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**MINUTES FOR THE  
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2020**

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on January 14, 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 Auditor Britt A 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  
Ron Gascho  
Mike Hensley

**ABSENT**

Jon Hussey

Jake Myers

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

Others present were, Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd, Sheriff Rich Kelly, Kevin Myers, Greg Miller, Shan Sheridan, Josh Lee, Chris McBarnes, Carol Bartley, Beth Keeney, Steve Beardsley, Dan Sheets, 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 Gascho. Motion carried 6-0.

Auditor Ostler then asked for nominations for Vice President. Council member Chynoweth nominated Clark Beard, seconded by Council member Hensley. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019, meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019, meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve the minutes of the December 31, 2019, meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated there were 87 clients on electronic monitoring in December 2019 with 3 of those being juveniles and 3 on CTP. PTR started January 2, 2020, but judges are still requiring bonds. Uploaded information for around 400 individuals, approximately \$280,000, with TRECS program. Lewis Evans is willing to sell his building. Brett thinks this may be the best option for his office.

**PROBATION**

Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward reported juvenile detention costs in the amount of \$840 for the month of December 2019. She stated there were juveniles in detention last month. A new grant has been awarded to them for \$60,000. This covers peer recovery coach for counseling, housing, community corrections, etc. Will potentially need additional staffing and office space. Gene Robbins has terminated his lease effective July 31, 2020. Probation may potentially take over the rest of the building for probation officers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CLOVERLEAF TRAIL INITIATIVE**

Ms. Annie Bacon, Community Development Director for the City of Frankfort, presented the plan to apply to the Next Level Trails Grant Program, working with the DNR, to bring the Cloverleaf Trail to our community. Meetings with outlying communities show they support this action. Randy Strausser gave a brief introduction of VS Engineering. Sam Weber from VS Engineer gave a more detailed presentation on the trail, 24 miles of abandoned railroad corridor, that would run from Howard County through Russiaville, Michigantown and Frankfort.

The trails would be 10-12 feet wide. The entities must work together for this to work and be eligible for a grant. 56% of the trail is in Clinton County, 34% in Howard County and 10% in Kokomo. Trail area comprises 120 parcels, 150 acres of land acquisition, and 10 bridges. This would qualify as a regional trail. Next Level Trails awards grants for regional trails up to \$5,000,000. The next set of grant applications will be due this summer. The Cloverleaf Trail fits nearly all the criteria that they will be looking for. Land acquisition will be a major deciding factor; how far along we are in that process. Ideally we need to show them a complete plan that shows we are progressing. Grant applications would require a 20% match. Although, the higher the match, the better chance you have of winning the grant.

Council member Gascho questioned do we know how great the public interest is in utilizing such a trail. Mr. Weber stated that an engineering report would likely provide some of that information. Council member Gascho also asked who would be responsible for the upkeep of the trail. Mr. Weber explained that the trail would be wholly owned, and thus maintained, by the County.

Council member Beard inquired about how they would deal with resistant land owners. Mr. Weber explained that they would be expecting that from some land owners. If the abandoned railroad property is still owned by the railroad, it's just a matter of deeding the property to the County. However, if they have relinquished their rights and ownership has reverted to the property owner, the process becomes more complicated and costly. It is their understanding that the majority of the right-of-way is still owned by the railroad. Mrs. Bacon stated that the City of Frankfort is interested, but needs more information. They are reaching out to the County to see if we will partner with them to see if this is a viable project. The total initial cost of appraisal (\$8000) & engineering (\$4,400) would be \$12,400.00 to determine whether or not to continue with this project. At a meeting with the communities involved, it was determined that the City of Frankfort should pay 56% (\$6,944.00). The City asked if the County would be willing to split the cost of this preliminary work. Liz Stitzel spoke in support of the project and gave insight for grant application. Josh Uitts stated that the Commissioners approve this project. Mayor McBarnes spoke regarding the east side of the County would greatly benefit from this project.

Council member Hensley moved, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, for the County to contribute up to \$3500 for appraisal and engineering for preliminary work on trail. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Bacon asked if there were members of the Council that would like to be included in future meetings regarding the Cloverleaf trail. Council member Chynoweth stated he would like to be the contact person for the Council.

