

MINUTES FOR THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
December 8, 2020

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on December 8, 2020, 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. 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
Jake Myers

ABSENT

Britt Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council. Also in attendance were: Janet Lloyd, Renee Crick, Kevin Myers, Greg Miller, Rich Kelly, Liz Stitzel and others as referenced in the Minutes.

Council President Alan Dunn opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion of Council member Beard, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, the Minutes of the November 10, 2020, Council meeting were approved. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated there were 87 clients on electronic monitoring in November, 2020, with 8 of those being juveniles and 7 on CTP. Mr. Barton reported that according to AIC President, Jacque Clemments, Clinton County has collected the most TRECS money of any Indiana county

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Council Meeting Schedule

After review, Council member Beard noted that the September meeting dates were incorrect and should be changed to September 14th and 15th.

Upon motion of Council member Myers, seconded by Council member Hensley, the Motion to Approve the 2021 Council Meeting Schedule, with noted revisions, carried 7-0.

Salary Ordinance for 2021

Upon motion of Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Gascho, the Motion to Approve the 2021 Salary Ordinance was approved 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. CO-2020-19

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 Beard, the Motion to approve the following Additional Appropriations, excepting the \$1157.20 request, carried 7-0:

Request from the Commissioners in the amount of \$5000.00 in the County General Fund for 1000-068-03-0026 Cost Recovery Maximus

Request from Parkview Home in the amount of \$146.91 in the County General Fund for 1000-622-02-0012 Food

Request from Auditor's Office in the amount of \$200,000.00 in the County General Fund for 1000-000-04-0001 COVID Disbursement CARES ACT

Request from Parkview Home in the amount of \$1157.20 in the County Home Gifts Fund for 1128-000-02-0001 Supplies for Residents. **Motion to deny said request was made by Council member Beard, seconded by Council member Myers and carried 7-0.

Request from Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$5900.00 in the Firearms Training Fund for 1156-000-02-0034 Ammunition

Request from Auditor's Office in the amount of \$4636.25 in the LIT Public Safety Fund for 1170-000-04-0014 East Side EMS Building

Request from Highway Department in the amount of \$22,700.00 in the MVH Fund for 1176-533-04-0035 Other Road Equipment

Request from Superior Court in the amount of \$476.27 in the Supp Public Defender Serv Fees Fund for 1200-000-03-0047 Special Fund – Pauper Attorney

Request from Probation Department in the amount of \$840.83 in the Adult Probation Fund for 2000-000-03-0086 TRECS Collections

Request from Auditor's Office in the amount of \$86,407.92 in the I65/SR28 Project Fund for 4800-000-03-0003 White Construction

Request from Auditor's Office in the amount of \$846,779.14 in the I65/SR28 Project Fund for 4800-000-03-0003 White Construction

Request from Prosecutor's Office in the amount of \$7167.12 in the Infraction Deferral Program Fund for 4907-000-04-0010 Law Enforcement Equipment

Request from Health Department in the amount of \$10,000.00 in the BOH Rainy Day Fund for 4908-000-04-0001 Immunization Buildout

Request from Health Department in the amount of \$10,000.00 in the BOH Medicaid Immunizations Fund for 4909-000-04-0007 Equipment

Request from Community Corrections in the amount of \$5500.00 in the Project Income Fund for 4912-000-01-0033 Group Medical

Request from Community Corrections in the amount of \$111.31 in the Project Income Fund for 4912-000-03-0061 TRECS Collections

Request from Highway Department in the amount of \$896,227.65 in the Community Crossing Grant Fund for 9121-000-03-0001 Distribution

Transfers for approval

Motion made by Council member Beard, seconded by Council member Hensley to approve the following transfers of appropriation presented to the Council on December 8, 2020, carried 7-0.

Extension

\$800.00 from 1000-011-01-0023 Extra Help to 1000-011-01-0013 Secretary

\$400.00 from 1000-011-01-0023 Extra Help to 1000-011-01-0016 Janitor

Auditor

\$12,000.00 from 1000-061-01-0043 EAP Mental to 1000-061-01-0037 Dental

\$3,000.00 from 1000-061-01-0043 EAP Mental to 1000-061-01-0036 Vision

Election Board

\$3050.00 from 1000-062-01-0016 Pct Brd Members to 1000-062-01-0013 Absentee Brd Members

