

**MINUTES FOR THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
August 15, 2023**

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on August 15, 2023, at the hour of 8:00 a.m. special 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. President Alan Dunn led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order. On call to order the following members were shown to be present or absent.

PRESENT

Alan Dunn
Clark Beard
Jeff Chynoweth
Joe Mink
Mike Hensley
Carol Price
Todd Corrie

ABSENT

Britt Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council. Others present and not accounted for in the minutes: Janet Lloyd, Marcia DeLaCroix and were also present.

CIRCUIT COURT

Brad Mohler spoke to his budget and CASA. Part-Time Interpreter position has been moved from an 03 to 01. No changes.

CASA

All lines are the same. Program is partially funded from State grant and Wrap Around fund. No changes.

PROSECUTOR

Tony Sommers explained his changes to all his budgets. Based upon staffing report, there is a staffing shortage in Clinton County. This is due to the cases per prosecutor. His office is 75% staffed to date. He is asking for an additional paralegal in 2024. Salary analysis shows his administrative staff should be raised 15%. The deputy prosecutor increase is at 8% and investigator at 6%. No changes.

CHILD SUPPORT

He asked for a raise of 8% for Administrative staff and left investigator at 6%. This is in accordance with the salary survey. No changes.

SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Hunter explained the capital murder line has been moved to 0. Adding Pauper Attorney line for part time work to help with situations he has encountered. No changes.

AREA PLAN

Liz Stitzel spoke to her budget. She also mentioned that her department's oldest truck is getting towards the end of its life. Salary increases of 6%. New position (Asst. Planning & Inspection Tech) added to her budget 1000-079-01-0016 for \$43,000. Reimburse Town for Fees has been increased from \$2900 to \$5000. No changes.

ASSESSOR

Jada Ray stated that the only increase in her budget were 6% raises. No changes.

REASSESSMENT

Jada mentioned she moved money from line 18 to 84 for AIC conference. She verified with Tapco, her Contractual Services provider, and that line can stay at \$140,000. The Retainer Fee line 1224-000-03-0001 can be zeroed out.

AUDITOR

Britt Ostler stated that the only item in her budget that differed from the past is the addition of a Grant Coordinator's position. She explained that the number of grants the County is receiving has increased greatly in the last few years. Federal grants especially have specific reporting requirements. If granted, this position may work better in the Commissioners budget. Salaries were raised 6%.

CORONER

Ed Cripe wasn't present, but left word that the new morgue has saved the County approximately \$25,000 due to fewer out-of-county autopsy fees. No changes.

COUNCIL

No changes.

CEDIT

No changes.

CUM CAP DEVELOPMENT

No changes.

LANDFILL

The Vehicle line can be zeroed out.

BOND FUNDS 4600, 4601, 4605, & 4606

No changes.

CLERK

Stephanie Harshbarger spoke regarding her budget. Can zero-out line 1000-001-03-0052 Misc Office Repairs, it's accounted for in another line.

REGISTRATION OF VOTER

Knowink line has been raised by \$500. No changes.

COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

This budget reflects the additional funding needed for the Presidential election. Adding another vote center for just the presidential election, which adds more people, meals, etc. No changes.

CLERK'S RECORDS PERPETUATION

Extra labor added, but may need more to be added in 2025. This is looking ahead for when a magistrate is added to the County. No changes.

COMMISSIONERS

Alan Dunn spoke to the Commissioners fund, since there wasn't a Commissioner present. New line 1000-000-01-0025 ADA Coordinator stipend; County Attorney line was increased to \$52,000; and added Digitization line for \$120,000.

COURTHOUSE

No changes.

CUM COURTHOUSE

The boiler maintenance line has been reduced. No changes.

IT

Tim Elston spoke regarding this budget. Data Center Switch line added. Data center usage line raised significantly to move some backup equipment from the jail to utility office. Some lines are increased due to the annex building adding expense. No changes.

CUM CAP

No changes.

LANDFILL

Remove \$35,000 in vehicle line. Shouldn't need for 2024.

EMS (Steven will be gone during September meeting; discussed at this meeting)

Paramedic/EMT – raising shifts from 104 to 120 double

Will pay OT as straight time vs. time and a half.

Holiday \$600/\$400 adjusted for Paramedics/EMT's.

Group insurance lowered to \$175,000, most aren't on family plan

Vision/Dental – stayed the same

Retirement/Taxes – increased 6%

Director salary was adjusted to maintain a gap between the director and supervisors.

Work calendar changed from self sign-up to scheduled shifts that are predictable and more accurate for budgeting.

Volunteer payments to help support our surrounding towns. Steven is recommending an increase for them. 12, 6, 13 are stations that are very responsive and helpful. \$55.00 adjusted to \$78 per call, overall \$13,000 increase.

Ambulance lease – 2025 will have 2 new ambulances coming to the County; 2026 ambulances have been spoken for already. Proposing mounting boxes to new trucks frames for a cheaper price.