### **CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE**

Renee Crick, Central Dispatch Director, gave a report on 2019. Dispatch had a total of 33,572 calls for service, police, fire, EMS, in 2019. There were 15,484 911 calls, 85% of those were from wireless devices. Text is a valuable tool that can be used in special circumstances. Nixle subscribers have increased to over 8,600. Several employees were able to utilize special training.

Central Dispatch partnered with the Frankfort Fire Department and Center Township to take calls for the Safe Haven Baby Box program. We are the first in the nation to have that attached to a dispatch center.

There are still occasionally issues with locating cell phone locations. Statewide 911 is supposed to take over the major portion of the monthly cell phone bill. The State will also take over routing costs at some point in 2020. President Dunn asked Mrs. Crick to please forward this report to all the taxing authorities. He also mentioned that it is the 10 year anniversary of Central Dispatch and asked how equipment was holding up. Mrs. Crick stated that the equipment is still functioning properly, but may need to start the replacement process in a couple of years. President Dunn suggested that the cell phone & routing cost savings could be set aside for the future purchase of new equipment. The State does not require a separate fund for that savings.

## 2020 COUNCIL APPOINTEES

President Dunn stated that Council member Beard wished to step down from PIP Board (Partners in Progress). Council member Hussey has agreed to take his place. All other current Council appointees will remain in 2020. Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Hensley to reappoint all current Council appointees whose terms have ended and make any needed corrections to the listing. Motion carried 6-0.

Those appointees are as follows:

PIP	Jon Hussey and Marc Hodges
Clinton County Redevelopment Commission	Jim Need and Marc Hodges
Wild Cat Solid Waste District	Clark Beard
Alcoholic Beverage Board	Myron Chezem
Frankfort Economic Development Comm.	Jake Myers
National Organization on Disability	Don Albitz
PTBOA	Nick Bales
Community Corrections	Mike Hensley
American Disability Act Board	Jake Myers

## OLD BUSINESS

### Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2020-01

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Chynoweth to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$734.00 in the County General Fund for 1000-007-01-0011 Coroner. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Myers moved seconded by Council member Hensley to approve an additional appropriation request from Parkview in the amount of \$133.37 in the County General Fund for 1000-622-02-0012 Food. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Myers moved seconded by Council member Beard to approve an additional appropriation request from Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$6343.00 in the County General Fund for 1000-068-03-0098 Mental Health. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Hensley moved seconded by Council member Chynoweth to approve an additional appropriation request from Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$50,000.00 in the County General Fund for 1000-061-03-0002 Disability Services. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Hensley to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$4500.00 in the County General Fund for 1000-007-01-0011 ERT. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Myers to DECLINE an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Commissioners in the amount of \$32,930.00 in CEDIT for 1112-000-03-0026 HWC 65/28 Engineering. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Chynoweth to approve an additional appropriation request from Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$41,800.00 in CEDIT for 1112-000-03-0027 BFS 65/28 Engineering. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Gascho to approve an additional appropriation request from Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$100,000.00 in Cum Bridge for 1135-000-03-0012 Bridge Inspection. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Hensley to approve an additional appropriation request from Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$56,600.00 in Cum Cap Development 1138-000-03-0026 Braden Copier Lease. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve an additional appropriation request from Drug & Alcohol Coalition in the amount of \$3200.00 in Community Drug Free Fund for 1148-001-01-0002 Prevention. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Myers moved seconded by Council member Hensley to approve an additional appropriation request from Recorder's Office in the amount of \$3410.00 in Identification Security for 1160-000-03-0001 Redaction Services and Support. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Hensley moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve an additional appropriation request from Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$126,277.00 in LIT Public Safety for 1170-000-04-0012 EMS Building Lease. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Gascho to approve an additional appropriation request from Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$53,000.00 in LIT Public Safety for 1170-000-04-0011 Ambulance Lease. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Hensley moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve an additional appropriation request from Clinton County EMS in the amount of \$35,056.27 in LIT Public Safety for 1170-000-04-0013 Building Furnishings. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Gascho to approve an additional appropriation request from Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$235.00 in MVH for 1176-531-01-0027 Operator (\$117.50) and 1173-000-01-0027 MVH Restricted Operator (\$117.50). Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Gascho to approve an additional appropriation request from Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$25,000.00 in Sheriff's Pension Trust Fund for 1193-000-01-0001 Pension Payment. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Hensley to approve an additional appropriation request from Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$51,929.00 in the Juvenile Probation Admin for 2050-000-01-0015 Chief Probation Officer (\$20,000.00) and Admin. Assistant (\$31,929.00). Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Myers moved seconded by Council member Chynoweth to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$70,000.00 in the Sheriff Sale Admin. Fund for 4009-000-01-0002 Sheriff Pension. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Gascho to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$388,889.00 in the Landfill Tipping Fee Fund for 4901-000-04-0009 IU Hospital Lease Payment. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Hensley moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County EMS in the amount of \$3545.00 in Hospital Contractual EMT Training for 1000-007-01-0011 EMT Training. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Chynoweth to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$2750.00 in the Surveyor's User Fee Fund for 4902-000-03-0001 Professional Services (\$2000.00) and 4902-000-03-0051 Vehicle Maintenance (\$750.00). Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Gascho to approve an additional appropriation request from the Clinton County Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$359.46 in the Surveyor's User Fee Fund for 4902-000-03-0001 Professional Engineering. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Myers to approve an additional appropriation request from the Auditor in the amount of \$58,985.76 in the Sheriff Sale Admin Fund for 4009-000-01-0002 Sheriff Pension. Motion carried 6-0. It was noted that this additional was added after advertising had been done, but was needed to keep this fund from being in the red at the end of 2019. It was approved with the stipulation that it would be advertised with the February 11, 2020, additional.