Superior Court

\$3,000.00 from 1000-201-03-0042 Petit Jurors to 1000-201-01-0023 Straight-time

Parkview Home

\$400.00 from 1000-622-03-0042 Cooking Gas to 1000-622-04-0008 Household

\$800.00 from 1000-622-02-0021 Gas, Diesel to 1000-622-04-0008 Household

Community Corrections

\$500.00 from 4912-000-01-0032 PERF to 4912-000-01-0037 Dental

Central Dispatch

\$2000.00 from 4958-000-02-0001 Supplies to 4958-000-01-0004 Overtime

\$500.00 from 4958-000-02-0003 Pub Ed Supplies to 4958-000-01-0004 Overtime

\$3500.00 from 4958-000-03-0004 Repairs & Maint to 4958-000-01-0004 Overtime

\$3500.00 from \$4958-000-03-0053 Service Agreements to 4958-000-01-0004 Overtime

Hospital Contractual

\$560.00 from 4960-000-01-0016 Group Ins to 4960-000-01-0016 Dental

CASA

\$82.78 from 9114-000-03-0001 Mileage to 9114-000-02-0001 Supplies

Transfers no approval required

Extension

\$200.00 from 1000-011-03-0073 Printer Lease to 1000-011-03-0013 Mileage
\$150.00 from 1000-011-03-0073 Printer Lease to 1000-011-03-0015 Carpet Cleaning
\$300.00 from 1000-011-03-0012 Postage to 1000-011-03-0015 Carpet Cleaning
\$100.00 from 1000-011-03-0073 Printer Lease to 1000-011-03-0003 Professional Exp
\$200.00 from 1000-011-03-0072 Computer Lease to 1000-011-03-0003 Professional Exp

Election Board

\$50.00 from 1000-062-03-0052 Misc Office Repair to 1000-062-03-0022 Publication of Elections

Commissioners

\$100.00 from 1000-068-03-0022 Legals to 1000-068-03-0010 Vehicle Registration
\$50.00 from 1000-068-03-0074 Seminars to 1000-068-03-0010 Vehicle Registration
\$1000.00 from 1000-068-03-0003 Change of Venue to 1000-068-03-0014 Comm Services
\$1000.00 from 1000-068-03-0031 Bonds to 1000-068-03-0014 Communication Services
\$4000.00 from 1000-068-03-0035 Insurance Deductible to 1000-068-03-0014 Communication
\$301.00 from 1000-068-03-0074 Seminar Registration to 1000-068-03-0062 Weed/Mowing
\$1000.00 from 1000-068-03-0074 Seminar Registration to 1000-068-03-0014 Communication
\$800.00 from 1000-160-03-0068 Website Maintenance to 1000-160-03-0067 Fiber Optics

Courthouse

\$500.00 from 1000-161-02-0015 Furnace Filters to 1000-161-02-0014 Janitorial

Circuit Court

\$35.00 from 1000-232-03-0012 Postage to 1000-232-03-0047 Pauper Fees
\$454.88 from 1000-232-03-0013 Mileage to 1000-232-03-0047 Pauper Fees
\$500.00 from 1000-232-03-0041 Judges to 1000-232-03-0047 Pauper Fees
\$2000.00 from 1000-232-03-0048 Witness to 1000-232-03-0047 Pauper Fees
\$4000.00 from 1000-232-03-0086 Medical to 1000-232-03-0047 Pauper Fees
\$556.72 from 1000-232-04-0007 Office Equip to 1000-232-04-0049 Law Books

EMA

\$525.75 from 1000-311-02-0021 Fuel to 1000-311-02-0030 COVID-19 Supplies
\$518.37 from 1000-311-02-0024 Garage Supp to 1000-311-02-0084 Vol Food Supp
\$660.15 from 1000-311-03-0084 Meals to 1000-311-03-0051 Building Maint
\$1904.66 from 1000-311-02-0021 Fuel to 1000-311-02-0041 Equip Supplies
\$158.21 from 1000-311-03-0030 COVID19 Main to 1000-311-03-0023 Internet
\$28.50 from 1000-311-03-0051 Building Main to 1000-311-03-0023 Internet
\$933.94 from 1000-311-02-0024 Garage Supplies to 1000-311-02-0031 Maint Suppl
\$13.02 from 1000-311-02-0041 Eq Supplies to 1000-311-02-0031 Maint Suppl

Parkview

\$400.00 from 1000-622-03-0041 Water Softner to 1000-622-03-0051 Repairs Bldg
\$450.00 from 1000-622-02-0013 Furnace Oil to 1000-622-02-0025 Safety Corp
\$450.00 from 1000-622-02-0013 Furnace Oil to 1000-622-02-0014 Dairy Food
\$100.00 from 1000-622-03-0062 Cable TV to 1000-622-03-0002 Veterinarian

