

MINUTES OF THE  
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2022

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on January 11, 2022, 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 Auditor Britt Ostler 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  
Jon Hussey  
Jake Myers

**ABSENT**

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

Others present were, Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd, Carol Price, Shawn Mayfield, Sheriff Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Tim Elston, Mark Timmons, Rick Campbell, Greg Miller, Elizabeth Stitzel, Mark Timmons, Dana Myers, Joanne Spaulding, Jessica Fearnow, Rhea Harris, Jordan Brewer, 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 Hensley. 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 Hussey. Motion carried 5-0, Council member Beard abstained.

Council member Beard moved, seconded by Council member Myers to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Beard moved, seconded by Council member Hensley to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 5-0, Council member Myers abstained.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated there were 81 clients on electronic monitoring in December 2021 with 3 of those being juveniles and 10 on CTP. He reported that his department saved the DOC \$812,000 in 2021. He will set up meeting with Council member Hensley, Commissioner Timmons, and other committee members to finish J report.

**PROBATION**

A report from Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward stated that juvenile detention costs for the month of December were \$1650; \$10,527 for the year 2021.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Declaration of Fiscal Body**

The Kirklin Public Library presented said declaration for Council approval as the County Fiscal Body. Motion made by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Myers. Motion carried 6-0 to approve declaration and authorize President Dunn to sign.

### **2022 Salary Ordinance**

Changes and corrections were made to the 2022 Salary Ordinance approved at the December 14, 2021, Council meeting. Council member Beard moved, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, to approve revised Salary Ordinance. Motion carried 6-0.

### **2021 Central Dispatch Year-End Report**

Central Dispatch/911 Director, Renee Crick, gave a detailed review of 2021 for her department. Some of the highlights of the report: 33,642 service calls (up 13%); only 3% were land-line calls; over 9000 signed-up for Nixel notifications; new Assistant Director (Kolleen Dillingham) added; antennae moved to tower at Sheriff's Department; and new radio system was installed before year-end.

### **ARPA Monies**

Lora Wellman inquired about an update on the distribution of ARPA monies. President Dunn explained the situation and a meeting of said committee is set for January 24, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Others who spoke in support of a one-time "bonus" coming out of said funds for County employees were Tim Dillingham, Keona Stidham, and Rodney Wann. Mr. Wann spoke specifically about the mental aspect of the pandemic and how it has affected workers.

### **Cyber Protection Insurance Policy**

Tim Elston gave his recommendations on a potential new Cyber Protection Insurance Policy for the County. This policy would help protect the County against ransom attacks. The cost would be \$36,000 per year for hardware and a \$1,000,000 policy. This cost would be ongoing and added to the budget going forward. Tokens would be a once a year expense.

Motion made by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Myers, to support the direction the Commissioners decide to go with protecting the County against ransom attacks. Motion carried 6-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2022-01**

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

#### **County General**

Request in the amount of \$100.00 County General Fund 1000-000-03-0030 CC Training Facility Expenses.

Request in the amount of \$2704.00 in County General Courthouse for 1000-161-01-0013 Maintenance/Custodian.

Request in the amount of \$800.00 in County General Courthouse for 1000-161-01-0022 Part-time Employee.

Request in the amount of \$20,000.00 in County General Prosecutor for 1000-009-03-0056 Legal Services.

Request in the amount of \$5000.00 in County General Commissioners for 1000-068-03-0026 Maximus.

Request in the amount of \$16,368.76 in County General Circuit Court 1000-232-04-0028 FTR Recording Equipment.

Request in the amount of \$11,468.00 in County General Superior Court 1000-201-04-0028 FTR Recording Equipment.

Request in the amount of \$227,500.00 in County General Council 1000-061-04-0004 2021 Sewer/water Ban Payment.

#### **CEDIT**

Request in the amount of \$731,187.00 in CEDIT 1112-000-04-0001 Wastewater BAN Payment

#### **Parkview Home**

Request in the amount of \$100.00 in County Home Gifts 1128-000-02-0001 Supplies for Residents

#### **Probation**

Request in the amount of \$333.00 in Adult Probation 2000-01-000-0017 Admin Asst

Request in the amount of \$415.00 in Adult Probation 2000-01-000-0016 Office Manger

Request in the amount of \$808.81 in Probation State Grant 9011-000-03-0001 MRT

#### **Sheriff**

Request in the amount of \$16,000.00 in Federal Inmate 4968-000-01-0038 PT Investigative Asst

Request in the amount of \$13,015.95 in Federal Inmate 4968-000-02-0001 Misc Disbursement

Request in the amount of \$100,000.00 in Federal Inmate 4968-000-03-0005 Sheriff Service Agreements

Request in the amount of \$67,500.00 in Federal Inmate 4968-000-04-0004 Body Cameras

#### **Board of Health**

Request in the amount of \$2000.00 in COVID-19 VFC Supplemental Grant 8114-000-03-0001 Clinic Staff Solicited

#### **Superior Court**

Request in the amount of \$100,000.00 in the Public Defender Fund 9123-201-03-0002 Capital Murder

#### **TRANSFERS FOR APPROVAL**

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

##### **Superior Court**

\$706.00 from 1000-201-01-0018 Part-time Court Reporter to 1000-201-01-0013 Criminal Court Reporter

##### **Board of Health**

\$2500.00 from 8112-000-01-0007 VC Nurse Manager to 8112-000-02-0006 VC Manager

#### **TRANSFERS NO APPROVAL REQUIRED**

##### **Parkview**

\$20.00 from 1000-622-03-0058 Elevator to 1000-622-03-0062 Cable TV Rental

Council reviewed the December 2021 Financial Report. Council member Chynoweth motioned, seconded by Council member Hensley, to accept said report. Motion passed 6-0.

**Council Reports –**

Council member Myers reported that he is now on the Purdue Extension Office Board.

Council member Beard the Council's desire to recognize former Councilman Ron Gascho at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for his time on the Council.

**Commissioner Reports**

President Brewer stated 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor renovation bids would be opened next Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Fairground bids will be opened at February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Opioid state settlement signed, County may receive \$100,000 or more. We should know award amount by June 2022.

**Department Reports**

**BOH** – Director, Rodney Wann, reported that testing is currently very robust. His department is still recovering money for vaccine administrative fees. Final determination has finally been set by the Indiana Department of Health for receipt of these fees. The money received was receipted into the 1159 General Health Fund. These funds may be used for one time purchases. The State has guaranteed that receipt of these monies will not affect the tax levy or tax rate going forward.

Something to consider is that future Legislation may affect the mandate on testing and require an inside facility instead of a drive-thru situation.


**Sheriff** – Sheriff Rich Kelly stated that the Annual Commissary Report will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Regarding the Federal Inmate program, he reported that there are currently 60 federal inmates. The agreement is renegotiated every three years. Payments to be received for December 2021 were \$125,000 housing and \$10,000 transportation.

19 inmates tested positive in December at the jail.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

**Clinton County Council**

  
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Britt A Ostler, Clinton Co Auditor