

MINUTES FOR THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 2025

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on February 12, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. for the 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
Mary King

Carol Price
Todd Corrie
Joe Mink

ABSENT

Jeff Chynoweth
Mike Hensley

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, Nancy Ward, Brett Barton, Brett Todd, Dee Nicely, Hanna Daniels, Matthew Risk, Tony Sommers, Heidi Turner, Bert Weaver, Liz Stitzel, Rick Campbell and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Mink moved, seconded by Council member King, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025 meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Council member Mink abstained.

Approval of the December 31, 2024, Joint Session Minutes has been delayed till the March 11th meeting due to not having enough Council members present today who attended that meeting, to vote on those minutes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Director Brett Barton stated that out of 85 individuals, there were currently 3 on CPT, 0 juveniles, and 0 on Pre-trial Release. State Grant will be due in April. Looking for another building, he asked for any leads to be brought to him. He said the current building has roofing issues causing leaks and outlet issues.

PROBATION

The January 2025 report was presented by Chief Probation Officer Nancy Ward, noting Juvenile detention costs in the amount of \$0.00 for the month. She reported that's there's an on-going problem of finding places willing/able to house juveniles; unable to find treatment and counselling services.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Change Part-time Prosecutor Position to Full-time- Prosecutor Tony Sommer was present to ask for a part time position to go to a full time position. The current person in that position is retiring. There is an influx of legislation that will be coming soon, this could help with getting a percentage reimbursed by the State for deputy prosecutor salaries. Mr.

Sommer would like to see these salaries be eligible for the reimbursement. This would require an increase in their current 2025 salaries as stated on the wage and salary ordinance.

Council member King motioned, seconded by council member Corrie, to change the part time position to full time. Motion carried 5-0.

NHK CF-1's- Tax abatement reports for the following NHK projects have exceeded the required expectations for their compliance: 2017 Project, Real Property; 2020 Project, Real and Personal Property. Motion by Council member Corrie, seconded by Council member Price, to approve the CF-1's as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Kirklin Public Library Board Appointment of Kelly Haerr- Heidi Turner, Kirklin Librarian, asking for Kelly Haerr to be appointed to the Kirklin Public Library board, effective immediately, to complete the term of Kylee Powers, ending on June 30, 2025. Motion by council member Price, seconded by Council member King, to appoint Kelly Haerr to the Kirklin Library board. Motion carried 5-0.

Salary & Wage Ordinance 2025-04 – Re-adopt with Changes

It was discussed that the Salary & Wage Ordinance presented for approval contained additional positions (part-time positions were added, as well as Community Corrections positions, per recommendation by SBOA) and changes in salary/hourly amounts due to rounding issues and errors that were discovered. Motion made by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Corrie, to accept the revised Salary & Wage Ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.

Interlocal Agreement w/ City of Frankfort – President Alan Dunn explained that the language in this agreement has the City of Frankfort agreeing to not annex any additional areas in the next 10 years. In addition, the County is agreeing to require all new development in the I65/SR28 corridor annexation to connect to City services. Council member Corrie questioned the procedures for obtaining utility permits for that area. Area Plan Director Liz Stitzel spoke to the process for approval for sewer & water permits. Motion by Council member Corrie, seconded by Council member King, to approve said Interlocal Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

ENCUMBRANCES

Motion made by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Mink, to approve the slate of encumbrances totaling \$32,057.22. Motion carried 5-0. (List attached).