Highway

\$5560.00 from 1135-100-03-0507 Bridge #507 to 1135-100-03-0036 Bridge #36

\$185.00 from 1135-100-03-0507 Bridge #507 to 1135-100-03-0055 Bridge #55

CEDIT

\$1900.00 from 1112-000-03-0039 Professional Services to 1112-000-03-0040 Appraisals

CUM Bridge

\$5560.00 from 1135-100-03-0507 Bridge #507 to 1135-100-03-0036 Bridge #36

\$185.00 from 1135-100-03-0507 Bridge #507 to 1135-100-03-0055 Bridge #55

\$9760.00 from 1135-100-03-0507 Bridge #507 to 1135-100-03-0067 Bridge #67

\$16,820.00 from 1135-100-03-0083 Bridge #83 to 1135-100-03-0055 Bridge #55

MVH

\$1031.99 from 1176-533-02-0024 Garage Supplies to 1176-533-02-0031 Equip Repairs

\$1284.66 from 1176-533-03-0074 Seminars to 1176-533-03-0003 Engineering

\$3741.30 from 1176-533-02-0024 Garage Supplies to 1176-533-02-0031 Equip Repairs

\$8347.63 from 1176-533-03-0041 Utilities to 1176-533-03-0062 GPS

Statewide 911

\$789.20 from 1222-000-03-0010 Maintenance to 1222-000-03-0020 ESRI Arc

Landfill

\$9,809.00 from 4901-000-03-0020 Fairgrounds Repairs to 4901-000-03-0026 Liability Ins

Central Dispatch

\$382.54 from 4958-000-02-0003 Pub Ed Supplies to 4958-000-02-0002 Uniforms

Jail Treatment Services

\$10,000.00 from 9116-000-03-0003 MRT to 9116-000-03-0004 Adult Ed

Financial Reports

Motion made by Council member Myers, seconded by Council member Hensley to approve review of the November financial reports. Motion carried 7-0. Council member Beard asked about the status of the negative fund balances. Auditor Ostler explained most are grant funds, which are allowed to go in the red because of anticipated income. The other funds should be resolved by year-end.

President Dunn then asked, in reference to the Hospital Contractual Fund, if the County was still receiving payments from IU Health for the hospital. Deputy Auditor Lloyd reported that the County was indeed still receiving monthly payments. President Dunn suggested we check the contract to see if we are still supposed to be receiving this money because the County has relied on those payments in the past to use as temporary loans to the General Fund. Council member Hussey asked that this be entered in the minutes to ensure we follow up on this.

Auditor Ostler also brought to the Council's attention the Percent of Collection Report that was included in their packets. This report shows that the County has collected approximately 94% of all taxes due for 19 pay 20, which is comparable to past collections.

Council Reports

President Dunn stated that he would forward to all Council members an email he received from AIC regarding income tax collected this year. The numbers are better than expected.

Council member Chynoweth shared that he had been a part of an IU Health teleconference. It was announced during that call that the Covid Vaccine will be available in Clinton County beginning December 18th. President Dunn asked BOH Director Rodney Wann if he knew why the old hospital building wasn't being utilized by IU Health since many hospitals are at capacity due to COVID cases. Director Wann stated that he assumed it was too much of a liability risk and expense. Witham/St. Vincent will be distributing Phase 1A vaccines. These are for first responders and workers and residents of long term facilities. The Pfizer vaccine will be distributed first. Modera is what the BOH will be able to house and administer due to the Pfizer vaccine requiring extreme cold storage. Will likely be mid-March before vaccination is available to the general public.

Council member Gascho asked Sheriff Kelly if there had been any positive cases at the jail. He reported that there had been 0 inmate cases. However, there have been some jail employees who have tested positive and/or have had to quarantine because of sick family members. Sheriff Kelly said that new inmates are isolated for 7-10 days before going into the general population. The static sprayer is used on the pods twice a day.

President Dunn also reported that a plan has been implemented to reduce the load in the Courthouse attic. The first of several Shred-It days was held on December 7th. Around 90 boxes of outdated documents from the Auditor's Office and the Prosecutor's Office were disposed of.

