

MINUTES FOR THE  
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 8, 2023

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on August 8, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. 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  
Clark Beard  
Jeff Chynoweth

Carol Price  
Todd Corrie

**ABSENT**

Joe Mink  
Mike Hensley

Britt A Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council.

Others present were: Ken Hartman, Brett Todd, Renee Crick, Rick Campbell, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Bert Weaver, Liz Stitzel, and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Corrie, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023, regular Council meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Council member Beard abstained.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated there were 94 clients on electronic monitoring in July 2023 with 5 of those being juveniles and 2 on CTP and 3 on PTR. State reduced funding for Jail Treatment; lost \$6000. Project Income and Community Corrections will stay the same. The part-time interpreter, Grace Barton, whose position is shared by the Courts and Community Correction, will be paid from Community Corrections for the remainder of the year.

**PROBATION**

Report from Nancy Ward with expenses for the month of July of \$0. In April, the department had juveniles with handguns that they had to detain. Kids under the age of 12 can no longer be detained. Her department can no longer collect \$50 charge for informal cases due to change in State laws. The courts can no longer charge the juveniles as well. TRECS collects are approximately \$23,000 and goes towards juvenile care, drug-free crime, restitution fees, probation user fees, and pauper attorney fees. Current trends with juveniles have been auto theft and child porn.

Mrs. Ward explained her additional appropriation request for \$50,000. She will be using it to fund Peer Recovery Coach Program, the additional appropriation was \$20,000 (grant) \$30,000 (opioid settlement). These were presented as one additional appropriation, but combined two funds of money.

**NEW BUSINESS**

County Auditor, Britt Ostler, presented for the Council's review the following reports from the State of Indiana for the Budget year 2024 tax year from State of Indiana:

- Growth Quotient
- Maximum Levy
- Property Tax Cap Impact – County
- Property Tax Cap Impact - Units
- CUM rates

Auditor requested a motion to acknowledge Council's receipt of 2024 projections from the State. Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Beard, said motion passed 7-0.

Per IC code, a copy of the unit specific Tax Cap Impact report will be sent to each of the Taxing Units.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2023-13**

President Dunn proceeded to describe each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate at the end. Upon motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, the Motion to approve the following Additional Appropriations. Motion carried 5-0.

Request from Health Department for \$3000.00 from BOH Fund to 1159-000-02-0014 Environmental Health

Request from Auditor for \$167,034.00 from LIT Correctional Facility Fund to 1233-000-04-0002 Jail Improvements 2023

Request from Auditor for \$20,000.00 from Opioid Unrestricted Fund to 1238-000-03-0002 Distribution for Matching Grant

Request from Surveyor for \$9833.00 from Drainage Maint Fund to 2700-000-03-0575 Martin Young

Request from Surveyor for \$298,000.60 from Drainage Maint Fund to 2700-000-03-0585 Joseph Blackburn

Request from Surveyor for \$371.20 from Drainage Maint Fund to 2700-000-03-0614 Arbegust Young

Request from Sheriff for \$3000.00 from Sheriff Sale Admin Fund to 4009-000-03-0001 Sheriff Costs

Request from Auditor for \$50,000.00 from Landfill Tipping Fees Fund to 4901-000-03-0016 HR Contractual Agreement

Request from Surveyor for \$570.31 from User Fee Fund to 4902-000-03-0001 Professional Services

Request from Highway Dept for \$350,000.00 from Wheel Tax Fund to 6020-000-02-0023 Bituminous

Request from Probation for \$1500.00 from Opioid Grant Fund to 8111-000-02-0001 Incentives

Request from Probation for \$2000.00 from Opioid Grant Fund to 8111-000-03-0004 Training

Request from Probation for \$500.00 from Opioid Grant Fund to 8111-000-03-0007 Outreach

Request from Probation for \$46,817.00 from Opioid Grant Fund to 8111-000-03-0009 Contractual

### **Transfers approval required**

President Dunn proceeded to describe each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate at the end. Upon motion by Council member Corrie, seconded by Council member Beard, the Motion to approve the following Transfers carried 5-0:

\$400.00 transfer from General Fund 1000-622-03-0041 Parkview Water Softner to 1000-622-02-0021 Gas, Diesel

\$34,855.22 transfer from EMS 1151-000-01-0012 RN-Paramedic to 1151-000-01-0010 Paramedic Program Director

\$58,000.00 transfer from EMS 1151-000-01-0016 Group Insurance to 1151-000-04-0004 Vehicle

\$66,264.00 transfer from EMS 1151-000-01-0020 Paramedic to 1151-000-01-0032 EMS Overtime

\$31,667.00 transfer from EMS 1151-000-01-0021 EMT to 1151-000-01-0032 EMS Overtime

\$3000.00 transfer from Community Corrections 4912-000-03-0099 Project Income to 4912-000-01-0018 Translator