No changes.

EMS LIT

This budget is a mirror image of EMS 1151. No changes.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Caren Crum stated she proposed 6% salary increase. No changes.

EMA

Darrell Sanders wasn't present. Salary increase of 6%. No changes.

FRANKFORT/ CLINTON COUNTY AIRPORT

Alan Dunn spoke regarding the Airport budgets. No changes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Rodney Wann spoke regarding his budget. 6% raises in this budget.

Full time administrator and immunization nurse added in 2023.

Contractual services (STI Coordinator) new to the 2023 budget listed as (03), move to (01).

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

New fund for the BOH. Proposing additional raises for staff on top of 6% using this fund.

MVH

Rick Campbell was present to discuss Highway budgets. Salary increase 6%

Fuel contracted amount may need looked at again.

Total budget up approximately 10%, mostly due to salaries.

MVH RESTRICTED

Salary increase 6%. No changes.

WHEEL TAX

No changes.

LR&S

Six new trucks ordered. No changes.

CUM BRIDGE

Added culvert inspections line 1135-000-03-0053 \$80,000. No changes.

PARKVIEW HOME

Chris Overman stated that his budget showed salary increases at 6% and little "fluff". He distributed a brochure that he and his nurse had developed to distribute to local organizations who may have clients that could benefit from the housing provided at Parkview. A couple other County Homes in Indiana have closed; mainly due to poor management. Looking into additional funds through grants. No changes.

PROBATION

Nancy Ward stated that her salary increases are set by the State at a rate of 7.8% for 2024.

No changes.

ADULT PROBATION ADMIN

No changes.

JUVENILE ADMIN

No changes.

RECORDER

Beth Keeney spoke to her budget; proposed raises of 6%. Dues and seminars increased.

No changes.

RECORDER PERPETUATION

Digitizing of documents is almost complete. The total for the project has come in cheaper.

Increase in salaries of 6%. No changes.

ID PROTECTION

No changes.

There was a break from 12:30pm to 1:21pm for lunch.

SHERIFF

SRO Clinton Central and SRO Clinton Prairie are additional personnel added to budget. Legal Services in the amount of \$20,000 was added. May review.

JAIL

Can remove Courthouse Security Equipment amount of \$5000 (1000-380-04-0012). Additional \$25,000 in January to Utilities line 1000-380-03-0041.

PUBLIC SAFETY LIT

Court Security Supervisor is new position.
Annex Security (2) is new position once Annex is complete.
Need to remove \$70,000 budgeted in 1170-000-04-0003 Ambulance.

LIT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

No changes.

FEDERAL INMATE HOUSING

Submitted a request for \$115 a day, up from \$68 a day. Federal government will determine the fee. 7 vehicles budgeted for: 2 Tahoes for SROs and 5 Traverse for Jailers. No changes.

SOIL & WATER

Stephen Miller spoke to his budget. 7.8% increase in the entire budget. Salaries increased 6% and Grant Personnel from \$8,370 to \$13,320. All remaining items have stayed the same from 2023. No changes.

CENTRAL DISPATCH

Additional 4 dispatchers
Shelby Products (chairs) are leased, would need additional for added staff.
Shelby Company 5 new consoles

STATEWIDE 911

Increase staffing for supervisors and dispatchers due to additional City and County police officers, plus additional fire fighters are requiring more personnel. Shifts will change from 4 on, with a minimum of 3, to 5 on a shift, with a minimum of 4.
2 dispatchers and bilingual stipend added to this budget. The 2 dispatchers are double advertised in 911 and Central Dispatch.
New line 1222-000-03-0025 ACCS for radio backup system.

TREASURER

Service agreement increase \$200, salaries increased 6%. No changes.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Bob Marcum discussed how he reports his findings to his clients. No changes.

WILD CAT SWD

Clark Beard explained the budget. No changes.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Joe Root was present for his budget. No changes.

SURVEYOR

Dan Sheets reported that through a miscommunication, his department currently has an additional truck available. The dealer can cancel if not needed. President Dunn said the Council would take this into consideration to see if another department could use it. 6% increases for employees. No changes.

DRAINAGE BOARD

Remained fairly flat to 2023. No changes.

PLAT BOOK

No changes.

SURYVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

Budget raised to complete work at I65. No changes.

SURVEYOR USER FEE FUND

New truck line item of \$20,000 can be removed from 2024 budget.

Adjourned: 2:43 p.m.

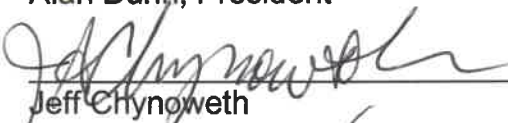
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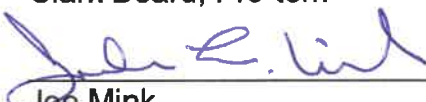
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ATTEST:


Britt A Ostler, Clinton Co Auditor