Council member Myers asked for an update on the status of an Ordinance that was passed by the Commissioners at their November 17, 2020, meeting to freeze the hiring of new County staff. President Dunn reported that he had spoken with Commissioner President Uitts and expressed the Council's confidence in the 2021 Budget that they had approved. And that the Council felt that any budget approved position should be allowed to be filled or refilled without the need for Council or Commissioner approval. Council member Myers expressed his concern that the Sheriff's department is in need of additional Merit Deputies/Officers right now and that process is time consuming and critical. President Dunn said that at their December 1st meeting, the Commissioners gave their approval for the Sheriff to move forward in the hiring of the 2 new Merit Deputies and 4 Jailers. He would like to see the Commissioners rescind this Ordinance because it's already the Commissioners responsibility to approve any new positions and the Council's to approve the funding for said position. Sheriff Kelly spoke about how the passing of this Ordinance had affected his department. President Dunn asked for a vote from Council to show the Council's support of the hiring of any positions already approved in the 2021 Budget. Upon motion by Council member Myers, seconded by Council member Hensley, a Motion to reiterate their position supporting a department heads ability to hire and/or rehire positions that are already in the 2021 Budget was approved 7-0.

Commissioner Reports

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sheriff

Sheriff Kelly reported that the jail will finish the year with 19 inmates receiving their high school equivalency certificates. He believes that's the most that's ever been done in a year. Recovery program is going well with 13 males and 11 females participating. They are in separate areas and mentor each other. Public visitation has to be done on-line from an off-site location.

Board of Health

Director Wann stated that the department will be receiving a \$100,000 grant. The COVID clinic is administering an average of around 250-300 tests daily. Just got notification of receiving a \$40,000 grant to help with salaries for individuals working at the clinics. The Health Department is now moved into their new location and very excited about this facility. Sheriff Kelly stated that his department is preparing to provide security to the COVID testing sites.

EMS

Director Greg Miller reported that the Mulberry facility is open and operational. The Michigantown facility will be opening for bids on December 22nd. He stated that patient transportation issues are dire due to some Hospitals being at capacity and not accepting new cases. His department is having a difficult time keeping medics and is proposing to raise the pay of part-time paramedics from \$21/hour to \$26. Director Miller believes that this incentive pay might help to attract new workers and possibly get them to go full-time. President Dunn suggested a "sunset date" of the end of March 2021 for this new incentive pay increase. Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Hensley, a motion to increase part-time paramedic pay to \$26/hour beginning immediately and subject to review after March 31, 2021, passed 7-0.

There was some discussion regarding when/if the County could make it mandatory for certain employees to receive the vaccination. All responders are now going out on calls in full PPE. There is a physiological toll on workers. Sheriff Kelly also discussed the possibility of requiring the vaccine for new employees.

Central Dispatch director, Renee Crick, reiterated the fact that every call is considered a potential COVID case and that transportation issues are at critical level. Her department is very excited about the future EMS facility to be located on the east side of the county. Response times for that area will be greatly reduced.

Highway

Kevin Myers, Highway Department Director, spoke regarding the leasing of the new plow trucks. Those vehicles are a tremendous asset to the department. He also stated that he will retire the end of January 2021.

Motion to support Dept Heads hiring positions in 2021 budget they can rehire what's in the budget. Council member Myers seconded by Council member Hensley. Motion carried 7-0.

Auditor

Britt Ostler asked to discuss the funding of the new eastside EMS building. She currently has more bills than donations to fund those. President Dunn stated that it was the intention of Council to fund this project with CARES reimbursement funds. The Council would like to have an estimate of the total cost of this project so that the County could approach the townships about providing some financial assistance to complete this building. President Dunn suggested the Council consent to an appropriation of \$50,000.00 in January 2021 to fund incoming bills of preliminary engineering and site preparation. Upon motion by Council member Hussey, seconded by Council member Gascho, to appropriate \$50,000 from the CARES Act money. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Clinton County Council

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Alan Dunn, President

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Clark Beard

Clark Beard, Pro-tem

Ron Gascho

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Jon Hussey

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Britt A. Ostler

ATTEST:

Britt A Ostler, Clinton Co Auditor



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2021 SCHEDULED MEETINGS


All meetings will commence at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse unless otherwise designated.


Tuesday January 12
 Tuesday February 9
 Tuesday March 9
 Tuesday April 13
 Tuesday May 11
 Tuesday June 8
 Tuesday July 13
 Tuesday August 10
 Tuesday August 17
 Tuesday September 14
 Wednesday September 15
 Tuesday October 12
 Tuesday November 9
 Tuesday December 14
 Tuesday December 28


Budget - Convenes at 8:00 a.m.
 Budget - Convenes at 8:00 a.m.; recess for
 Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m.; reconvenes after
 Budget - Convenes at 8:00 a.m.
 Regular meeting and Budget approval

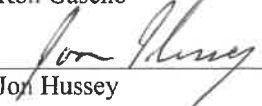
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