

**MINUTES OF THE  
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2023**

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on January 10, 2023, 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. Auditor Britt A Ostler 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  
Mike Hensley

Todd Corrie  
Joe Mink

**ABSENT**

Carol Price

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

Others present were, Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd, Jordan Brewer, Brett Todd, Renee Crick, Rick Campbell, Bert Weaver, Ken Hartman, Shawn Mayfield, Rodney Wann, Liz Stitzel and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Auditor Ostler asked for nominations for the position of Council President. Council member Beard 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 Chynoweth nominated Clark Beard, seconded by Council member Hensley. Motion carried 5-0, Council member Beard abstained.

Council member Beard moved, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Council member Corrie abstained.

Council member Beard moved, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2022, meeting. Motion carried 4-0, Council members Dunn and Corrie abstained.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated there were 93 clients on electronic monitoring in December 2022 with 4 of those being juveniles; 2 on CTP; and 2 pre-trial release. On January 16<sup>th</sup>, Officer Hillman and his wife will be choosing a new K-9 to join the Community Corrections team to ensure it fits in well with their family.

Director Barton reported some year-end stats regarding his department. They had 476 clients in 2022. 57 of 60 felony offenders stayed in the community; were not referred to the State. Longer treatments usually result in better success rates. They had a 97% success rate; meaning that they completed their court-ordered sentence.

## **PROBATION**

A report from Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward stated that juvenile detention costs for the month of December were \$0.00; \$1,050.00 for the year 2022.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Howard Community Behavioral Health**

George Hurd, Vice President, was present to explain the closing of the clinic in Frankfort. Funding is from Medicaid, Medicare, self-pay and a small percentage is commercially paid from insurance. Pay rates from Governmental agencies haven't changed in decades; however, costs associated with running the clinic have continued to increase. Labor costs especially have gone up. The staff qualified to give these services have advanced college degrees. The current facility limits them from charging extra service fees that could help make up the shortages. This isn't feasible at the current location. Because of their lease, they needed to give 1 year's notice. In order to receive those fees, the clinic location must be able to be a stand-alone facility; like a hospital. Services will not be decreased, but instead offered virtually, through home visits, or at the other clinics in Kokomo and Tipton.

President Dunn asked how clients get referred to their facilities. Mr. Hurd stated that most clients are referred through Department of Child Services, hospitals, the court system, and community organizations. Patients will still have access to 24 hour crisis line.

President Dunn explain that the County contributes a large sum of money to their organization every year and they have had trouble in the past finding out exactly how those monies are used. Mr. Hurd explained that many times the County tax dollars they receive are used as a match in order to receive other federal funding. Council member Beard is currently on the Community Howard Board. Council member Price may be joining as well.

Mr. Hurd stated that they are anxious to see the outcome of Senate Bill #1 which addresses mental health and treatment options. This bill has the potential to set up more long-term, sustainable funding for mental health providers.

### **Opioid Settlement Fund Committee Report**

Lorra Archibald, Clinton County Healthy Communities, and Brett Barton, Community Corrections, presented a power-point presentation to report the results and recommendations of their Committee meetings. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

The committee met 5 times in person for at least an hour, most times 2 hours. Other committee members were Judy Sheets, Christian Munoz, Nancy Ward, Matthew Risk, Rodney Wann, Steven Deckard, Jordan Brewer, and Ashley Kelly.

They recommend a Memorandum of Understanding be signed by any entity receiving a distribution of these funds. That would ease filing reports on all the disbursements and provide accountability for use of the funds.

Mrs. Archibald said Clinton County is one of only 26 counties in the state of Indiana that is designated as a "Drug-Free Community". This designation gives the County the potential to receive matching grants if we use 100% of the unrestricted for substance use disorder. If awarded, those matching funds would come to Healthy Communities.

Mrs. Archibald stated because of the members of this committee meeting, some other problems/issues were solved through the sharing of information and ideas.

Motion made by Council member Beard with a second by Council member Corrie to support the Committee's recommendation for the \$103,050 restricted Opioid Settlement monies.  
Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Council member Beard with a second by Council member Mink commit to the additional unrestricted monies of \$44,000 be spent in the same manner as restricted money.  
Motion carried 6-0.

### **Recorder's Perpetuation Fund Ordinance 2023-02**

Beth Keeney presented an Ordinance for review by the Council regarding the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. This a new requirement by the State and will formalize the process the County has been using with the Recorder. Motion by Council member Chynoweth, second by Council member Hensley, to adopt Ordinance 2023-02. Motion passed 6-0.

