

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 4, 2025

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on March 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Meeting Room, at 125 Courthouse Square, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Commissioner Jordan Brewer called the meeting to order with the following members shown to be present or absent:

PRESENT

Jordan Brewer
Kevin Myers
Bert Weaver

ABSENT

Others in attendance were Rick Campbell, Shan Sheridan, Dee Nicely, Amy Webster, Steven Deckard, Mary King, Dawn Layton, Caren Crum, Liz Stitzel, Rich Kelly, Nancy Ward, Grace Gouveia, and others are shown to be present in the minutes. Commissioner's Assistant Jerri Sexton recorded the minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Brewer led the pledge of allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received.

IN THE MATTER OF NCIRPC UPDATE

Steven Ray gave an update on the NCIRPC, reporting they just celebrated their 10th anniversary, and over the last 10 years almost 25 million dollars of grand funding have come back to the region. They have worked on 150 projects over 9 years. The return on investment for every dollar they have received from cities and counties over the past 10 years had a return of \$14.55. The return per capita is \$11.07 and the contribution per capita is \$0.77. The Read 1.0 is a 30 million dollar grant awarded to the NCIRPC that was divided up between 22 projects in the region and have expended 72% of those funds. Read 2 was a 35 million dollar grant award. There will be a slight delay in access to those funds, because the state wants to see the Read 1 dollars are spent first.

IN THE MATTER OF FRANKFORT FIRE STATION 4 ROW

Dan Sheets stated the City is wanting to build a new fire station at SR 28 and 600 W as a part of the annexation of the I65/SR 28 Corridor. He would like approval to install a 930 foot section of pipe in the county Right of Way. Nick Burkman from RQAW elaborated on the project. It will be a county regulated legal drain and there will always be farm access. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the 12" drain on 600 W/SR 28 and waive all encroachment fees. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PURDUE EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

Dee Nicely presented the Extension Office Contractual Agreement for 2025, the county is obligated to pay them an amount every year which covers a portion of the staff salaries. In the past year some of those positions went unfilled for a lengthy period of time. The county has worked with them to put an addendum in place that states after 6 months 80 % of the fee for that select salary will come back to the county and will be kept separate to be utilized for extension services. This is an addendum to the contract specifically for Clinton County. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the agreement. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Amy Webster will be the new Extension Office Director.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE #60 BIDS

Tom Little opened the only bid received for Bridge #60 repairs from Civil Coatings and Construction, INC. in the amount of \$681,658.50. Commissioner Weaver motioned to take the bid under advisement until the next meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell presented the Title Sheet for Bridge #21 for the commissioners to sign. Commissioner Weaver motioned to sign the Title sheet. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick reported that the highway department is patching roads and placing stone.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported she sent an email regarding an unsafe structure that she will be bringing up at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the mowing contract for Area Plan mowing complaints with Platinum Landscaping. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Paul Phillippe Pass-through Agreement. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the De-Obligation of Funds Statement for Paul Phillippe. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the City/County PIP Interlocal Agreement in which the City will now be participating in paying half of the economic budget. It will be \$100,000 each for the City and County. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to table voting on the bonds. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Nancy Ward reported they hired their admin to take the Juvenile Probation Officer position who is bi-lingual, and asked approval to now replace the part-time administrative assistant without any changes to the job description. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the request to hire a part-time admin. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Renee Crick stated she had more issues with the AC Unit that was leaking and had several communications with the commissioners and they decided to have it replaced for roughly \$31,000. Renee stated she had some funds that she can transfer due to not having positions filled. It will need to go through council approval. QPH has ordered the unit. Renee stated she is having a leak issue in another equipment room that will need to be looked at by QPH.

Renee stated next week is severe weather preparedness week and they will be testing the tornado alarms on Tuesday.

Steven Deckard reported they are currently charging below market value and should increase charging private insurance fees by 300-400%. Commissioners will table the matter and make a decision at the next meeting.

Steven stated he is getting the run around from the mechanic working on the ambulance previously discussed and wanted to give him a deadline. The mechanic has stopped communications with Steven. Commissioners will give a deadline of March 18 and take the mechanics contact information and contact the mechanic.

Steven asked approval to move an EMT to a Paramedic position after she completes her paramedic testing, and then fill the EMT's position. Commissioners approved.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer reported the county had more than 50 applications for the HR Director, and has hired Sesaly Reifert for the HR Director position and she will start Monday, March 10th in her new role. There will be a transition period until the Payroll Clerk position is filled and trained.

Commissioner Weaver reported they have interviewed people to fill the vacant Board of Health position and referred they have Chelsea Smith RN to be appointed by the commissioners. Commissioner Weaver motioned to table the appointment until the next meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the following claims as submitted, Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Friday claims dated February 21, 2025 in the amount of \$39,182.14

Friday claims dated February 28, 2025 in the amount of \$45,828.46

Bi-weekly claims dated March 4, 2025 in the amount of \$377,464.23

Court claims dated March 4, 2025 in the amount of \$26,876.90

BOH claim dated February 7, 2025 in the amount of \$856.68

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the payroll as submitted, Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll dated February 7, 2025 in the amount of \$588,945.44

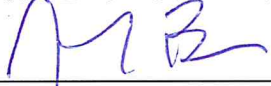
IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated February 18, 2025, and Executive Session minutes dated February 27, 2025 seconded by Commissioner Myers. Motion carried 3-0.

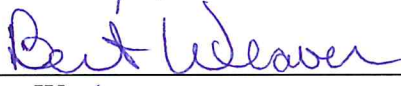
The next meeting will be March 18th.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Myers motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver 9:35 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

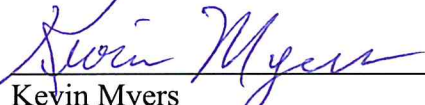
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President



Bert Weaver



Kevin Myers

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