Council reviewed the Monthly Financial Report. Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Beard to approve said report. Motion carried 6-0.

**Transfers for approval**

NONE

**Transfers no approval required**

- \$3381.81 from 1135-100-003-0083 Bridge #83 to 1135-100-03-0507 Bridge #507
- \$235.00 from 1135-100-003-0036 Bridge #36 to 1135-100-03-0507 Bridge #507
- \$1851.00 from 1176-533-03-0041 MVH Utilities to 1176-533-03-0061 Rental Equip.
- \$2.00 from 1000-011-03-0012 Postage to 1000-011-03-0012 Mileage
- \$700.00 from 1000-008-03-0053 Copier to 1000-008-03-0084 Seminars-Meals-Lodging
- \$664.00 from 1000-068-03-0074 Seminars to 1000-068-03-0079 NACO dues
- \$500.00 from 1000-068-03-0063 Weed Ordinance to 1000-068-03-0056 Postage
- \$638.00 from 1000-068-03-0074 Seminars to 1000-068-03-0056 Postage
- \$500.00 from 1000-079-03-0003 BZA Legal Services to 1000-079-03-0022 Publication
- \$350.00 from 1000-232-03-0085 Meals to 1000-232-03-0086 Exams
- \$603.36 from 1000-232-03-0050 Transcripts to 1000-232-03-0086 Exams
- \$603.36 from 1000-232-03-0086 Exams to 1000-232-03-0047 Pauper
- \$39.00 from 1000-232-03-0085 Meals to 1000-232-03-0047 Pauper
- \$100.00 from 1000-232-03-0041 Special Judge to 1000-232-03-0047 Pauper
- \$3812.02 from 1000-232-03-0046 Petit Jurors to 1000-232-03-0047 Pauper
- \$400.00 from 1000-232-03-0049 Bailiff to 1000-232-03-0047 Pauper
- \$4922.78 from 1000-232-03-0001 Wrap Around to 1000-232-03-0047 Pauper
- \$162.50 from 1000-232-03-0048 Witness Fees to 1000-232-03-0047 Pauper
- \$100.00 from 1000-161-02-0015 Furnace Filters to 1000-161-02-0016 Maint Supplies
- \$422.00 from 4901-000-03-0025 Demo to 4901-000-03-0026 Liability Insurance
- \$2941.49 from 1176-533-02-0024 Garage Supplies to 1176-533-02-0031 Equip. Repairs
- \$1645.42 from 1176-533-02-0024 Garage Supplies to 1176-533-02-0031 Equip. Repairs
- \$90.00 from 1000-201-03-0021 Printed Forms to 1000-201-03-0047 Pauper Attorney
- \$285.00 from 1140-000-03-0001 Repairs & Maint. to 1140-000-03-0020 Snow Removal
- \$3400.00 from 1000-622-03-0044 Electricity to 1000-622-03-0051 Repairs Bldg.
- \$46.70 from 1000-004-02-0001 Office Supplies to 1000-004-02-0032 Reader/Comp Supplies
- \$432.23 from 1000-068-03-0022 Publications to 1000-068-03-0014 Communication Serv.
- \$300.00 from 1140-000-04-0007 Office Equip. to 1000-000-04-0003 Imaging Equip.
- \$50.00 from 1000-622-03-0012 Postage to 1000-622-03-0058 Elevator Contract