### **2023 Council Board Appointments**

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

Partners In Progress – Todd Corrie

Clinton County Redevelopment Commission- Jim Need and Marc Hodges

Alcoholic Beverage Commission- Myron Chezem

Frankfort Economic Development Commission- Jeff Chynoweth

PTBOA – Nick Bales

Community Corrections- Mike Hensley

American Disability Act- Joe Root

SHARP Committee – Jeff Chynoweth

Wild Cat Solid Waste District – Clark Beard (See below)

President Dunn stated that they need to look into if Council member Beard's term was renewed last year, or if it is truly due for renewal in 2023.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2023-01**

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 Hensley, the Motion to approve the following Additional Appropriations carried 6-0:

Request from Auditor in the amount of \$2000.00 from the General Fund to 1000-004-01-0011 Recorder Salary

Request from Parkview Home in the amount of \$6000.00 from County Home Gifts to 1128-000-02-0001 Supplies for Residents

Request from Auditor in the amount of \$71,000.00 from CUM Cap Development Fund to 1138-000-03-0027 CAP Digitizing Project

Request from Auditor in the amount of \$13,800.00 from CUM Cap Development Fund to 1138-000-04-0021 Voter I-Pads & Cases

Request from Auditor in the amount of \$30,000.00 from LIT Public Safety Fund to 1170-000-02-0001 CCSO Fuel

Request from Circuit Court in the amount of \$136,079.93 from Supp Public Defender Serv Fees Fund to 1200-232-03-0047 Special Pauper

Request from Auditor in the amount of \$100,000.00 from LIT Correctional Facility Fund to 1233-000-03-0001 Facility Repairs

Request from Probation in the amount of \$14,624.33 from Probation Fund to 2000-000-03-0086 TRECS

Request from Probation in the amount of \$5000.00 from Probation State Grant to 9010-000-03-0001 MRT

Request from Highway in the amount of \$300,000.00 from Community Crossing to 9121-000-03-0001 Distribution

**The following request was denied upon motion by Council member Beard, seconded by Council member Hensley, carrying 6-0.**

Request from Circuit Court in the amount of \$118,838.84 from Public Defender Board to 9123-232-03-0001 Pauper Attorney Fees

### **TRANSFERS FOR APPROVAL**

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

\$16.60 from General Fund Extension 1000-011-01-0013 Secretary to 1000-011-01-0014 Office Manager

\$250.00 from General Fund Council 1000-061-01-0042 HRA/HAS to 1000-061-01-0031 SS & Medicare

\$12,000.00 from General Fund Superior Court 1000-201-03-0048 Interpreter to 1000-201-01-0025 Interpreter

\$4500.00 from General Fund Circuit Court 1000-232-03-0048 Witness Fees to 1000-232-01-0023 Interpreter

\$4000.00 from General Fund Circuit Court 1000-232-03-0048 Interpreter to 1000-232-01-0023 Interpreter

\$9079.00 from General Fund Circuit Court 1000-232-03-0001 Preserve & Wrap Around to 1000-232-01-0025 Wrap Around PT Employee

\$5899.99 from LIT Correctional 1233-000-01-0014 Jailers to 1233-000-01-0020 Overtime

\$3637.88 from Central Dispatch 4958-000-01-0033 Group Medical to 4958-000-01-0004 Overtime

### **TRANSFERS NO APPROVAL REQUIRED**

\$73.00 from General Fund Area Plan 1000-079-03-0022 Pub Legal Notice to 1000-079-03-0017 Vehicle Maintenance

\$184.00 from General Fund Area Plan 1000-079-03-0022 Pub Legal Notice to 1000-079-03-0001 APC Legal

\$572.00 from General Fund IT 1000-160-03-0067 Fiberoptic to 1000-160-03-0059 Computer Maint/GIS

\$20.00 from General Fund Superior Court Postage 1000-201-03-0012 to 1000-201-03-0085 Juror Meals

\$1875.00 from CUM Cap Dev Computer & Pheriphirals 1138-000-04-0009 to 1138-000-04-0011 Imaging Equipment

\$728.36 from EMS Tires 1151-000-02-0012 to 1151-000-02-0013 Medical Supplies

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council member Beard mentioned that Area Plan Commission did adopt an updated fee schedule with careful consideration of what other counties charge and expense to local taxpayers paying for their permits. Most fees increased approximately 25-30%.

Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Mink, passing 6-0, the Council acknowledged receipt of the December 2022 Financial Statement .

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer reported the annex building paperwork will be presented to the county within the next month, as that project is getting started.

Tammy Sanders has been hired as a Communications Consultant for the County. She currently works with other municipalities as well. She will be at the February Council meeting. To begin with, she will be at the disposal of the Commissioners and Council. Eventually she will be available to all the Department Heads. Her position is budgeted through Landfill Tipping Fees Fund.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### Sheriff Department

Sheriff Kelly presented the 2022 Commissary report and stated that it was sent electronically to President Dunn. He requested that President Dunn forward to the other Council members.

