he has their support.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Timmons motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brewer at 10:04 A.M. Motion carried 3-0.


THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Josh Utts, President




Jordan Brewer



Mark Timmons

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor