

MINUTES FOR THE  
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 13, 2024

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on August 13, 2024, 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  
Jeff Chynoweth  
Joe Mink  
Mike Hensley  
Carol Price  
Todd Corrie  
Mary King

**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: First Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd, Bert Weaver, Rodney Wann, Rick Campbell, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Olivia Petrella, Nancy Ward, Liz Stitzel, and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Mink, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated there were 81 clients on electronic monitoring in July 2024 with 3 of those being juveniles and 2 on CTP. There are currently 2 individuals on Pre-Trial Release. DOC grant review and application was submitted for 2025. Only 10 counties received an increase; one being Clinton with a 30% increase awarded.

At their last meeting, the Community Corrections Board voted to increase the daily fee paid for participants. Drug screen fees will now be covered, with no out-of-pocket cost to participants.

**PROBATION**

Nancy Ward submitted the Probation report for the month of June 2024 showing expenses of \$ 0.00.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Corrections Board Appointment, Alan Dunn**

President Dunn explained that Council member Price has been nominated to replace Mike Hensley as the Council representative on the Community Corrections Board. Council member Hensley is willing to move to the SHARP board to replace her.

Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Mink, to approve appointment of Council member Price to the Community Corrections Board and Council member Hensley to the SHARP Board. Motion carried 7-0.

**Colfax Community Library – Board Appointment, Alan Dunn**

President Dunn explained that neither the appointee or a representative from the library were able to attend today's meeting. They had presented a letter recommending Lora Woodard as the Library Board's nominee to replace Dan Tate, who recently passed away. Motion made by Council member Corrie with a second by Council member Hensley to approve the appointment of Lora Woodard to the Colfax Community Library. Motion carried 7-0.

**Circuit Breaker and Maximum Levy Figures for 2025**

Per state statute, the Auditor, Britt Ostler, presented the circuit breaker and maximum levy reports and figures to the County Council for their review. Upon motion by Council member Mink, seconded by Council member King, the Council confirms that the 2025 Circuit Break and Max Levy reports were presented and reviewed. Motion carried 7-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2024-11**

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 Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Price, the Motion to approve the following Additional carried 7-0.

\$3516.88 request from EMS for EMS Fund to 1151-000-04-0018 Jackets (State Grant)

\$3000.00 request from Clerk's Office for Campaign Finance Fund to 111-000-03-0053 Service Agreement

\$1300.00 request from Board of Health for Health Department Fund to 1159-000-03-0023 Mileage

\$250,000.00 request from Highway Department for MVH Restricted Fund to 1173-000-02-0023 Bituminous

\$3.50 request from Sheriff's Department for LIT Correctional Facility Fund to 1233-000-03-0001 Repairs & Maint

\$1000.00 request from Probation for Adult Probation Fund to 2000-000-02-0001 Office Supplies

\$4000.00 request from Probation for Adult Probation Fund to 2000-000-03-0010 Drug Testing

\$39.52 request from Surveyor's Office for Drain Maint Fund to 2700-000-03-0550 Frank Powell

\$1389.45 request from Surveyor's Office for Drain Maint Fund to 2700-000-03-0542 McClamroch

\$5000.00 request from Sheriff's Office for Sale Admin Fund to 4009-000-03-0001 Sheriff Costs

\$2865.00 request from Commissioner's for Landfill Fund to 4901-000-03-0026 Liability Insurance

\$1564.65 request from Surveyor's Office for User Fee Fund to 4902-000-03-0001 Prof Services

\$10,000.00 request from Board of Health for Travel Immunizations Fund to 4905-000-02-0001 Travel Immunizations

\$697.36 request from Community Corrections for Project Income Fund to 4912-000-03-0061 TRECS Collections

\$28,545.50 request from Sheriff's Department for Federal Inmate Fund to 4968-000-03-0005 Sheriff Service Agreement

\$66,886.50 request from Sheriff's Department for Federal Inmate Fund to 4968-000-03-0006 Envoy Jail

\$33,004.19 request from Wild Cat Solid Waste District for Wild Cat Fund to the following:

5101-000-01-0001 Director \$14,884.97

5101-000-01-0003 F T Employee \$10,044.00

5101-000-01-0031 Soc. Security \$1895.62

5101-000-01-0032 PERF \$2792.03

5101-000-01-0033 Group Medical \$3284.08

5101-000-01-0036 Vision \$17.79

5101-000-01-0037 Dental \$85.68

\$250,000.00 request from Highway Department for Wheel Tax Fund to 6020-000-002-0023 Bituminous

### **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 Hensley, seconded by Council member King, the Motion to approve the following Transfers carried 7-0:

\$11,795.50 transfer request from EMS Fund 1151-000-01-0032 Overtime to 1151-000-04-0035 Equipment

\$3500.00 transfer request from Local Public Health Services Fund 1161-000-01-0002 Environmental Staff to 1161-000-01-0013 Overtime

\$5000.00 transfer request from Recorder Perpetuation Fund 1189-000-01-0013 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy to 1189-000-01-0018 Overtime

\$15,000.00 transfer request from Central Dispatch Fund 4958-000-01-0001 Dispatchers to 4958-000-01-0004 Overtime

