

**MINUTES FOR THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2025**

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on August 12, 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
Joe Mink
Mike Hensley
Carol Price
Todd Corrie
Mary King

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, Brett Todd, Bert Weaver, Kevin Myers, Rick Campbell, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Ashley Kelly, Grace Geouveia, Ed Cripe, Renee Crick, Melissa Ostler, Liz Stitzel, Steven Deckard, Steven Frey and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Mink, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025, regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Council member Corrie abstained.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Director Brett Barton stated there were 90 clients on electronic monitoring in July 2025, with 3 of those being juveniles and 1 on CTP. There is currently 1 individual on Pre-Trial Release. They received results of their Fiscal Audit with the State; no findings. All renovations in their new location are complete. President Dunn asked about the appropriation to be approved at today's meeting regarding a new vehicle purchase for his department. Mr. Barton stated that it has been purchased and their oldest vehicle was traded in.

PROBATION

Ember Morris submitted the Probation report for the month of July 2025 showing expenses of \$1,545.00. 3 juveniles were detained, but have since been released. 2 are on home detention.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal to Add More Options to Beacon Schneider Program – Jada Ray, County Assessor, spoke regarding the update to the Beacon program. Beacon is a public website currently utilized by the public and County employees to obtain information on County parcels. This update would include 12 different layers to the program. These different layers would provide more self-serve options for the user regarding parcel history, deduction documents and applications, along with other beneficial services.

The initial cost set-up cost of \$15,143.00 could come from the Sales Disclosure Fund.

Upon motion by Council member Mink, seconded by Council member King, a motion to proceed with purchasing extra Beacon layers, passed 7-0.

Circuit Breaker and Maximum Levy Figures for 2026- Britt Ostler, Auditor

Per state statute, Auditor Ostler presented the circuit breaker and maximum levy reports and figures to the County Council for their review.

Upon motion by Council member King, seconded by Council member Price, the Council confirms that the 2026 Circuit Break and Max Levy reports were presented and reviewed. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2025-14

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 Mink, the Motion to approve the following Additional, as amended, carried 7-0.

\$760.00 request from Superior Court for General Fund Superior Court 1000-201-03-0047 Pauper Attorney

\$1000.00 request from Community Corrections for CTP Fund 1123-000-03-0003 Crossing School

\$20,000.00 request from Community Corrections for CTP Fund 1123-000-04-0001 Vehicle

\$32.00 request from EMS for EMS Fund 1151-000-02-0004 Clothing

\$15,000.00 request from Sheriff's Office for Firearms Training Fund 1156-000-04-0040 Weapons & Riot Equip

\$4209.37 request from BOH for Local Health Maint Fund 1168-000-01-0002 Vital Record Data Archivist

\$304.00 request from Sheriff's Office for LIT Correctional Fund 1233-000-03-0001 Repairs & Maint

\$5015.00 request from Probation for Adult Probation Fund 2000-000-03-0010 Drug Testing

\$2615.97 request from Probation for Adult Probation Fund 2000-000-03-0086 TRECS

\$2300.00 request from Surveyor's Office for Drain Maint Fund 2700-000-03-0534 Lessie Johnson

\$384.06 request from Surveyor's Office for Drain Maint Fund 2700-000-03-0546 J Milner

\$1247.93 request from Surveyor's Office for Drain Maint Fund 2700-000-03-0539 J Lipp

\$464.40 request from Circuit Court for Court Interpreter Grant Fund 4018-232-03-0001 Interpreter

\$7.00 request from Sheriff's Office for Sheriff's Gifts Fund 4104-000-03-0006 RAD Systems Inc

\$7000.00 request from BOH for Travel Immunization Fund 4905-000-02-0001 Travel Immunizations

\$228.18 request from Community Corrections for Project Income Fund 4912-000-03-0061 TRECS Collections

\$431,129.60 request from Highway Department for Wheel Tax Fund 6020-000-02-0023 Bituminous **was decreased and approved at the lower amount of \$300,000.00.**

\$24,800.00 request from Probation for Probation Opioid Grant Fund 8111-000-03-0009 Contractual Services

Transfers approval required

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

\$2252.00 transfer from General Fund 1000-011-01-0016 Extension Office Janitor to 1000-011-03-0015 Contractual Cleaning

