

MINUTES FOR THE  
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2022

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on March 8, 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. 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  
Jon Hussey  
Jake Myers

**ABSENT**

Britt A 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, Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd, Sheriff Rich Kelly, Ashley Kelly, Ken Hartman, Liz Stitzel, Greg Miller, Renee Crick, Rick Campbell, Carol Price, Mark Timmons, Shawn Mayfield, Brant Fuller and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Beard moved, seconded by Council member Myers, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022, meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Council members Chynoweth and Hussey abstained. Council member Hensley arrived later in the meeting.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton reported there were 77clients on electronic monitoring in February 2022, with 9 of those being juveniles and 1 on CTP. K-9 Rocko is doing great. One 80 Recovery is now open and their office has been able to refer clients to it already.

**PROBATION**

Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward submitted her monthly report showing juvenile detention costs in the amount of \$0.00 for the month of February 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CENTRAL DISPATCH**

Curtis Herring, Central Dispatch, requested an update on proposal to use some ARPA money for employee "bonuses". President Dunn gave a detailed presentation summarizing the ARPA Committee Report from their last meeting. No decisions have been made about any expenditures coming from the ARPA monies. ARPA Committee report is attached.

Council member Hensley arrived at 9:20 a.m.

## **CORONER**

Ed Cripe, Coroner, presented a request for a \$6000 appropriation to finish the bathroom at the new morgue. Since the remodel project had come in under budget by that much last year, the Council would basically be reappropriating monies that he had left over that went back into the General Fund. Council member Myers moved, seconded by Council member Hussey, to approve the requested appropriation and bathroom installation. Motion carried 7-0.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Rich Kelly addressed the Council for approval to pay for a new counseling/support program with Commissary funds. Quality Correctional Care would be the provider at a cost of \$3990/year. Help would be provided to officers involved in critical incidents and their spouses. The Sheriff and Mrs. Kelly pointed out the rise in mental health issues in recent years. Council member Myers moved, seconded by Council member Beard, to approve counseling program expenditure from the Commissary Fund. Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Kelly gave a report on healthcare cost savings for treatment of inmates during 2020 and 2021 due to rebilling. In 2020, \$168,539 was submitted for rebilling; \$388,000 in 2021.

President Dunn noted that the Sheriff's 2002 Compensation Agreement and Dual Resolution 2022-02 had been signed and approved by the Commissioners at their last meeting. It requires the approval of the Council as well. Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Mink, said Compensation Agreement was approved 7-0.

## **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendant Rick Campbell would like approval to purchase a new small, finish roller. Current roller is 36" and not reliable. New one would be 48 inches. President Dunn stated that normally he would prefer to hold-off till budget time for such an expenditure, but rising prices make it more prudent to act now. Motion to purchase a new roller not to exceed \$50,000 was presented by Council member Myers and seconded by Council member Hensley. Motion carried 7-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2022-03**

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 Beard, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, the Motion to approve the following Additional Appropriations carried 7-0:

Request from Auditor's Office in the amount of \$6000.00 in the County General Fund for 1000-002-03-0011 Data Pit Stop Maintenance

Request from Health Department in the amount of \$4125.00 in the Health Fund for 1159-000-03-0074 Office Rent

Request from Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$4000.00 in the Sex/Violent Offender Admin Fund for 1192-000-04-0001 Equipment

Request from Superior Court in the amount of \$841.94 in the Supp. Public Defender Service Fees Fund for 1200-000-03-0047 Pauper Attorney

Request from Circuit Court in the amount of \$6778.97 in the Supp. Public Defender Service Fees Fund for 1200-232-03-0041 Pauper Attorney

Request from Assessor's Office in the amount of \$6835.00 in the Reassessment Fund for 1224-000-03-0003 Contractual Services

Request from Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$6000.00 in the Sheriff Sale Fund for 4009-000-03-0001 Admin Costs

Request from Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$200.00 in the K9 Fund for 4012-000-01-0001 Misc Disbursements

Request from Veterans Affairs in the amount of \$2000.00 in the Veteran Monument Fund for 4103-000-03-0001 Misc Expenditures

Request from Auditor in the amount of \$22,000.00 in the Federal Inmate Housing Fund for 4968-000-02-0001 Misc Disbursements

Request from Child Support Office in the amount of \$5500.00 in the Prosecutor IV-D Incentive Fund for 8897-000-04-0007 Office Equipment

### **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 Myers, seconded by Council member Hensley, the Motion to approve the following Transfers carried 7-0:

#### Highway

\$7,584.00 request from 1176-531-01-0024 MVH Operator to 1176-531-01-0043 Truck Driver/Salt Box

### **Transfers no approval required**

\$5.00 from 1000-750-03-0084 Soil and Water Seminars and Training to 1000-750-03-0082 Insurance

\$1027.29 from 6020-000-02-0025 Wheel Tax Road Signs to 6020-000-02-0024 Ice Control

President Dunn called the Council's attention to the February 2022 Financial Report for their review. Council member Chynoweth motioned, seconded by Council member Mink, to except said financial report. Motion carried 7-0.

President Dunn also asked that the members review the 2021 Cash & Investment Statement which has been submitted on Gateway by Auditor Britt Oster.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

President Dunn reported that Council member Mink has taken Ron Gascho's position with the SHARP program.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Brewer received a \$1.6 million bid for the fairground improvements. Currently the budget holds \$500,000 for these improvements. The Commissioners are going to streamline the proposed scope of work to hopefully cut costs and resubmit for bids.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**AREA PLAN**

Liz Stitzel summarized her 2021 year-end report. A copy of said report is attached.

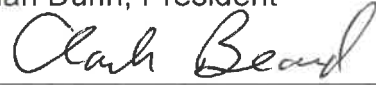
**HEALTH DEPT**

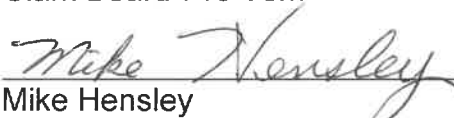
Rodney Wann spoke regarding the 2021 calendar year grants for the Board of Health. (Please see attached). He was happy to report that the County is in the "blue" and working on going back to normal operations in his department.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

**Clinton County Council**


  
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Alan Dunn, President

  
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