OLD BUSINESS

Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2025-05

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

\$23,800.17 request from Sheriff Dept for General Fund to 1000-000-00-0030 Misc Disbursement

\$151.00 request from Auditor for General Fund Clerk to 1000-001-01-0011 Clerk

\$8000.00 request from Sheriff's Dept for General Fund Sheriff to 1000-005-03-0088 Sheriff K-9 Training and Upkeep

\$2728.00 request from Auditor for General Fund Surveyor to 1000-006-01-0015 First Deputy

\$2686.84 request from Auditor for General Fund Surveyor to 1000-006-01-0013 Office Admin

\$103.49 request from Parkview Home for General Fund Parkview to 1000-622-02-0012 Food

\$915.00 request from Parkview Home for County Home Gifts Fund to 1128-000-02-0001

Supplies for Residents

\$26,397.38 request from Central Dispatch for Emergency Planning/Right to Know Fund to:

1152-000-02-0001	Office Supplies	\$500.00
1152-000-02-0002	Stationary & Printing	\$500.00
1152-000-03-0001	Emergency Planning	\$5000.00
1152-000-03-0003	Meeting Stipend	\$1500.00
1152-000-03-0010	Training	\$8000.00
1152-000-03-0012	Postage	\$ 100.00
1152-000-03-0084	Seminars Etc	\$1500.00
1152-000-04-0007	Equipment	\$9097.38
1152-000-04-0044	Computers & Peripheral Devices	\$200.00

\$908.25 request from Board of Health for Board of Health Fund to 1159-000-03-0093 Misc Disbursements

\$38,495.00 request from Board of Health for Board of Health Fund to 1159-000-04-0001

Vehicle

\$2029.00 request from Highway Dept for MVH Restricted Fund to 1173-000-01-0037 Operator

\$3949.00 request from Highway Dept for MVH Restricted Fund to 1173-000-01-0042 Operator

\$2029.00 request from Highway Dept for MVH Fund to 1176-000-01-0037 Operator

\$3949.00 request from Highway Dept for MVH Fund to 1176-000-01-0042 Operator

\$339.00 request from Superior Court for Supp Public Defender Fees Fund to 1200-000-03-0047 Superior Court Pauper Attorney

\$2000.00 request from Probation for Adult Probation Fund to 2000-000-03-0053 Contractual

\$1889.47 request from Probation for Adult Probation Fund to 2000-000-03-0086 TRECS

\$25,000.00 request from Circuit Court for County User Fee Fund to 2500-000-03-0011 Jury Fees

\$14,000.00 request from Prosecutor's Office for Pre-Trial Diversion Fees Fund to 2501-000-04-0010 Law Enforcement Equip

\$243.75 request from Surveyor's Office for Drain Maint Fund to 2700-000-03-0539 Jackson Lipp

\$223.32 request from Surveyor's Office for Drain Maint Fund to 2700-000-03-0546 J Milner

\$10,000.00 request from Sheriff's Dept for Sheriff Sales Fund to 4009-000-03-0001 Sheriff Costs

\$1,400,000.00 request from Redevelopment Commission for RDC TIF #1 Fund to :

4805-000-03-0004	Pro Services	\$100,000.00
4805-000-03-0002	Economic Development	\$250,000.00
4805-000-03-0003	Other Expenses	\$50,000.00
4805-000-04-0001	Capital Expenditures	\$1,000,000.00

\$9800.00 request from Sheriff's Dept for Sheriff Fees for Inmates Fund to 4967-000-02-0001 Misc Disbursements

\$2,594,363.59 request from Auditor for ARPA Fund to 8950-000-03-0001 Courthouse/Annex Services

\$256,000.52 request from Auditor for ARPA Fund to 8950-000-03-0003 Fairgrounds

REDUCTIONS:

\$2728.00 request from Auditor's Office from 1181-000-01-0002 Surveyor First Deputy to Plat Book Fund

\$2691.00 request from Auditor's Office from 1181-000-01-0003 Surveyor Office Admin to Plat Book Fund

Transfers for Approval

Motion made by Council member King, seconded by Council member Mink, to approve the following transfers of appropriation presented to the Council carried 5-0.