\$7000.00 transfer from General Fund 1000-079-01-0014 Area Plan Building Inspector to 1000-079-03-0004 Contract Services
\$4000.00 transfer from Probation Opioid Grant Fund 8111-000-02-0001 Incentives for Participants to 8111-000-03-0009 Contractual
\$3084.19 transfer from Probation Opioid Grant Fund 8111-000-02-0004 Office Supplies to 8111-000-03-0009 Contractual

Transfers no approval required

\$120.00 transfer from General Fund 1000-622-03-0058 Parkview Elevator Maintenance to 1000-622-03-0024 Pest Control
\$8100.00 transfer from CUM Bridge Fund 1135-000-02-0026 Bridge Supplies to 1135-000-02-0022 Tile & Culvert
\$0.80 transfer from EMS Fund 1151-000-03-0016 Oil Changes to 1151-000-03-0007 Scheduling & Credential Tracking
\$520.00 transfer from EMS Fund 1151-000-03-0041 Utilities to 1151-000-03-0017 Maint Contracts
\$20,000.00 transfer from Local Road & Street Fund 1169-000-04-0005 Truck to 1169-000-04-0010 Tractor/boom
\$33.82 transfer from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-02-0031 Other Supplies to 1236-000-02-0011 Gas & Lube
\$200.00 transfer from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-03-0044 Cable to 1236-000-03-0017 Maint Contracts
\$41,926.50 transfer from Drain Maint Fund 2700-000-03-0576 Prairie Creek to 2700-000-03-0574 Wynkoop
\$229.45 transfer from Central Dispatch Fund 4958-000-02-0001 Supplies to 4958-000-02-0003 Public Education Supplies
\$3300.00 transfer from Wheel Tax Fund 6020-000-02-0026 Weed Control to 6020-000-02-0023 Bituminous
\$435.76 transfer from Probation Opioid Grant Fund 8111-000-03-0004 Training for Peer Recovery to 8111-000-03-0009 Contractual
\$206.49 transfer from Probation Opioid Grant Fund 8111-000-03-0008 Mileage/Travel for Coaches to 8111-000-03-0009 Contractual

Council reviewed the Monthly Budget Status and Financial Reports for July 2025. Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Hensley, to approve said reports. Motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council member Price is still working on the funds for the Mental Health (Community Howard). We have received an invoice for 2025 for over \$200,000 with no or little service from Community Howard. State Board of Accounts has advised that the County speak with an attorney.

President Dunn, Council member Price and Council member King all attended a joint session with the Boone County Council, at the Boone County Annex, to hear from Ryan Hoff of the AIC. He spoke regarding the legislative changes to SB1 and how those changes might affect our Counties.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Bert Weaver reported he isn't sure when the Courthouse will be moving to the Annex. Issues with front sidewalk/approach and inside punch list are not getting resolved in a timely manner.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

SHERIFF - Rich Kelly gave the Council an estimate to upgrade to the current jail computer system. It's also recommended that the air and water be tested by a third-party vendor after the system is installed. \$173,089 is cost for new system. Approximately the same amount to replace all the actuators. It had precious been discussed to use the LIT Correctional Facility supplemental distribution to cover these expenses.

Upon motion by Council member Root, seconded by Council member Price, a Motion to use the LIT Correctional Facility supplemental distribution for these expenses/repairs carried 7-0.

Matron Kelly requested the use of Commissary funds to cover the \$3891.40 cost of repairing one of the commercial dryers.

Motion by Council member Corrie, seconded by Council member Hensley, to use Commissary money to pay for said repair. Motion carried 7-0.

EMA – Temporary Director, Renee Crick, reported that the annual EMA advisory meeting is next week, August 19, 2025. The advisory board is made up of the City and County officials


The morgue sits on the east end of the EMA building, but the Coroner vehicles are currently kept in the middle of the building. The Coroner and EMA Director are getting bids to put in door so the Coroner could more easily access the garage on the East end of the building and thus park his vehicles down there. It's a way more efficient use of the building.

BOH - Melissa Ostler, Health Department, spoke regarding getting the word out for what the health dept does for the community. The steps for the campaign are in the works. Carol Price went to Montgomery County with the Health Department to meet with Dr. Adams and Ann Hazelet from the State.

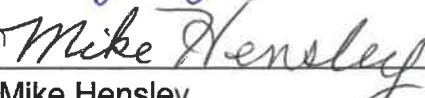
EMS – Director Deckard informed the Council that his department had received a \$5000 grant from Duke Energy. These funds will be used for active shooter training.


Meeting Adjourned: 9:52 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Britt A. Ostler, Clinton County Auditor