\$3200.00 transfer from BOH 8113-000-03-0010 COVID Testing Grant 8113-03-0010 Contractual to 8113-000-04-0007 Equipment

**Transfers no approval required**

\$374.10 transfer from General Fund 1000-002-03-0012 Auditor Postage to 1000-002-03-0081 Dues

\$12,019.25 transfer from General Fund 1000-079-03-0003 Area Plan BZA Legal to 1000-079-03-0001 APC Legal

\$375.00 transfer from General Fund 1000-622-02-0022 Parkview Tires & Tubes to 1000-622-02-0021 Gas, Diesel

\$600.00 transfer from General Fund 1000-660-03-0014 4-D Telephone & Fax to 1000-660-03-0054 Professional Services

\$12,500.00 transfer from CUM Bridge Fund 1135-000-03-0012 Bridge Inspection to 1135-000-03-0003 Professional Engineering

\$30,000.00 transfer from CUM Bridge Fund 1135-000-03-0030 Bridge 30 to 1135-000-03-0055 Bridge 55

\$75,000.00 transfer from CUM Bridge Fund 1135-000-03-0067 Bridge 67 to 1135-000-03-0055 Bridge 55

\$40,000.00 transfer from CUM Bridge Fund 1135-000-03-0051 Misc Bridge Repairs to 1135-000-03-0055 Bridge 55

\$30,000.00 transfer from CUM Bridge Fund 1135-000-03-0012 Bridge Inspection to 1135-000-03-0055 Bridge 55

\$50,000.00 transfer from CUM Bridge Fund 1135-000-03-0052 Misc Culvert Repairs to 1135-000-03-0055 Bridge 55

\$3282.39 transfer from EMS Fund 1151-000-03-0086 Paramedic Program to 1151-000-03-0084 EMT In-service Training

\$600.00 transfer from BOH Fund 1159-000-03-0012 Legal Fees to 1159-000-03-0023 Mileage

\$100.00 transfer from BOH Fund 1159-000-03-0014 Telephone to 1159-000-03-0023 Mileage

\$359.99 transfer from MVH Fund 1176-533-02-0031 Equipment Repairs to 1176-533-02-0011 Hardware & Tools

Council reviewed the Monthly Financial and Budget Status Reports for July 2023. Council member Beard moved, seconded by Council member Price, to approve said reports. Motion carried 5-0.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

President Dunn reported that S&P had given the County an A rating. The bonds will be closed tomorrow and the funds released August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Weaver reported on the following: recent power outage which caused the County to be shutdown on August 7<sup>th</sup>; Annex Groundbreaking will be held at 9am tomorrow; SBOA audit went well; work on roundabout I65/28 intersection is progressing; and he and Council member Chynoweth have a meeting scheduled with the City and Humane Society to discuss their issues.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Kelly reported that their SBOA review went well.

Requesting permission to purchase inmate footwear, totaling \$3000, from Commissary. It's a gray area on the allowed uses of the Commissary Fund. Would like to have a Resolution that details items that could be purchased by the Commissary Fund for inmate needs, possibly have a threshold amount to not exceed without Council approval.

Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, to allow the purchase of inmate footwear of \$3000 from Commissary passed 5-0.

Council member Beard expressed his approval of a Resolution being drafted and passed because the inmates' families are the ones who fund the Commissary account. The inmates should benefit from it.

Additional items were purchased from Commissary to give out at the community Night Out. All of the items they had previously purchased were given out at the County Fair. An email had been sent to the Council to authorize this purchase since it needed to be done before the August Council meeting.

Motion by Council member Corrie, seconded by Council member Beard, to ratify the e-mail approval given to replenish items for The Night Out through the Commissary Fund. Motion carried 5-0.

SR 39 August 25, 2023 will be closed, detour has not been provided.

The last 7 new vehicles will be delivered soon. There will be 6-8 vehicles to trade-in, still getting list together. The department may possibly donate a vehicle to We Care organization.

Hiring process will begin in January 2024 to replace those 2 officers that were hired as SROs. Have 2 positions in the current budget to fill. They had over 25 applicants for the last 2 open positions.

Matron Kelly reported that Federal Inmate program is currently paying the County \$68/prisoner. They're in the process of renegotiating for a higher rate.

Sheriff Kelly reported that the pension investments have been coming in strong at 9%. The company has done very well for the pension funds.


#### **HEALTH DEPT**

Mr. Wann reported that he will need to additional appropriate funds to cover the taxes for the STI/STD hourly part time employee.

He will be attending LEPC seminar August 26. The guest speaker will discuss train derailments, response times and decontamination.


**Meeting Adjourned: 9:50 am**

#### **Clinton County Council**

  
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Alan Dunn, President

  
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Jeff Chynoweth

  
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Clark Beard, Pro-Tem

  
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ATTEST:

*Britt A. Ostler*

Britt A. Ostler, Clinton County Auditor