Fire suppression system at the jail is in need of updates and repairs. An initial \$3300 will be spent just to do the exploratory on the system in order to diagnose all the problem areas.

On Harrison Street there is a pit that the Jail's solid waste goes through. They are having issues and a chopper system is needed. If not addressed, could cause problems for households in that neighborhood. Council member Corrie stated that the City of Frankfort Utilities cannot clean the pit, but they could dispose of the waste. The County Highway Department now owns a vacuum truck so it could be used to clean the pit and dump it at their pit for a nominal fee.

Matron Kelly presented year-end Federal Inmate, Commissary and Inmate Medical expense figures for 2022. They were as follows:

- Federal Inmate program brought in \$1,184,693.06; currently have 45 beds
- Commissary deposits were \$535,800.20, Commissary report is reconciled
- Inmate Medical savings – Originally Billed by the County \$406,357.21  
(without pharmacy) Rebilled at federal Medicare rate + 4% \$ 17,704.21  
Amount returned to the County \$ 723.25

## EMS

EMS director Steven Deckard informed the Council that his department has changed from self-scheduling to a set 48/96 schedule. He believes this will solve many of the staffing issues and ultimately save the County money by cutting down on overtime costs. It will save a great deal of time in doing the schedule.

This change should also increase the amount of days the Boyleston station is staffed. In 2022, it was closed 88 days due to no staff. Council member Chynoweth expressed his surprise that that station had been unstaffed so many days last year. Mr. Deckard further explained the circumstances that led to this situation. Discussion followed regarding the importance of this facility and the reduced response time it can provide.

Paramedic program is being finalized and we now have Articulation Agreements with Purdue and Columbia Southern Universities offering courses. Clinical Site Agreement also signed with IU Health. Application submitted to the State of Indiana, so just waiting on approval.

Clinton County will be the first EMS department in the state to have this program.

Need to start thinking about new Ambulances. They are currently running around \$260,000 with a two year wait at the moment. A good alternative is getting remounts; keeping the existing box, replacing the chassis. This process runs around \$140,000.

**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.


Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

**Clinton County Council**

  
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Alan Dunn, President


  
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Jeff Gynoweth

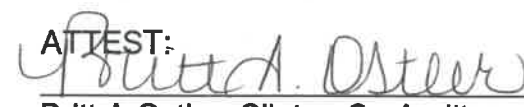
  
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Britt A Ostler, Clinton Co Auditor

**2023 ENCUMBRANCES**

<b>RECORDER</b>		
1000-004-02-0001	Office Supplies	\$60.46
<b>Total Recorder</b>		<b>\$60.46</b>
<b>SHERIFF</b>		
1000-005-02-0011	Gas, Oil, Lube	\$8,376.78
1000-005-02-0013	Garage Supplies	\$1,091.17
1000-005-02-0033	Uniform Allowance	\$367.09
1000-005-03-0059	Repair Vehicles	\$198.95
<b>Total Sheriff</b>		<b>\$10,033.99</b>
<b>SURVEYOR</b>		
1000-006-03-0013	Mileage	\$17.95
1000-006-03-0051	Vehicle Maint	\$182.63
1000-006-03-0081	Dues & Subscriptions	\$160.69
<b>Total Surveyor</b>		<b>\$361.27</b>
<b>JAIL</b>		
1000-380-03-0005	Meals for Prisoners	\$4,958.23
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>\$4,958.23</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$15,413.95</b>
<b>CUM COURTHOUSE</b>		
1140-000-03-0001	Repairs/Maintenance	\$7,664.36
1140-000-03-0020	Mowing/Landscape/Snow Removal	\$964.00
<b>Total CUM Courthouse</b>		<b>\$8,628.36</b>
<b>PLAT BOOK</b>		
1181-000-02-0001	Record Book	\$790.00
<b>Total PLAT BOOK</b>		<b>\$790.00</b>
<b>REASSESSMENT</b>		
1224-000-01-0019	Extra Help	\$1,177.20
<b>Total Reassessment</b>		<b>\$1,177.20</b>
<b>LIT CORRECTIONAL</b>		
1233-000-04-0001	HVAC	\$2,291.07
<b>Total Central Dispatch</b>		<b>\$2,291.07</b>
<b>FEDERAL INMATE</b>		
4968-000-04-0003	Cell Extraction	\$681.42
<b>Total Federal Inmate</b>		<b>\$681.42</b>
<b>TOTAL ENCUMBRANCES FOR 2023</b>		<b>\$28,982.00</b>

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