**Council Reports**

Council member Beard reported on Partners in Progress. They were able to spend some of their budget on upgrades in technology for the Chamber, paid certain membership dues, and are in the process of updating the Chamber website. After all those outlays, they still came in \$8000 under budget at the end of December.

Council member Dunn reported the new IU hospital is on schedule and on budget.

Council member Beard brought to the attention of the meeting that the DLGF base rate for Ag Land for 2020 has decreased to \$1280/acre.

**Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Josh Uitts stated that they've reached out to American Structure Point to give updated estimates on the Courthouse renovation. A new committee will be created and Council member Myers and President Dunn will be a part of that.

Coroner vehicle did not get purchased in 2019, but will be purchased this year. An additional will be turned in for February for \$27,000 to pay for it. President Dunn asked about the current situation for the Coroner's budget. In 2019 there was a heavy reliance on Deputy Coroners. Commissioner Uitts stated that there needed to be some more time pass to see where things stand.

**Department Reports**

**Sheriff**

Sheriff Kelly stated he will give an update on the \$60,000 grant from the State at the February 11, 2020, meeting. Inmate Per Diem will begin February 1. New LED lighting has been installed throughout the Sheriff's Office. Ryan Black was hired as a new merit deputy.

**Board of Health**

Rodney Wann, BOH director, reported that the Department budget finished strong in 2019. However, the immunization clinic will lose its space in 8-9 months when funding runs out. They would like to expand this program's services in the future. Council President Dunn encouraged the BOH Board to look into building options and approach the Council when they have some ideas they'd like to present.


Council President Dunn stated that the County should be getting monies from the State which have been held in a Trust Fund. There is currently a balance of over \$4,000,000 in that fund. These extra funds may be of help in tackling some of the various building and space issues currently plaguing many of the County departments. There should be a special distribution of some of this money sometime in 2020.

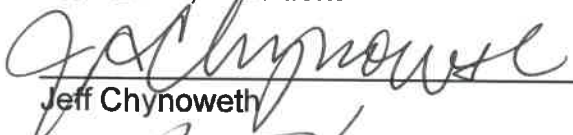
**Area Plan**

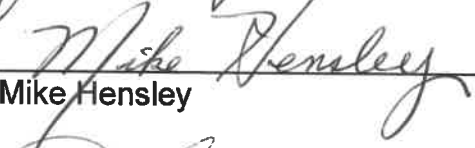
Liz Stitzel stated that she should have a 2019 report ready to present at the February 11th meeting. She also spoke regarding that her new administrative assistant was hired for 35 hours per week. The budget was set for 32 hours and Liz is asking to increase the budget to accommodate the 35 hours per week. Council stated they approve that move. An additional appropriation will be required.


Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.


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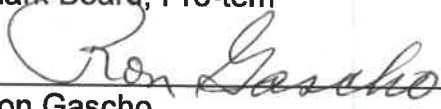
  
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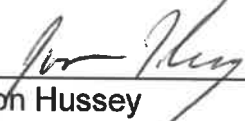
  
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ATTEST:  
  
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