

**MINUTES FOR THE  
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 13, 2023**

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on June 13, 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. 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  
Joe Mink  
Mike Hensley  
Carol Price  
Todd Corrie

**ABSENT**

Britt Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council. Tim Elston was also present to broadcast the meeting virtually.

Others present were: Janet Lloyd, Ken Hartman, Renee Crick, Brett Barton, Bert Weaver, Rick Campbell, Stephanie Harshbarger, Chris Overman, Brett Todd, Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Steven Deckard, Liz Stitzel, Patti Larsh and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Chynoweth moved seconded by Council member Beard to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023, meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Council member Mink abstained.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton reported there were 89 clients on electronic monitoring in May 2023, with 3 of those being juveniles and 1 on CTP. They just completed a kid's workshop which allowed them to have a Q&A session with Judge Mohler. They should receive the figures for their grant in July.

**PROBATION**

President Dunn reviewed the Probation report submitted by Nancy Ward showing expenses of \$0.00 for the month of May 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Colfax Library Bond** – Brenda Kinslow spoke regarding their library project; including automatic doors, roof, and HVAC replacement with a more efficient unit. Their current debt will be paid this year and a new bond would not raise their tax rate. County has no financial obligation. Library is open 37 hours per week. Notary service provided for free and the only one provided in Colfax. Kristen McClellan, Attorney, with Ice Miller was also present for questions. Official documents will come before the board next month.

**Town of Kirklin Economic Development Grant – Chip Mann, Dan Mann & Duane Pitzer**

Duane Pitzer was in attendance as a representative of the Town of Kirklin, Mindy Jobe (Town of Kirklin Council president) and Jay Hawley. He thanked the Council for help with the sidewalk project. Current project is to extend the Monan Trail from rural Sheridan into Kirklin; 3 miles of trail. The land has already been secured. They are applying for a Next Level Trails matching grant. Total project is projected to cost \$1.2 million. The Community Foundation has committed \$40,000 and the town of Kirklin \$30,000; asking for \$60,000 from the County.

Motion made by Council member Price, with a second by Council member Chynoweth, to approve the \$60,000 match with the funds coming from CEDIT. Motion passed 7-0.

**Document Mountain, County Digitization Project** – Kevin Calhoun and Jason Hatch spoke regarding the project of digitizing county records and the abundance of documents housed in the Courthouse attic. They have quoted.....

Motion made by Council member Chynoweth, with a second by Council member Corrie, to contract with Document Mountain to digitize the County records. Motion carried 7-0.

**Steven Deckard, EMS Director – Paramedic Program Director Position & ISTAT Devices**

Mr. Deckard presented the need to create a full-time position of Paramedic Program Director with a starting salary of \$65,000. This would not create an extra burden on his budget. The amount in an existing RN line would be moved to finance the paramedic program director position. Next year, it would be included in his budget. He presented Council with a 15 page report outlining the paramedic shortage. There are only 1700 in the state. By creating our own program, we will be able to mold the paramedics to our protocols and have better quality candidates. Financially, this program will not be a money maker, but will be valuable to our department in the future.

Motion made by Council member Price, with a second by Council member Hensley, to support the creation of this new position at a salary of \$65,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Next, Mr. Deckard spoke to the Council about his desire to provide the best care for their transport patients. He believes purchasing ISTAT devices would enable EMS to treat and diagnose patients much more efficiently and accurately. These devices are used to assess potassium and hemoglobin levels. President Dunn stated that the supplemental LIT money would be perfect to use for this expense.

Motion made by Council member Beard, with a second by Council member Price, to purchase 4 or 5 ISTAT devices using the Supplemental LIT money. Motion carried 7-0.

**Chris Overman, Parkview Director – Elevator Replacement**

The Parkview elevator is 29 years old and has completely stopped working. Mid America came in with the best bid at \$81,925. Skiles Electric will do the electric for \$1,000-\$5,000 (depending on fire code requirements). Koorsen will handle fire code requirements for \$9931. A new elevator box is not needed; but will require all new panel, electric, and fire code upgrades.

Motion by Council member Root, with a second by Council member Price, to approve the funding of the elevator replacement with Supplemental LIT proceeds, not to exceed \$97,000. Motion carried 7-0.

**Break from 10:25 to 10:30**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2023-10**

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

Request from Clerk in General Fund in the amount of \$148.75 for 1000-001-02-0001 Office Supplies  
Request from Sheriff in General Fund in the amount of \$62.00 for 1000-380-03-0006 Jail-Medical & Hospital

Request from Sheriff in General Fund in the amount of \$195.00 for 1000-005-03-0059 Repair Vehicles

Request from Auditor in General Fund in the amount of \$35,000.00 for 1000-068-03-0110 Commissioners-HR Consultant

Request from Parkview in General Fund in the amount of \$89,900.00 for 1000-622-04-0011 New Boiler

Request from EMS in EMS Fund in the amount of \$7487.97 for 1151-000-03-0051 Repair Vehicles

Request from Health Department in BOH Fund in the amount of \$1500.00 for 1159-000-01-0082 Education & Training

Request from Health Department in BOH Fund in the amount of \$3000.00 for 1159-000-02-0014 Environmental

Request from Health Department in BOH Fund in the amount of \$23,000.00 for 1159-000-03-0011 Contractual Services

Request from Highway Department in Local Road & Street Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00 for 1169-000-03-0018 Loader

