

MINUTES FOR THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 9, 2024

The Clinton County Council met in the conference room at the Frankfort/Clinton County Regional Airport, Frankfort, Indiana, on April 9, 2024 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. for their regular Council meeting, pursuant in accordance with law and publication as evidence by proof of the minutes of the last meeting, and any other business that may come before it. Council President Alan Dunn called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. On call to order the following members were shown to be present or absent.

PRESENT

Alan Dunn
Jeff Chynoweth
Mary King
Joe Mink
Mike Hensley
Carol Price
Todd Corrie

ABSENT

Britt A Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council. Tim Elston was also present to broadcast the meeting virtually.

Others present were, Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd, Ken Hartman, Rick Campbell, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Bert Weaver, Brett Todd, Rodney Wann, Renee Crick, Tammy Danner, Chris Salaba, and others as mentioned in the minutes.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RESOLUTION 2024-02 –
A Confirmatory Resolution of the Clinton County Council Designating An Economic Revitalization Area**

President Dunn explained that this process had been held up due to Co-Alliance merging with Ceres Solutions, creating a new entity, Keystone Cooperative. They have requested a 5 year abatement of 25% per year on real and personal property.

Public Hearing then opened 9:02 a.m.

No public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 9:03 a.m.

Motion by Council member Mink, second by Council member King, to adopt Resolution 2024-02 carried 7-0.

The Regular Council meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by President Dunn.

Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Mink to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Council member Price abstained.

Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Mink to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024, special meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton reported there were 87 clients on electronic monitoring in March 2024, 2 of those being juveniles, 0 on CTP, and 3 on PTR. His Board has approved the state grant application and it has been submitted.

PROBATION

A report from Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward stated that juvenile detention costs for the month of March were \$5235.00.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 TIF Management Annual Report of the Redevelopment Commission

Baker Tilly prepared the Annual TIF Management Report for the Council's review. Per state statute, this report is to be submitted yearly prior to April 15th. It is acknowledged that said report was received and reviewed by the Council.

Modification of Clerk's Office Position, Stephanie Harshbarger, County Clerk

Stephanie Harshbarger requested the deputy clerk/scanner job description be modified to remove the scanner portion of her title. Motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Corrie, to approve the change in job description carried 7-0.

Change In Legislation Regarding Taxation of Mobile Homes, Jada Ray, Assessor & Gina Brettnacher, Treasurer

Jada Ray and Gina Brettnacher spoke about Senate Bill 183, regarding personal property mobile homes. As of July 1, 2024, the County will have the option to deny collecting taxes for personal property mobile homes. The approximate amount of taxes that will be collected for 2024 is \$40,973. Many of these properties get sent to collections or TRECS is used to help collect on delinquent taxes. These two options are the Counties only options since mobile homes are not allowed to be put on tax sale. Mrs. Ray distributed information for the Council to review and make a determination as to if they would elect to discontinue collecting for personal property mobile homes.

Classification/Compensation Committee Recommendations – Councilman Todd Corrie

After meeting in March, the Committee recommends approving the new job descriptions for the Health Officer, Public Health Nurse and Nursing Supervisor. Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Mink, a motion to accept said job descriptions was approved 7-0.

Upon motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Corrie, a motion to approve a plan for creating/re-hiring for a position was approved 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2024-07

President Dunn read each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate of Additional Appropriations. Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Hensley, the Motion to approve the following Additional Appropriations carried 7-0.

\$84.80 request from Sheriff Department from General Fund to 1000-005-02-0013 Sheriff, Other Garage Supplies

\$125.00 request from Superior Court from General Fund to 1000-201-03-0047 Superior Court, Pauper Attorney
\$17.00 request from Sheriff Department from General Fund to 1000-380-03-0005 Jail, Meals for Prisoners
\$300.00 request from Sheriff Department from Accident Report Fund to 1101-000-04-0045 Camera Equipment
\$100.00 request from Parkview Home from County Home Gifts Fund to 1128-000-02-0001 Supplies for Residents
\$3879.75 request from Auditor/EMS from EMS Fund to 1151-000-04-0035 Equipment
\$2200.00 request from EMS from EMS Fund to 1151-000-04-0037 Opioid Emergency Equipment
\$4000.00 request from BOH from BOH Fund to 1159-000-02-0014 Environmental
\$18,833.77 request from Highway Department from CUM Bridge Fund to 1135-000-03-0021 Bridge #21
\$931.74 request from Circuit Court from Court Interpreter Fund to 4018-232-03-0001 Interpreter Costs
\$100.00 request from Sheriff's Department from Sheriff's Gifts Fund to 4104-000-03-0011 JCAP

