

# MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 18, 2023

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on September 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 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, Renee Crick, Shawn Mayfield, Rodney Wann, 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.

Commissioner Brewer took a moment to honor former Commissioner Wayne Williams who passed away on September 7th.

## **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Caren Moskowitz stated she was here to get an update regarding animal control. She feels people are getting frustrated since animal control will only go out on calls from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. She wanted clarification of what the animal control money is going towards. Commissioner Weaver stated he met with the Humane Society Board and staff about 4 weeks ago to go over some of the issues and complaints, the numbers, and the contract. He met with the board again this past Friday and went over the issues. Some of those issues are that they can't afford and keep good employees. He stated about 75% of the calls are in the city and the rest are in the county. The county has budgeted \$105,000 for animal control, and for the first time the City is contributing \$50,000. The humane society has a huge staffing problem, but now they have someone that is committed to taking calls after 4:00 p.m. They are currently working on a new contract. Caren wanted clarification if the money is delegated to animal control or animal care. Commissioner Weaver stated in his opinion it is used for both since they need to care for the animal once it has been caught and in their care. Commissioner Uitts stated the ordinance states any animal impounded for more than 4 days can be put down and that hasn't changed. At some point between 2005 and now the board has taken it upon themselves to not follow the ordinance, and that decision has become a self-inflicted financial burden. Caren stated the confusion comes from the money going towards animal control but not really getting animal control. Commissioner Brewer stated Commissioner Weaver is working on these issues, and they can amend the language to be more specific in the contract, but the next step is how it is enforced. There aren't a lot of options for animal control.

## **IN THE MATTER OF LUPAC #09-23-372-ORDINANCE 2023-06/AREA PLAN UPDATE**

Liz Stitzel stated the Area Plan Commission has given LUPAC 09-23-372 a favorable recommendation. This is a 2.4 acre piece of land on the south side of SR 38 on the west side of the Town of Mulberry. The proposed use is a Dollar General. The APC also recommended a series of 4 commitments. Liz recommends tabling the LUPAC decision until the landowners sign the commitments and they are recorded, and they appear before the Drainage Board. Some discussion followed her recommendation. Commissioner Weaver motioned to table the LUPAC and Ordinance, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Liz requested commissioners approval to purchase the second vehicle that was ordered by the surveyor but later canceled. She would like to have it in this year's budget instead of next year's budget since the vehicle is already available.. Commissioners approved the purchase.

Commissioner Uitts inquired about a potential solar farm development in Rossville. Liz stated that Rossville has called a special meeting at the end of September. They are very early in the process, maybe 3 years before starting to talk about development. They will not take any action until they find out if they have a feasible location.



### **IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE**

Rick Campbell reported Central Paving started working on Kelly Road on Saturday. Beams were set on Bridge #67 last week and will be ready to pour cement soon. Currently they are berming roads and cutting brush. They sold a patch truck at the auction for \$7,620.00, the AC was \$693.00 that left them with a balance of \$6,927. The Kelly Road project should be done in a couple weeks if not sooner.

### **IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brewer stated last meeting they approved the LHD contract for our health insurance and should have voted on our health insurance plan. The health insurance premium stayed the same, the basic life had an increase, but the county absorbed 100% of that increase, and the dental went up about 5%. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the health insurance plan, Commissioner Uitts seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the EMS Clinical Affiliation Agreement, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Paramedic classes should start next month.

Commissioner Brewer read off the copier quotes as follows:

Braden:	36 month agreement \$2,400.00	Maintenance: Avg. based on usage \$1,400.00
Cardinal:	12 month year-year \$2,980.00	Maintenance: Fixed \$1,500.00
ICC Business:	36 month lease \$3,539.88	only provided rates per copy

He and Tom negotiated some items in the contract. Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the new contract with Braden. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Uitts motioned to approve the Frankfort Lions Club sign placement request. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Renee Crick reported IPSC had contacted her regarding training for first responders on the radio system. Training will take place on November 14th and 16th. She sent out an email to all agency heads.

### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Weaver stated he has met with the Humane Society several times and it is a work in progress and they are getting close to finalizing the agreement.

Commissioner Brewer reported that the Courthouse exterior project will begin next week. He stated that they are working on an Ordinance regarding any capital asset purchases and disposals. For clarification, even if it's approved in the budget by council, department heads still need to come before the commissioners for approval. Same with new positions, council can approve the funds for the position but the commissioners need to approve the job description for those positions.

Commissioner Brewer reported he was a representative for Clinton County at a round table meeting last week with Dr. Gupta, the Whitehouse's Director of National Drug Control Policy. He was able to show him what Clinton County is doing in particular with the 180 Recovery Center and the opioid situation. He stated that the people who deserve all the credit are the ones with boots on the ground like Rodney with the Board of Health, Healthy Communities, 180 Recovery, Breanna's Hope, Trinity Hope, to name a few. They are making a huge impact on our community.

### **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 September 8, 2023 in the amount of \$11,860.90  
Friday claims dated September 15, 2023 in the amount of \$1,418.54  
Bi-weekly claims dated September 18, 2023 in the amount of \$280,142.18  
Court claims dated September 18, 2023 in the amount of \$33,854.02

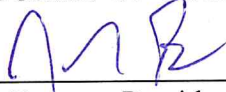
### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated September 5, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Uitts. Motion carried 3-0.

Next meeting will be held on October 2nd.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Uitts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:51 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



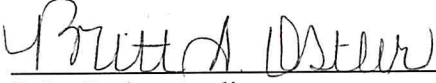
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Josh Uitts



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Bert Weaver

ATTEST:



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Britt Ostler, Auditor

