

MINUTES FOR THE  
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 8, 2025

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on April 8, 2025, 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  
Jeff Chynoweth  
Mary King  
Mike Hensley  
Carol Price  
Todd Corrie  
Joe Mink

**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: First Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd, Renee Crick, Rick Campbell, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Brett Todd, Liz Stitzel, Matthew Risk, Bert Weaver, Nancy Ward, Chris Guajardo, Grace Geouveia, Chase Miller, Carin Crum and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Mink, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Director Brett Barton stated that out of 96 individuals, there were currently 4 on CTP, 2 juveniles, and 2 on Pre-trial Release. The Department of Justice Grant application has been submitted. Demolition has started on the new office location.

**PROBATION**

Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward reported that there was \$0.00 in juvenile detention costs for March 2025. Council President Dunn recognized that this will be Mrs. Ward's last Council meeting as she will be retiring effective April 19th. He thanked her for her 23 years of service to the County. Matthew Risk has been selected to take over as Director.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2025 TIF Management Annual Report of the Redevelopment Condition, prepared by Baker Tilly** – President Dunn explained that RDC is composed of the following officers: Alan Dunn, President of Redevelopment Commission; Jim Need, VP; Jay Hawley, Secretary; along with Jordan Brewer and Marc Hodges as members.

Growth in the TIF area is set aside for the RDC to help maintain the infrastructure in that area. 2024 is the first year for the SR 28 TIF area. The RDC has two TIF areas I-65 and SR-28. In 2024, the RDC received \$548,660.00 in revenue and had \$24,044.00 in expenditures. They

had their first request/report from Dan Sheets, Surveyor, for drainage in that area. Mr. Sheets informed the Commission about the possibility of drainage issues that may need to be addressed in the future.

Upon motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Mink, to acknowledge receipt and review of the 2024 TIF Management Report. Motion carried 7-0.

**Job Classification Changes: EMS positions and Payroll position-** Council member Mary King spoke, representing the Job Classification and Compensation Committee ("JCC"), which also consists of Council member Price, Council member Corrie, Sesaly Reifert, Britt Ostler, and Commissioner Jordan Brewer.

The Job Description for the Payroll Administrator has been revised to split out the HR Director responsibilities, leaving the Payroll person with duties only relating to the County's payroll.

The EMS job descriptions for EMT and Paramedics will have added language requiring the individuals in those positions to pass an annual physical exam.

Upon Motion by Council member Corrie, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, a motion to accept these recommendations and changes passed 7-0.

**2025 Wage & Salary Ordinance 2025-07 (amended)** – New language was added to explain that payment of wages is contingent upon compliance with the Employee Handbook (2024).

A Motion to accept the amended Ordinance 2025-07 was made by Council member Hensley, seconded by Council member King. Motion passed 7-0.

**Longevity Ordinance 2025-08-** This ordinance details the distribution and qualifications for County employees to receive Longevity Pay beginning in 2025.

A Motion to accept Ordinance 2025-08 was made by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Mink. Motion passed 7-0.

**Highway Equipment Purchase Proposal** – Highway Superintendent, Rick Campbell, had invited Council members and Commissioners to a demonstration of an Energreen Boom Arm Mower. The feedback from all who were able to attend the demonstration was very impressed. Ryan Burke, Brown Equipment Company, Fort Wayne, spoke to the new equipment being very multipurpose. Stephanie Perez, Republic First National Corporation, was also present to explain the different funding options the County has in setting up a lease for the purchase. Terms offered were 5, 6 or 7 years. The Commissioners have expressed their support of this purchase. The Commissioners will sign the contract and Council is recommending 5 years at \$82,153.08/year from our Local Road and Street Fund. First payment isn't due until March 2026, so may be budgeted in the 2026 budget.

Upon motion by Council member Mink, seconded by Council member Corrie, the motion recommending the purchasing of the Energreen Boom Arm Mower with a 5-year lease, carried 7-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2025-09**

President Dunn read each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate of Additional Appropriations, excepting one modification, which was approved under a