Transfers for approval
NONE

Transfers no approval required

\$12,000.00 from 1135-000-03-0053 CUM Bridge Culvert Inspection to 1135-000-03-0021 Bridge 21
\$500.00 from 1135-000-03-0053 CUM Bridge Culvert Inspection to 1135-000-03-0067 Bridge 67
\$1998.33 from 1236-000-04-0035 EMS LIT Equipment to 1236-000-04-0009 Office Furniture

President Dunn called the Council's attention to the March 2024 Financial and Budget Status Reports for their review. Council member Chynoweth motioned, seconded by Council member King, to accept said financial report. Motion carried 7-0.

Council Reports

Council member Price reported that the SHARP Program is doing very well and has plenty of funds. Due to the excess funds, they have expanded the allowable issues to be fixed, such as a wet basement. To qualify, residents must be 65 or older and own their home. Past grant recipients may reapply after 5 years.

Council member Chynoweth informed the gallery that there is a little known group that meets to oversee Wild Cat Solid Waste finances. The group is composed of Mayor Judy Sheets, acting President, the 3 County Commissioners, a County Councilman (Jeff Chynoweth), and representatives from the towns. Wild Cat is supported by tax dollars through a County tax rate. They specialize in the proper disposal/recycling of hazardous materials and electronic devices and is located within the City of Frankfort's Street Department grounds.

Commissioners

Commissioner Weaver updated the Council on the Annex construction project. The north wall currently has a large hole where a portion of it collapsed. The Commissioners are insisting that the contractor reestablish the entire wall. Through using the Build-Operate-Transfer means of construction, the vendor takes on the additional cost overrun. It's not been determined how long this will further delay completion of the building.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SHERIFF - Sheriff Kelly said there are 3 open positions for merit deputies, over 30 applicants have applied. There will be a shuffle of vehicles as vacant positions are filled. The two maintenance positions have been filled and they are being assisted by the former maintenance person, Terry Richey, who has retired and is working part-time to train them.

Matron Kelly reported that Kellwell Foods will raise the price/tray for inmate meals by 3% on July 1st.

A new agreement has been submitted for federal inmate program. Facility wise they are waiting for federal inspection. State inspection went fine and was forwarded by Jail Commander Douglass. Eclipse traffic was heavy yesterday in the County, but we didn't have any emergencies and everything went smoothly. A local congregation in the Rossville area will host a nationwide church convention later this year. The Sheriff and the Town of Rossville will be in communication to handle the extra traffic. This convention happens once every 22 years.

CENTRAL DISPATCH – Director Crick spoke regarding the eclipse traffic; no major issues, just very heavy traffic. The City did have extra patrols out policing traffic. Communication wise, there were no issues.

AREA PLAN - Liz Stitzel, Director, presented the Area Plan Commission's 2023 Report (please see attached).

EMS – Director Steven Deckard reported that the new work schedule is going well. Overtime has gone down by half and the comprehensive coverage for the County has been much better. Steven would like to have blood available on the ambulances for trauma patients. He will have more details this week. This would provide the ultimate level of care.

BOARD OF HEALTH - Rodney Wann spoke regarding budgets. His Health First budget is due June 1, 2024. One possible option for these funds is distributing some to local organizations as community partners.

GRANT MANAGER - Kelly Moore stated that she is in favor of community grant partners. This would require applications, contracts, and monitoring the disbursement of the grants.

President Dunn reminded Council that there will be a work session next Tuesday, April 16th, at 9:00a.m., to further review the 2023 Salary Analysis.

Adjourned at 10:01a.m.

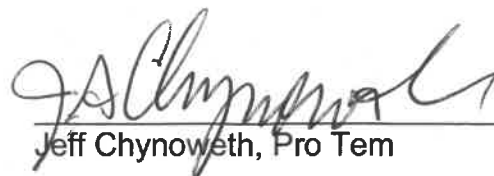
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