

**MINUTES OF THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2024**

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on January 9, 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. Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd 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
Mary King
Jeff Chynoweth

Carol Price
Todd Corrie
Joe Mink

ABSENT

Mike Hensley

Janet Lloyd, Clinton County Deputy Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council.

Others present were Jordan Brewer, Brett Todd, Renee Crick, Rick Campbell, Josh Uitts, Ken Hartman, Shawn Mayfield, Rodney Wann, Liz Stitzel, Wanda Mitchell, Kelly Moore, and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Mrs. Lloyd asked for nominations for the position of Council President. Council member Chynoweth nominated Alan Dunn, seconded by Council member Mink. Motion carried 5-0, Council member Dunn abstained.

President Alan Dunn then asked for nominations for Vice President. Council member Price nominated Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Mink. Motion carried 5-0, Council member Chynoweth abstained.

Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Mink, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Council member King abstained.

Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Corrie, to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2023, meeting. Motion carried 4-0, Council members Dunn and King abstained.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated there were 80 clients on electronic monitoring in December 2023 with 2 of those being juveniles; 0 on CTP; and 4 pre-trial release. There is a new DOC Program Manager, Kiana White, which he has met with and is confident they will work well together. His department will start the 2025 grant process next month.

PROBATION

Chief Probation Officer, Nancy Ward, presented her report stated that juvenile detention costs for the month of December were \$2619.00; \$6175.00 for the year 2023. They ended the year with 2 juveniles in detention. Delaware County is raising their per diem rate to \$195.00. Kinsey Youth Center, Kokomo, is cheaper at \$145/day. She wishes to fill her vacant Admin position with someone part-time. President Dunn stated that if the position is already budgeted for, she just needs to go before the Commissioners to get approval to fill it.

NEW BUSINESS

An Ordinance of the Clinton County Council of the state of Indiana for the Payment of Recorder's Office Expenses and Salaries from Recorder's Perpetuation Fund - Ordinance 2024-01

This is required by the State and will formalize the process the County has been using with the Recorder. Motion by Council member Price, second by Council member King, to adopt Ordinance 2024-01. Motion passed 6-0.

Declaratory Resolution of the Clinton County Council Designating an Economic Revitalization Area - Resolution 2024-01 (Co-Alliance)

Co-Alliance representative, Ryan Satchell, started with the organization's long-term goal/strategy which is to expand in locations that are strong supporters of agriculture. They currently have 8 locations in Clinton County with 52 employees, representing an investment of \$2,500,000. They plan to make an additional \$8,000,000 investment in the bin hub facilities. President Dunn asked Mr. Satchell to point out any philanthropic support they've given to local organizations. Mr. Satchell stated that Co-Alliance gave \$17,000 last year to Clinton County 4-H and FFA to support scholarships. Motion by Council member Chynoweth, second by Council member Mink, to adopt Resolution 2024-01. Motion passed 6-0.

An Ordinance Adopting County of Clinton, Indiana Job Descriptions – Ordinance 2024-03

President Dunn explained that this is the first step in moving forward with reviewing the results of the Salary Survey and implementing the needed salary adjustments. There will also be an updated survey done for 2024. In the next couple months, Council will be meeting several times to discuss salary recommendations to department heads before submitting the 2025 budget.

Motion by Council member Chynoweth, second by Council member Mink, to adopt Ordinance 2024-03. Motion passed 6-0.

Iron Block Renovation Funding Request

Shan Sheridan, Clinton County Chamber of Commerce Director, was present to present a plan for the renovation of the Iron Block building. He's is asking for the County's help to pay for the required elevator in order to renovate the 2nd floor. There are currently 20 entrepreneurs, 2 recovery groups, and a not-for-profit organization using the building on a regular basis. Their cookie sales program raised \$15,000 for local not-for-profits groups. The Chamber didn't keep any of the proceeds. Wanda Mitchell, President of the Chamber, interjected that Frankfort Main Street and the Sharp Program use their facility free of charge. Two local businesses, Education Solutions and The Times, are located in their building. Commissioners Brewer & Uitts expressed concern regarding the fact that procedures to present/approve such a request were not followed. They also questioned if the City of Frankfort had been approached to help fund the elevator project. Mr. Sheridan stated that they had not.