separate motion. Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member King, the Motion to approve the following Additional Appropriations carried 7-0:  
\$237.81 request from Sheriff's Office for General Fund 1000-380-03-0006 Jail Medical & Hospital  
\$100,000.00 request from Auditor for CEDIT Fund 1112-000-03-0039 Professional Services  
\$100.00 request from Parkview Home for County Home Gifts Fund 1128-000-02-0001 Supplies for Residents  
\$1710.00 request from Commissioners for CUM Courthouse Fund 1140-000-03-0020 Mowing/Snow Removal  
\$41.59 request from EMS for EMS Fund 1151-000-02-0004 Clothing  
\$35,880.00 request from Highway Dept for Local Road & Street Fund 1169-000-04-0013 Salt Box  
\$94,551.94 request from Central Dispatch for LIT Public Safety Fund 1170-000-04-0005 Motorola Equipment Lease  
\$137,000.00 request from Highway Dept for MVH Restricted Fund 1173-000-00-0001 Community Crossing  
\$4126.00 request from Highway Dept for MVH Unrestricted Fund 1176-533-02-0024 Garage Supplies  
\$1500.00 request from Sheriff's Office for Sex/Violent Offender Admin Fund 1192-000-04-0001 Equipment  
\$247.00 request from Sheriff's Office for LIT Correctional Fund 1233-000-03-0001 Repairs & Maint  
\$42.80 request from Probation Office for Adult Probation Fund 2000-000-03-0086 TRECS  
\$5000.00 request from Sheriff's Office for Sheriff Gift Fund 4104-000-03-0011 JCAP  
\$20,000.00 request from Community Corrections for Project Income Fund 4912-000-03-0030 Maintenance  
\$31,511.08 requests from Sheriff's Office for Sheriff Fees for Inmate Medical 4967-000-02-0001 Misc Disbursements  
\$6000.00 request from Probation Office for Probation Opioid Grant Fund 8111-000-02-0001 Incentives  
\$1000.00 request from Probation Office for Probation Opioid Grant Fund 8111-000-02-0004 Office Supplies  
\$22,097.75 request from Probation Office for Probation Opioid Grant Fund 8111-000-03-0009 Contractual  
\$1,782,499.59 request from Auditor's Office for ARPA Fund 8950-000-03-0001 Courthouse/Annex Services  
\$2000.00 request from Probation Office for Probation State Grant Fund 9011-000-02-0001 Supplies  
\$8000.00 request from Probation Office for Probation State Grant Fund 9011-000-03-0001 MRT

**\$25,000.00 request from Auditor for Landfill Fund 4901-000-03-0016 Contractual Agreements was modified to \$15,000.00. Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member King, to approve and amend Additional Appropriation request to \$15,000, carried 7-0.**

#### **Transfers for approval**

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

\$10,000.00 transfer from EMS Fund 1151-000-01-0020 Paramedics to 1151-000-01-0032 EMS Overtime

**Transfers no approval required**

\$2254.00 transfer from General Fund Commissioners 1000-068-03-0005 Utilities to 1000-068-03-0035 Insurance Deductible

\$700.00 transfer from EMS Fund 1151-000-03-0041 Utilities to 1151-000-03-0017 Maint Contracts

\$2647.50 transfer from Landfill Fund 4901-000-03-0025 Demolition to 4901-000-03-0016 HR Contractual

\$1000.00 transfer from Project Income Fund 4912-000-02-0021 Preventative Maint to 4912-000-02-0007 Vehicle Maint

\$3425.00 transfer from Wheel Tax Fund 6020-000-02-0025 Road Signs to 6020-000-02-0024 Ice Control

President Dunn called the Council's attention to the Financial and Budget Status Reports for March 2025, submitted for the Council's review. Council member Mink motioned, seconded by Council member King, to accept said reports. Motion carried 7-0.

**Council Reports**

Council member Price reported the Board of Health has hired a new Public Health Administrator. They should be present at the next meeting to introduce themselves.

President Dunn spoke regarding an email from the Association of Indiana Counties in reference to a tax bill being presented at the Statehouse. The email was asking for a resolution from Council regarding proposed changes to Senate Bill 1 (tax bill). The core is eliminating the Business Personal Property. To mitigate this, the County may increase the LIT. There is the potential for many adverse side-effects if this Bill passes. The County could also request to speak with Senator Brian Buchanan and Representative Heath VanNatter. A special meeting will be necessary next week to move forward with a letter and Council Resolution.

**Commissioner Reports**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Highway** - Rick Campbell has money in his 2025 budget for a used paver. Central Paving will have one for sale in August.

**EMS** - Steven Deckard reported the first paramedic graduation ceremony was held last Saturday at the Clinton County/Frankfort Airport. All 3 graduates have passed their tests; two of three have been hired by Clinton County EMS. Fitness of Duty will now be a policy in place for EMT's and Paramedics.

**Parkview** - Chris Overman reported that there is currently broken Spanish tile on the Parkview Home roof. Hinshaw Roofing will be coming out with a drone to look at the tiles.

**Central Dispatch** - Renee Crick has two employees that have finished their training. One shift has 5 dispatchers; three shifts have four on duty. Next week is National Telecommunicator Week.

**Sheriff** - Sheriff Kelly thanked First Merchants for their donation of \$5000 to the JCAP program. He also asked for approval to purchase funeral arrangements for Corrections Officer families out of the Commissary Fund. Three bouquets have recently been purchased, which he received "phone approval" for, which need official Council approval. Also requesting that an

amount could be "pre-approved" for future funeral arrangement purchases not to exceed \$200 per bouquet.

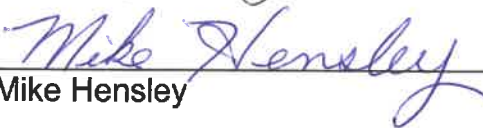
Upon motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member King, a motion to approve the previous funeral arrangements purchased along with approval of a \$200/bouquet threshold for future purchases, carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

**Clinton County Council**

  
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Alan Dunn, President

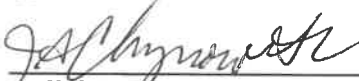
  
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