

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 17, 2024

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on September 17, 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, Nash Smith, Renee Crick, Ashley Kelly, Rick Kelly, Grace Gouveia, Nancy Ward, Kat Bell, Alan Dunn, 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 REPUBLIC LANDFILL SERVICES

Commissioner Brewer introduced Jake Anderson and Michael Krutsinger from Republic Services, and talked about the history of the landfill and the original contract that was signed in 2005. He presented a new Solid Waste Agreement, stating currently the county receives a gate fee for tons that come into the landfill, and receives about 500,000 tons annually at \$2.00 per ton. The county receives about one million dollars per year and those funds go into the Landfill Tipping Fee Fund which supports our community service based projects, fairground projects, economic development projects, and anything outside of the general budget. A good will payment of \$1.5 million will be made to the county to replenish that fund. The term gate fee will now be tipping fee and will be based on the tons that go through the landfill, and adjust every two years based on the consumer price index. They will increase the road improvement fund from \$10,000 to \$20,000 annually. The company will donate \$25,000 annually for community support. These funds will be able to be put towards additional community service projects, with the first year of those funds going to the Cemetery Commission. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the new contract. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported highway sold five of the old tandem trucks that were not being used for \$45,767 at Don Smock Auction. He would like to roll the 2024 asphalt material bid to 2025. AE-90 is \$2.98/gal for chip seal and AE-150 is \$2.68/gal, making it the third year at this price. Commissioner Weaver motioned to roll the bid to 2025. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Highway has paved 930 East, north of State Road 26 with pug and 500 South from Colfax Manson to 500 West. This week they are replacing two pipes on 180 East between 250 South and Kelly Road, they also replaced a county tile under the road. Roads surrounding the solar farm are all paved.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Kat Bell reported a gentleman is purchasing the property on 750 E. SR 26 from the owner and is closing today. He will pay the taxes owed and they should see that property cleaned-up soon. Colfax Manson property is cleaned up and she will close it out.

Regarding the 9472 E CR 600 N Forest Property, the statement of commitments required Mr. Moore to complete 100% of the work regarding the well, septic and certificate of occupancy issued by September 15th. There is a functioning septic. Upon inspection, the interior part passed but the two parts of the house that had structural concerns have not been removed or an engineering report for structural stability. Mr. Moore called for final inspection on September 13th but Liz denied the inspection due to the commitments that were signed. For it to pass inspection it will need framing and rough in for the two areas of concern. Insulation and pre-drywall inspection and the final inspection. They can't confirm it has a working well.

Mr. Moore stated he had some setbacks and couldn't meet the completion date and described in detail. The commissioners discussed extending the timeline until November 7th. Mr. Moore stated if it's not done he will not show up. Commissioner Weaver motioned to give Mr. Moore an extension until November 7th. Commissioner Uitts seconded. Commissioner Brewer voted no. Motion carried 2-1.

Commissioner Uitts reported a property across the street from Green Meadows and Blue Ridge Elementary that looks bad and needs attention. It's owned by Keystone, and Kat will get in touch with them.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-11 amending the ARPA Ordinance to utilize the remaining funds to use towards the fairground projects. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the Envoy pay apps #11 in the amounts of \$117,115.11 and \$591,814.95. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Tom Little explained a new policy the county is required to have to ensure that its contractors and business affiliates meet certain criteria to maintain eligibility for certain funding sources and to comply with State and Federal law. They must have a background check and sign the **Suspension and Debarment Certification** form. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the policy, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ivy Tech Lease

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the new Ivy Tech Lease. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Conflict of Interest

Alan Dunn is a partner in the Charles Dunn Farms that was approved for the county farm land rental contract at the last meeting. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve Alan Dunn's conflict of interest. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sign Placement Request

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the sign placement requests for Clinton County Election Board, Friends of Frankfort Public Library, United Way Annual Campaign, FMS Dawg House craft show. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

No department head reports were received.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver reported the roads around the solar farm are done and neighbors are happy.

Commissioner Uitts gave condolences to the family of the young man that lost his life from Kirklin. Also to Zach Light and his family for the loss of his father.

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 September 6, 2024 in the amount of \$6,265.32

Friday claims dated September 13, 2024 in the amount of \$8,369.46

Bi-weekly claims dated September 17, 2024 in the amount of \$571,726.17

Court claims dated September 17, 2024 in the amount of \$22,043.55

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated August 23, 2024 in the amount of \$542,326.92

Commissioner Weaver stated that he understands that there are some people still not reporting their time to the Payroll department. Going forward we need to have time cards completed and submitted to the payroll department. There are three people to his knowledge that are not completing the time cards. To be in compliance with the State Board of Accounts and State and Federal Law it's imperative that we keep time on all employees before they receive their pay. He will send a letter to notify these people that are not in compliance.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated September 3, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

Next meeting will be on October 2nd.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Uitts at 9:42 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY

Jordan Brewer, President



Josh Uitts



Bert Weaver

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