Commissioner Brewer questioned if local contractors/builders were being used for the project. Mrs. Mitchell stated that the job has been put out for bids. They have no control over who bids. Some of the feedback they've received from local contractors is that many don't currently have the time. Also, Mrs. Mitchell pointed out that it doesn't seem to be fiscally responsible to accept a bid from a local provider if it's thousands of dollars more than a "non-local" contractor. Mr. Sheridan stated that they seek to hire businesses who are members of the Chambers, and that many "non-local" businesses are already members. Contractor Clint Taylor is overseeing the project for the Chamber. Discussion was had about what fund could be used to finance this. President Dunn suggested using the unallocated portion of the ARPA money that was awarded to the County.

Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Price, to approve using the ARPA money to help fund the Chamber elevator project not to exceed \$100,000. Motion carried 6-0.

2024 Council Board Appointments

Upon motion by Council member Mink , seconded by Council member Corrie, a motion to accept the following slate of appointees passed 6-0:

County Contractual Library Board – Beth Carter

Partners In Progress – Todd Corrie and Marc Hodges

Clinton County Redevelopment Commission- Jim Need and Marc Hodges

Wild Cat Solid Waste District – Jeff Chynoweth

Alcoholic Beverage Commission- Myron Chezem

Board of Zoning Appeals – Andy Bailey

Area Plan Commission – Jeff Chynoweth

PTBOA – Nick Bales

SHARP Committee – Carol Price (correction from Jeff Chynoweth)

OLD BUSINESS

Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2024-02

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 Mink, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, the Motion to approve the following Additional Appropriations carried 6-0:

\$30,702.28 request from EMA for General Fund to 1000-03-0030 CC Training Facility Expenses

\$66,399.00 request from Council for General Fund to as follows:

1000-010-01-0014 Deputy \$39,899.00

1000-010-01-0023 Stipend \$2000.00

1000-010-02-0001 Office Supplies \$2000.00

1000-010-02-0031 Stationary & Printing \$2000.00

1000-010-03-0013 Mileage \$1000.00

1000-010-03-0014 Knowink \$6500.00

1000-010-03-0052 Microvote \$13,000.00

\$25,000.00 request from Sheriff for General Fund to 1000-380-03-0041 Jail Utilities

\$3400.00 request from Parkview for Fund 1128 County Home Gifts to 1128-000-02-0001Supplies for Residents

\$1000.00 request from BOH for Fund 1159 Health Department to 1159-000-03-0034 Advertising

\$2400.00 request from BOH for Fund 1159 Health Department to 1159-000-03-0010 Board Mtg Meals

\$300,000.00 request from Highway for Fund 1173 MVH Restricted to 1173-000-00-0001
Community Xing Project
\$500,000.00 request from Airport Authority for Fund 2101 Airport Authority to 2101-000-04-
0001 Land Purchase
\$2063.69 request from Surveyor for Fund 2700 Drain Maint to 2700-000-03-0535 Hannah
Kessler
\$250,000.00 request from Airport Authority for Fund 4800 Airport Real Estate Proceeds to
4800-000-04-0003 Land Acquisition
\$6000.00 request from BOH for Fund 4905 Travel Immunizations to 4908-000-02-0001
Supplies
\$3000.00 request from BOH for Fund 4905 Travel Immunizations to 4908-000-03-0001
Service Contracts
\$3000.00 request from BOH for Fund 4905 Travel Immunizations to 4908-000-04-0007
Equipment
\$2000.00 request from BOH for Fund 4909 Medicaid Immunizations to 4909-000-02-0001
Supplies
\$2000.00 request from BOH for Fund 4909 Medicaid Immunizations to 4909-000-03-0001
Service Contracts
\$2000.00 request from BOH for Fund 4909 Medicaid Immunizations to 4909-000-04-0007
Equipment
\$31,278.32 request from Probation for Fund 8111 Opioid Grant to 8111-000-03-0009
Contractual
\$42,467.77 request from Probation for Fund 9010 Probation State Grant to 9010-000-01-0001
Probation Officer
\$4258.14 request from Probation for Fund 9010 Probation State Grant to 9010-000-01-0002
FICA
\$6234.14 request from Probation for Fund 9010 Probation State Grant to 9010-000-01-0003
PERF
\$11,614.95 request from Probation for Fund 9010 Probation State Grant to 9010-000-01-0033
Fringe Medical
\$10,000.00 request from Probation for Fund 9010 Probation State Grant to 9010-000-03-0001
MRT

TRANSFERS FOR APPROVAL

Motion made by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, to approve the following transfers of appropriation presented to the Council carried 6-0.

