

MINUTES FOR THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 2020

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on June 9, 2020, at the hour of 9:03 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. Council President Alan Dunn called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 A Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council.

Others present were: First Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd, Greg Miller, Kevin Myers, Beth Keeney and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Chynoweth to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020, meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated there were 85 clients on electronic monitoring in May 2020 with 6 of those being juveniles, 3 on CTP, and 15 in the "pipeline" for intake. Operations should be back to normal soon. The DOC grant has been submitted. Homeland Security grant has also been submitted with requests for body cameras, PVTs, and wireless mics for some of the officers. Their department has spent time reconfiguring their office to provide more privacy. Space is tight, but they have made arrangements to deal with it. Community Corrections is receiving several collections with the TRECS program. It is a complicated process for their office to get the money where it needs to go, but is worth the time and effort.

PROBATION

President Dunn reviewed the Probation report submitted by Nancy Ward showing expenses of \$140.00 for the month of May 2020.

CENTRAL DISPATCH

Director Renee Crick spoke about the need to update the Spillman maps separate from 911. She has been working on this since February with the help of Brendon Bright. Some calls don't show on the map. The system is in desperate need of a geovalidation upgrade to bring the maps to current. Crossroads GIS can do this for \$24,827.36. The 911 Budget has the money to cover the costs and could Additional Appropriate it into a new line. The yearly expenses for the improved program would be \$400 for the license and \$2500 for updates. Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Hensley, the Motion to approve the purchase of an updated Spillman Map system carried 7-0.

Mrs. Crick also informed the Council that Nixel messaging, texts and emails, was changing what messages were being sent via email and/or text. Users were complaining about the constant text messages.

NEW BUSINESS

Dennis Dunlap, the County's Human Resources Consultant, updated the Council on the results of the annual Salary Survey. 14 employees in the County fall under the required 95th percentile, 4 of those are Court Reporters. This information is useful in the budgeting for 2021. A significant change in the Board of Health's nurse position is being requested. It would now be called Chief Public Health Nurse – Supervisor. Our county has a travel immunization clinic and STD testing, other counties do not. In light of the additional responsibilities, they are requesting a \$6000 (14%) salary increase. Rodney Wann, Board of Health Director, stated that their current budget could support this raise. Dr Tharp, Board of Health Advisor, stated that he felt that exempt positions should be paid according to the position, not hours. President Dunn pointed out that the BOH does have the funding and shouldn't be punished because some departments don't. Sheriff Kelly spoke to the invaluable service the Public Health Nurse has given during the COVID-19 crisis. Upon motion by Council member Hussey, seconded by Council member Gascho, the Motion to raise the Public Health Nurse salary as discussed beginning the next pay period, carried 7-0.

Mr. Dunlap noted that the Salary Survey was sent to the Commissioners and Council members, as well as those Department Heads that had individual positions under the 95%. He also reminded the Council that he will be retiring at the end of 2020 and will go off retainer. However, he would be available to consult for special situations.

President Dunn spoke regarding Judge Hunter's request at the May 12, 2020, meeting to change a part-time reporter position to full-time. The general consensus of the Council was to wait and let that Judge Hunter address that in his 2021 budget request.

President Dunn also stated that the 4-H Fair this year will be limited. In order to allow events to be televised, the Fair Council would like to have internet access/wifi installed at the fairgrounds. President Dunn asked if the Council would support helping to finance that endeavor up to \$10,000. Upon motion by Council member Hensley, seconded by Council member Beard, the Motion to approve helping to finance installation of internet/wifi at the fairgrounds not to exceed \$10,000 carried 7-0.

It was reported that President Dunn and Commissioner President Uitts had spoken with Baker Tilly about retaining their services to help with submitting CARES Act forms for reimbursement. There is \$1,000,000 available for Clinton County to apply for. Sheriff Kelly said that Todd Lappin has been familiarizing himself with the CARES Act and that he and Ashley Kelly have been applying for grants. 80 hours of time taken off can be a payroll tax credit.

OLD BUSINESS

Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2020-07

President Dunn proceeded to describe each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate at the end. Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Myers, the Motion to approval the following Additional carried 7-0:

An additional appropriation request from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$3878.57 in the County General Fund for 1000-380-03-0051 Jail Repairs.

An additional appropriation request from the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$20,000 in the County General Fund for 1000-061-01-0034 Unemployment Insurance.

An additional appropriation request from the Commissioner's Office in the amount of \$9900 in the CEDIT Fund for 1112-000-03-0044 Easement Payments.

An additional appropriation request from the Commissioner's Office in the amount of \$3737.50 in the CUM Courthouse Fund for 1140-000-03-0020 Mowing/Landscaping/Snow Removal.

An additional appropriation request from Superior Court in the amount of \$1382.50 in the Supp. Public Defender Fund for 1200-000-03-0047 Special Fund – Pauper Attorney.

An additional appropriation request from the Highway Department in the amount of \$165,500.00 in the Local Road & Street for 1169-000-04-0009 Single Axle Dump/Plow Truck.

An additional appropriation request from the Commissioner's Office in the amount of \$3489.00 in the Landfill Tipping Fees Fund for 4901-000-03-0026 Liability Insurance.