\$7.00 from General Fund Clerk 1000-001-02-0001 Office Supplies to 1000-001-01-0013 Superior Court Deputy
\$7.00 from General Fund Clerk 1000-001-02-0001 Office Supplies to 1000-001-01-0016 Deputy
\$7.00 from General Fund Clerk 1000-001-02-0001 Office Supplies to 1000-001-01-0017 Circuit Court Deputy
\$7.00 from General Fund Clerk 1000-001-02-0001 Office Supplies to 1000-001-01-0019 Clerk Deputy
\$7.00 from General Fund Clerk 1000-001-02-0001 Office Supplies to 1000-001-01-0022 Traffic Clerk
\$7.00 from General Fund Clerk 1000-001-02-0001 Office Supplies to 1000-001-01-0024 ISETS Deputy
\$2.00 from General Fund Sheriff 1000-005-02-0001 Supplies to 1000-005-01-0023 Lieutenant
\$2.00 from General Fund Sheriff 1000-005-02-0001 Supplies to 1000-005-01-0022 Lieutenant
\$2.00 from General Fund Sheriff 1000-005-02-0001 Supplies to 1000-005-01-0025 Det. Lt.
\$2.00 from General Fund Sheriff 1000-005-02-0001 Supplies to 1000-005-01-0040 SRO
\$2.00 from General Fund Sheriff 1000-005-02-0001 Supplies to 1000-005-01-0040 SRO
\$2.00 from General Fund Prosecutor 1000-009-02-0001 Office Supplies to 1000-009-01-0013 Office Manager
\$3541.00 from General Fund Probation 1000-235-01-0015 Chief Probation Officer to 1000-235-01-0019 Probation Officer
\$10,000.00 from EMS Fund 1151-000-01-0020 Paramedics to 1151-000-01-0032 Overtime
\$10,000.00 from EMS Fund 1151-000-01-0021 EMTs to 1151-000-01-0032 Overtime
\$150.00 from BOH Fund 1159-000-01-0019 Extra Help to 1159-000-01-0012 PT Health Officer

Transfers No Approval Required

\$216.60 from General Fund Auditor 1000-002-03-0051 Record Binding to 1000-002-03-0081 Subscriptions
\$259.17 from General Fund Auditor 1000-002-03-0084 Seminars to 1000-002-03-0081 Dues
\$147.00 from General Fund Prosecutor 1000-009-03-0017 Schooling to 1000-009-03-0084 Lodging
\$330.35 from EMS Fund 1151-000-03-0060 Volunteer Payments to 1151-000-03-0057 Garage Door Repair

President Dunn called the Council's attention to the Financial and Budget Status Reports for January 2025, submitted for the Council's review. Council member Corrie motioned, seconded by Council member Price, to accept said reports. Motion carried 5-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Price attended the last legislation breakfast. There will be another one on Saturday, February 15th, at Wesley Manor. Mrs. Price has joined a new Housing Coalition with a variety of community members, seeking to provide every person a place to live. They are looking for grants to help fund this project.

Jane Pauley Center is on hold at the moment. This is a statewide issue, not just Clinton County. New requirements/stipulations are being put forth by the State.

President Dunn spoke regarding proposed legislation that could impact revenues to the County, thus effecting future County budgets.

Council member Price also stated that the Governor is proposing a 1/3 reduction in the Health First money distributions.

Council member Mink went to the school wide safety program. Jay County was there to speak about the steps they have taken to get their county schools operational after being hit by tornados last Fall.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS


Commissioner Weaver reported that the Commissioners are starting to interview for the new HR Director position.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sheriff is asking to use Misdemeanant funds to purchase a new transport vehicle. Cost for the 2021 Ford van will be \$68,000 with an additional \$7,000 for radios and markings. It is replacing a 2017 van. Brett Barton, Community Corrections, is involved with this fund and gives his blessing on the purchase. Motion made by Council member Mink with a second by Council member King to purchase the van. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 a.m.

Clinton County Council



Alan Dunn, President



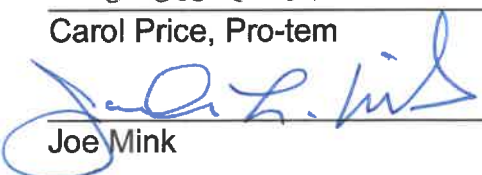
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ATTEST: 

Britt A Ostler, Clinton County Auditor