\$14,630.00 from Circuit Court Wrap Around 1000-232-03-0001 to Wrap Around Part-time
1000-232-01-0025
\$5000.00 from EMS Group Insurance 1151-000-01-0016 to Mental Health EAP 1151-000-03-
0088
\$489.00 from BOH Clinic Staff 8113-000-01-0010 to Contract Staff 8113-000-03-0010

TRANSFERS NO APPROVAL REQUIRED

\$34.00 from Extension Office 1000-011-03-0072 Computer Lease to 1000-011-03-0003
Professional Expenses
\$81.00 from Extension Office 1000-011-03-0072 Computer Lease to 1000-011-03-0012
Postage
\$1000.00 from Area Plan 1000-079-02-0002 BI Office Supplies to 1000-079-02-0004 BI Code
Books
\$650.00 from Area Plan 1000-079-03-0012 Postage to 1000-079-03-0004 Contract Services
\$90.00 from Area Plan 1000-079-03-0018 Fuel & Oil to 1000-079-03-0017 Vehicle Maint

\$399.25 from Area Plan 1000-079-03-0081 Dues & Subscriptions to 1000-079-03-0003 BZA Legal

\$4.97 from Area Plan 1000-079-03-0081 Dues & Subscriptions to 1000-079-03-0017 Vehicle Maint

\$845.96 from EMS 1151-000-03-0016 Volunteer Payments to 1151-000-03-0041 Utilities

\$158.79 from EMS 1151-000-03-0086 Paramedic Program to 1151-000-03-0041 Utilities

\$155.36 from EMS 1151-000-03-0086 Paramedic Program to 1151-000-03-0085 Certification Classes

Financial Reports

Motion made by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Mink, to approve review of the December 2023 financial reports. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

President Jordan Brewer reported that there has been progress on the construction of the Annex. After several weeks of delays, some of the footers have been poured. It's estimated that the project is 4-6 weeks behind schedule. Further delays will depend on the weather.

The County's liability insurance carrier will no longer be insuring municipalities. Our current policy runs out February 1st. There are not very many competitive bids since the number of carriers has decreased in recent years.

In regards to Co-Alliance's petition to the Council for an Abatement, Mr. Brewer asked the Council to question the validity of their request. He pointed out that they had a substantial income last year from their local facilities and there appears to be very little funneled back into the community. They do contribute philanthropically to the local 4-H and FFA organizations, but that's a very specific and small portion of our community. President Dunn stated that the Council was aware of this and that is why he had specifically asked Mr. Satchell to inform the Council on any ways they are giving back. He also stated that the County should be aware of projects that would provide opportunities for Co-Alliance to contribute financially to. Mr. Brewer stated that one such project might be the restoration of the Fairground facilities.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sheriff

Sheriff Kelly gave a hard copy of the Commissary Report for the second half of 2023. An electronic copy will be send to all the Council members. There are multiple leaks in the jail roof today. He plans to secure the service contracts for the Jail for the Commissioners to review. They're in need of a new computer to run the furnace system. The current one is from 1994.

Matron Kelly reported that the Federal Inmate program brought in \$1,267,346.00 in 2023. The Commissary Fund made \$715,585 in 2023. Inmate healthcare costs showed a 96.14% savings due to their ability to re-bill those costs.

Board of Health


Director, Rodney Wann, reported that their department is moving 15% of the cash in the BOH fund to their Rainy Day Fund. The Health First Indiana money is here. Also, the department collected approximately \$83,000 in fee-based revenue in 2023.

Highway

Supervisor Campbell stated that the Community Crossing matching grant application has been turned in for 2024 and the County match has been secured. Their department has 2 new trucks currently being built and have received their 2 new loaders. He thanked the Council for those purchases.


Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Clinton County Council



Alan Dunn, President

Mary King

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Jeff Chynoweth, Pro-tem



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Carol Price

ATTEST:


Britt A Ostler, Clinton Co Auditor