

MINUTES FOR THE  
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 17, 2021

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on August 17, 2021, 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  
Ron Gascho  
Mike Hensley  
Jon Hussey

**ABSENT**

Jake Myers

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

Budget Hearings proceeded as follows:

**CIRCUIT COURT-** 4% raise for employees; law books increase of \$500; the rest of the budget held flat.

**CASA** – several lines are decreased due to Covid (mileage, training, etc)

**PROSECUTOR- Criminal Division** Tony has asked for (3) new positions paralegal, deputy prosecutor and investigator. The criminal side has a new normal which is higher and driving the need for more personnel to handle the workload. The National Instant Check System for firearm purchases has exploded this past year causing an increase in the Investigator's time and duties. **Child Support Division** – Tony has asked for 1 Investigator in this division. The Child Support office does receive reimbursement to the County for 66% on the dollar. Current staff has a 4% increase in salaries. Of importance, the paralegal on the criminal division and investigator in child support division.

**SUPERIOR COURT-** decrease in most of the budget. Increase in furniture and equipment to go to wireless equipment.

**AREA PLAN-** Increase to Director and Zoning Administrator positions to move to 40 hours per week. Thus, increasing those line items.

**ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT-** increase of 4% for employee salaries.

**REASSESSMENT-** 4% increase for employee salaries and increase in mapping.

**AIRPORT** – reviewed no questions

**AUDITOR** – reviewed no questions.

**CORONER**-Office equipment and holding facility decreases to \$0. Proposed increase to Coroner salary. Deputy Coroners increased from \$120 to \$150.

**COUNCIL/CEDIT/CUM CAP DEVELOPMENT/LANDFILL-**

**CCD**- Old server in the Courthouse needs to be replaced. New line for \$170,000 added to this budget.

**CLERK**- raises were presented at 8%. Council would recommend the Clerk take that back for 4%.

**REGISTRATOR OF VOTER**- raise needs to be taken back to 4% per Council recommendation.

**COUNTY ELECTION BOARD**-standard budget for election year. Increase to 062-01-0016 because of the increase is due to vote centers and the increase in absentee voting and mail in voting.

**CLERK'S RECORDS PERPETUATION**- flat budget.

**COMMISSIONERS**- 4% salary increase for employees. Communication Services raised to \$80,000 in phone plans. AT&T is in the process of being replaced.

**COURTHOUSE**- Custodian line description changed to Maintenance. Salary increased to \$43,000 on line 161-01-0013. Increase in line 161-02-0022 to \$5000 to restore books in Archives.

**CUM COURTHOUSE**-utilities raised due to scheduled increases and acquiring the Regions Building.

**IT**- Web Services is the combined term for all of ACCS's services.

**LANDFILL**- Liability insurance and worker's compensation has raised. Demolition of properties decreased to \$50,000. Fairgrounds repairs increased to \$150,000.

**EMS**- Hospital Contractual budget is now being combined with Fund 1151 (EMS). 1151 in 2022 will now hold the entire EMS budget. Hospital Contractual will be retired from having expenses from EMS taken out of it. Ambulance cot 000-04-0012 decrease to \$15,000; Zoll Ventilators (2) \$32,236; Power Load Systems (2) \$43,200 and Power Cots (2) \$39,830 could potentially come from CARES money.

Annual Salary for 2022

Supervisor \$58,568

Medic \$54,764

EMT- \$41,126

Director \$44,000 (part time- hourly)

**PUBLIC SAFETY LIT** – Ambulance \$53,000

**EXTENSION OFFICE**- Co-op Learning Coordinator line description changed to Nutrition Program Assistant

20 hours per week (new position added to the budget). Contractual Services increased in coordination with Purdue.

**EMA-** reimbursements for salary may cut down from 50% to 30%. City pays the rest through reimbursement.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT-** Raises 4%; rent increased (\$1200) due to BOH needing more space; zero out the electric, water, sewage and gas as it's being paid by the landlord. Cleaning has gone up due to moving and having more space to clean. Dues and subscriptions add \$300; Membership add \$1200.

**HIGHWAY-**4% raises; truck driver 30 to Road Foreman; ERC work for State/Grant (14) increase is 6% or stipend. Clerk increase 6% (requested). 2 maintainers.

**MVH RESTRICTED-**4% raises; truck driver (line 30) to Road Foreman.

**WHEEL TAX-** budgeted out for stone, oil and Bituminous.

**LR&S-**added grader.

**CUM BRIDGE-** 4% employee raises.

**PARKVIEW HOME** – part time increase \$1600.

**PROBATION-**raises are State driven. The Sheriff SUV's that are retiring could go to Probation to upgrade their vehicle.

**ADULT PROBATION ADMIN-**Vehicle maintenance added \$1000.

**RECORDER-**increase dues and subscriptions (\$25); extra help increase (\$200).

**RECORDER PERPETUATION-** purchase of Reader & Reproducing Equipment \$11,000; requested \$435 (2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy) and \$500 (1<sup>st</sup> Deputy) over 4% for employees.

**ID PROTECTION-** Flat

**SHERIFF** – part time investigative Asst.; ammunition increased; Sheriff salary discussed; service agreements have gone up; supplies for evidence; K9 upkeep is \$2000 per K9; investigation room for interviews; replacing body armor for specialty unit (SWAT); FPD does help with body armor purchases for their officers.

**JAIL-** Equipment 380-04-0010 is Recorder split with Central Dispatch.

**PUBLIC SAFETY LIT-** 4% raises.

**LIT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY-** 4% raises

**FEDERAL INMATE HOUSING** – Between 50-60 Federal inmates is the consensus. Work Release can be used for purchase of tasers, taser cartridges and cell extraction equipment. Body cameras could be taken out of here for the \$337,500.

**SOIL & WATER-** funding could be received if they need additional staff. Salary increase of 4%. Updating recorder (with Sheriff) Word System, Inc.

**CENTRAL DISPATCH-** flat budget.