An additional appropriation request from the Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$1549.65 in the User Fee Fund for 4902-000-03-0001 Professional Services.

An additional appropriation request from the Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$1925.26 in the User Fee Fund for 4902-000-03-0001 Professional Services.

An additional appropriation request from Community Corrections in the amount of \$892.21 in the Project Income Fund for 4912-000-03-0061 TRECS Collections.

An additional appropriation request from Community Corrections in the amount of \$1544.92 in the Project Income Fund for 4912-000-03-0061 TRECS Collections.

An additional appropriation request from Community Corrections in the amount of \$560.00 in the Project Income Fund for 4912-000-03-0061 TRECS Collections.

An additional appropriation request from Community Corrections in the amount of \$510.31 in the Project Income Fund for 4912-000-03-0061 TRECS Collections.

An additional appropriation request from EMS in the amount of \$31,249.49 in the EMS CARES Act Monies Fund for 8905-000-02-0001 Supplies.

An additional appropriation request from Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$23,207.02 in the Jail Treatment Services #2 Fund for 9118-000-01-0001 Misc Disbursement.

\$23,207.02 from 9118-000-01-0001 in the Jail Treatment Services #2 Fund to 9116-000-03-0003 Jail Treatment Services #1 Cognitive Behavioral MRT. (Check issued)

An additional appropriation request from Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$23,207.02 from the Jail Treatment Services #1 Fund to 9116-000-03-0003 Cognitive Behavioral MRT.

An additional appropriation request from Circuit Court in the amount of \$32,948.89 from the Public Defender Board to 9123-232-03-0001 Circuit Court Pauper Attorney Fees (\$16,474.45) and to 9123-201-03-0001 Superior Court Pauper Attorney Fees (\$16,474.44).

An additional appropriation request from Circuit Court in the amount of \$36,914.57 from the Public Defender Board to 9123-232-03-0001 Circuit Court Pauper Attorney Fees

(\$18,457.28) and to 9123-201-03-0001 Superior Court Pauper Attorney Fees (\$18,457.29).

An additional appropriation request from Circuit Court in the amount of \$2765.98 from the CASA Capacity Grant to 9126-000-01-0003 Part-time Employee (\$2000.00) and to 9126-000-02-0001 Purchase of Computer (\$765.98).

Transfers for approval

\$2,000.00 from 4905-000-03-0021 COVID-19 Medical Supplies/Services to 4905-000-02-0001 Supplies. Council member Myers moved, seconded by Council member Hensley. Motion carried 7-0.

\$2,000.00 from 4905-000-03-0021 COVID-19 Medical Supplies/Services to 4905-000-02-0004 COVID-19 Supplies. Council member Myers moved, seconded by Council member Hensley. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfers no approval required

\$100.00 from 1000-006-02-0011 Surveyor Gas/Oil to 1000-006-02-0001 Supplies

\$500.00 from 1000-311-02-0040 EMA Safety Supplies to 1000-311-02-0030 COVID-19 Supplies

\$1000.00 from 1000-311-03-0052 EMA Radio Maintenance to 1000-311-03-0030 COVID-19 Other Services

\$700.00 from 1159-000-03-0065 BOH Repairs to 1159-000-03-0092 Membership

\$2000.00 from 1176-530-03-0032 Highway Dept Work Comp to 1176-530-03-0051 Repair to Buildings

\$3000.00 from 1176-530-03-0032 Highway Dept Work Comp to 1176-530-03-0051 Repair to Buildings

\$350.00 from 4905-000-02-0001 BOH Travel to 4905-000-02-0004 COVID-19 Supplies

Council reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for May. Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Beard to approve said report. Motion carried 7-0.

Council reviewed BANS report for the I65/28 sewer and water project.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council member Chynoweth reported that Healthy Communities will be closing on their new building located at 1234 Rossville Ave this week. The mortgage is with Farmers Bank. The Board of Health will move all their services to this location in the coming months.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Area Plan

Liz Stitzel, Area Plan Director, spoke that she anticipates having to find a new Building Inspector beginning in January 2021. In order to make this transition smoother, she asked for permission to hire a Temporary Inspector as soon as possible who could start training and be certified within 6 months. She believes this position can be funded through available funds she currently has within other lines of her department. The Council supported this proposal. Upon motion of Council member Beard, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, the favorable recommendation of the Council to Area Plan to proceed with hiring a Temporary Inspector carried 7-0.

Sheriff

Sheriff Kelly informed the Council that their department is moving forward with the process to allow them to house Federal inmates, hopefully starting in July. They are currently fully staffed, but doing additional interviews to have possible replacements available when employees leave.

Auditor

Auditor Britt Ostler reported that the 19 pay 20 tax collection has gone well and the majority of the public have paid in a timely manner and not taken advantage of the extended payment deadline.

Health

Rodney Wann distributed an updated job description for the Public Health Nurse – Supervisor position to all Council members.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:58am

Clinton County Council



Alan Dunn, President



Jeff Cynoweth



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Ron Gascho



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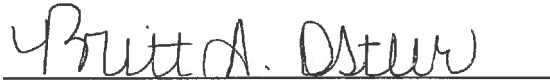


Jon Hussey



Jake Myers

ATTEST:



Britt A. Ostler, Clinton Co Auditor