Request from Community Corrections in Opioid Unrestricted Fund in the amount of \$4800.00 for 1238-000-03-0001 Opioid Distribution for CC Expenses

Request from Probation in Adult Probation Fund in the amount of \$13,767.35 for 2000-000-03-0086 TRECS

Request from Circuit Court in County User Fee Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 2500-000-03-0011 Jury Fees

Request from Surveyor in Drain Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$244.10 for 2700-000-03-0525 Henry Grove

Request from Auditor in TMA Fund in the amount of \$400.00 for 4909-000-01-0001 Distribution

Request from Community Corrections in Project Income Fund in the amount of \$1096.73 for 4912-000-03-0061 TRECS Collections

**Transfers for approval**

President Dunn read each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate of Transfers for Approval. Upon motion by Council member Beard, seconded by Council member Hensley, the Motion to approve the following Transfers carried 7-0:

\$40,000.00 EMS 1151-000-01-0016 Group Insurance to 1151-000-01-0032 EMS Overtime

\$26,637.00 EMS 1151-000-01-0020 Paramedics to 1151-000-01-0032 EMS Overtime

\$484.00 Supplemental Immunizations 8122-000-02-0004 Misc Equip to 8122-000-04-0007 Equipment

\$1600.00 Supplemental Immunizations 8122-000-03-0002 Contractual Staff to 8122-000-04-0007 Equipment

\$69.00 Supplemental Immunizations 8122-000-03-0008 Mileage to 8122-000-04-0007 Equipment

**Transfers no approval required**

\$69.69 General Fund 1000-068-03-0074 Commissioners Seminar/Registration to 1000-068-03-0110 HR Consultant

\$20.00 General Fund 1000-079-03-0083 Area Plan BI Ed & Seminars to 1000-079-03-0084 Plan Seminars  
\$500.00 General Fund 1000-311-02-0024 EMA Garage Supplies to 1000-311-02-0084 Volunteer Food Supplies  
\$5000.00 EMS 1151-000-03-0086 Paramedic Program to 1151-000-03-0084 EMT In-Service Training  
\$7431.00 EMS 1151-000-04-0011 Ambulance Lease to 1151-000-04-0035 Equipment  
\$103.06 EMS 1151-000-04-0009 Office Furniture to 1151-000-04-0035 Equipment  
\$1068.01 EMS 1151-000-03-0052 Ambulance Cot Maint to 1151-000-03-0042 Medical IT Computer Repair  
\$1500.00 BOH 1159-000-03-0028 Food Pantry to 1159-000-03-0011 Contractual Staff  
\$1967.46 Highway 6020-000-02-0024 Wheel Tax/Sur Tax Ice Control to 6020-000-02-0026 Weed Control

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

President Dunn informed the gallery that the Council meeting originally scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

After discussion and an affirmative response of those department heads present, the Council agreed to recommend that 6% raises be figured into the forthcoming 2024 budgets. President Dunn noted that the Commissioners had negotiated very favorable rates for the 2024 fuel rates. Also, for those departments that have insurance costs in their budgets, the County's health insurance rates will remain flat for 2024. An email will be sent out to department heads informing them of 6% raise, fuel rates, and health insurance costs.

Todd Corrie left meeting at 10:42am.

President Dunn called the Council's attention to the May 2023 Financial and Budget Status Reports for their review. Council member Beard motioned, seconded by Council member Chynoweth to accept said financial report. Motion carried 6-0. Todd Corrie had left by this point.

President Dunn also reminded Council members that the State Council meeting will be held AIC on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Weaver spoke regarding the decline in quality of care from Howard Community for mental health services for Clinton County. He recently spoke with the Executive Director and voiced the County's concerns. It's unacceptable to not have a location any closer than Tipton; remote and virtual services are not enough.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Archives** - Dr. Grace Gouveia, County Historian in Achieves. is concerned about what documents are being destroyed after being scanned by Document Mountain during the County's digitization project. She is requesting that documents be retained for the last 100 years and documents be handled with care. President Dunn assured her that nothing has yet been decided about what papers will be destroyed and that the Council understands the historical significance of certain documents.

**Sheriff** - Sheriff Kelly reported that the department is looking into replacing security glass in the entire facility; quote will be received this week. In addition, the fire suppression system also needs replaced with an estimated cost being around \$50,000. President Dunn mentioned that the Supplemental LIT funds would be ideal for these expenses.

**BOH** - Rodney Wann reported that members of his department had conducted a retreat with BOH members. Staff and Community Health members have planned an additional retreat. The purpose of these retreats is to brainstorm about how to best utilize the additional state funding the County will be receiving; what additional services could be offered. Board of Health may need a mid-year budget session.

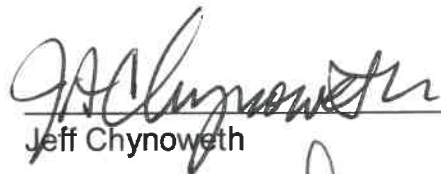
Motion made by Council member Price, with a second by Council member Mink, to support the Commissioners accepting the additional Health Department funding from the State. Motion carried 6-0. Todd Corrie had left at this time.

**SHARP** Program - In closing, Carol Price spoke on the SHARP program. They have received 22 applications thus far and collected \$319,000.00 in funding. 13 applications have been approved at a cost of \$113,000.00.

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:20am**

**Clinton County Council**


  
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ATTEST:

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Britt A. Ostler, Clinton County Auditor