### **Transfers no approval required**

\$927.29 transfer request from General Fund Commissioners 1000-068-03-0062 Weed Ordinance to 1000-068-03-0037 Time Clock Maint

\$240.00 transfer request from General Fund Parkview Home 1000-622-03-0051 Repairs Bldg to 1000-622-03-0002 Veterinarian

\$18,200.00 transfer request from CUM Bridge Fund 1135-000-03-0053 Culvert Inspection to 1135-000-03-0012 Bridge Inspections

\$16,703.00 transfer request from CUM Bridge Fund 1135-000-03-0067 Bridge 67 to 1135-000-03-0055 Bridge 55

\$10,000.00 transfer request from CUM Bridge Fund 1135-000-03-0067 Bridge 67 to 1135-000-03-0115 Bridge 115

\$5000.00 transfer request from CUM Bridge Fund 1135-000-03-0067 Bridge 67 to 1135-000-03-0060 Bridge 60

\$1100.00 transfer request from Board of Health Fund 1159-000-03-0011 Contract to 1159-000-03-0031 Printing

\$289.00 transfer request from Central Dispatch Fund 4958-000-02-0001 Supplies to 4958-000-02-0003 Pub Education

\$28,545.50 transfer request from Federal Inmate Fund 4968-000-03-0005 Sheriff Service Agreements to 4968-000-03-0006 Envoy Jail Services

Council reviewed the Monthly Budget Status and Financial Reports for July 2024. Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Corrie, to approve said reports. Motion carried 7-0.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council member Price reported that she and Commissioner Weaver recently met with Howard Community. They discussed the possible transition from Howard Regional to Jane Pauley Center (JPC). Council member Price prepared a letter for the Council to sign. The JPC is willing to put in a brick-and-mortar location in the community. Community Howard brought the option to the Council, so they are aware and willing to go through the transition with the County. Frustration with the lack of brick and mortar with Community Howard has been expressed by many dept heads and elected officials. Sheriff Kelly would like to meet with a representative from the Jane Pauley Center. He has his doubts this transition can happen with Community Howard. He is hoping they deliver as

promised. January 1, 2025 would be the start date for the JPC. Council member Price and Commissioner Weaver seem very optimistic that this transition will happen. Commissioner Weaver feels that Howard Community has realized their services for Clinton County were severely lacking and is willing to help us move forward with another company. They are anxious to get the ball rolling at the State level. The Jane Pauley Center has access to federal options for RX and other programs that Howard Community did not.

Motion to allow Alan to sign the letter in support of the transition from Howard to Jane Pauley Center made by Council member King, seconded by Council member Chynoweth. Motion carried 7-0.

Council member Price stated that Senator Braun recently came to tour the Trinity Hope Center and hear a presentation from Lorra Archibald regarding the work that Healthy Communities is doing in our area and their collaboration with the City and County to effectively use state funds. He is looking for a pilot program and may use Clinton County as an example. Alan said the senator was very impressed with our County.

In addition, Council member Price reported that is working with a team to provide a child care facility in the industrial park; convenient for those working in the surrounding factories. Mark Genda is another notable individual involved with this project. They are close to getting land for the project.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Weaver reported that the final inspection for the SR 28 roundabout is set to take place with the State next Wednesday. Delinquency charges for approximately 30 days will be billed to Milestone Construction due to completion of project after date promised.

Commissioner Weaver and Area Plan Director Liz Stitzel toured the nearly completed Hardy Hills solar farm with officials from Invenergy, discussing the County's expectations for mowing and maintaining the ground around the solar farm. Stating that it's ultimately Invenergy's responsibility to make sure the upkeep gets done. Several roads are being, or have already been, repaved due to deterioration from heavy construction equipment traffic.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Soil & Water** - Olivia Petrella gave an update on the status of all their grants from IDEM.

Upper Sugar Creek 319 Grant - Montgomery County has reapplied for this grant (that they didn't receive last year) that effects Lye Creek in the Colfax area.

Browns Wonder Sugar Creek (2019–2023) – 45 approved project applications, \$157,153.43 brought into the County.

South Fork Wildcat Creek (2022-2025) Phase III - 35 approved project applications, \$116,670.10.


Clean Water Indiana (2024-2027) - Shared \$36,000 with Carroll County; 7 applicants were funded in Clinton County. There were so many requests for these funds that all of it was disbursed within six weeks.

**Area Plan** - Liz Stitzel stated that Plan attorney, Jay Moore, had discovered the County has received an enforcement "win" with the collection of a \$20,000 judgment through garnishment. Said funds will be going back into county general.

**Central Dispatch** – Director Renee Crick reported that the new consoles have been installed and painting is almost complete. She will be inviting council, commissioners and town boards to tour the remodeled central dispatch center.

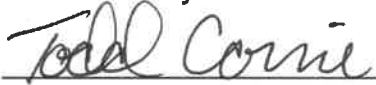
**Meeting Adjourned: 9:55 a.m.**

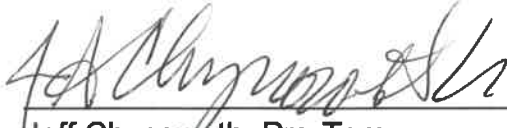
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ATTEST:  
  
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Britt A. Ostler, Clinton County Auditor

