

**MINUTES FOR THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
July 8, 2025**

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on July 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
Joe Mink
Mike Hensley
Carol Price

ABSENT

Todd Corrie

Mary King

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

Council member Mink moved, seconded by Council member Hensley, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025, regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Council members Chynoweth & King abstained.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated there were 93 clients on electronic monitoring in June 2025 with none of those being juveniles and 5 on CTP. There are currently 2 individuals on Pre-Trial Release. They have been in their new building for around 3 weeks. They're very happy with it. The remodeling ended up costing around \$28,000. They were approved for their state grant for next year. The amount will stay at \$309,000. The state has chosen to defund the Jail Treatment program, so alternate funding is needed. This program is very beneficial and needs to be continued.

PROBATION

Matthew Risk submitted the Probation report for the month of June 2025 showing expenses of \$3210.00 for two different cases.

NEW BUSINESS

Area Plan Interlocal Agreement w/Council & Commissioner

The Area Plan Commission had several concerns regarding conflicting policies between the County Employee Handbook and State Statutes. This Interlocal Agreement was created to eliminate those conflicts and support the Area Plan Department. The Agreement has already been approved by the Area Plan Commission and the Commissioners.

Upon Motion by Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member King, the Area Plan Interlocal Agreement motion was passed 6-0.

Valley Oaks, New CMHC for Clinton County – Dan Arens, CEO

Council member Price introduced Dan Arens, CEO of Valley Oaks. As of July 1st, Valley Oaks has started to service Clinton County as our new provider for mental health services. Mr. Arens stated their company has 450 employees; that Clinton is the 10th Indiana county they serve; and they assist over 12,000 people every year. They pride themselves in not being part of a big health care corporation, instead focusing on community-based assistance. They provide access to care through local schools, parks, and jails. They always have a specially trained mobile crisis team available 24/7 where emergency services/assistance is needed for at risk individuals.

OLD BUSINESS

Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2025-13

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 King, the Motion to approve the following Additional carried 6-0.

\$117.56 request from Sheriff's Office for General Fund Sheriff 1000-005-02-0001 Office Supplies

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

\$3000.00 request from Community Corrections for CTP Fund 1123-000-03-0003 The Crossing School

\$15,000.00 request from Parkview Home for CUM Cap Fund for 1138-622-04-0004 County Home Improvements

\$60,516.67 request from Probation (Drug & Alcohol Coalition) for Drug Free Community Fund as follows:

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| \$18,155.00 | 1148-001-01-0002 | Prevention |
| \$18,155.00 | 1148-001-01-0003 | Criminal Justice |
| \$18,155.00 | 1148-002-01-0003 | Treatment |
| \$1512.91 | 1148-002-01-0004 | Coalition Coordinator |
| \$4538.76 | 1148-002-01-0009 | Miscellaneous |

\$70.50 request from EMS for EMS Fund for 1151-000-02-0004 Clothing Allowance

\$4209.37 request from Board of Health for Local Health Maintenance Fund for 1168-000-03-0002 Distribution

\$60,322.12 request from Highway Department for MVH Restricted Fund for 1173-000-02-0023 Bituminous

\$2430.91 request from Probation for Adult Probation Fund for 2000-000-03-0086 TRECS

\$1264.55 request from Community Corrections for Project Income Fund for 4912-000-03-0061 TRECS

\$20,000.00 request from Sheriff's Office for Sheriff Fees for Inmates Medical Fund for 4967-000-02-0001 Misc Disbursements

\$34,500.00 request from Sheriff's Office for Federal Inmate Fund for 4968-100-01-0042 PERF

\$2944.59 request from Probation for Probation Opioid Grant for 8111-000-03-0009 Contractual

\$2335.00 request from Child Support Office for Title IV-D Incentive Fund for 885-000-03-0045 Rent/Lease

\$1200.00 request from Child Support Office for Title IV-D Incentive Fund for 8895-000-04-0007

\$2100.00 request from Child Support Office for Title IV-D Incentive Prosecutor Fund for 8897-000-03-0084 Seminars

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff Kelly and Matron Kelly submitted bi-annual Commissary report to President Dunn. They also voiced concern over the State defunding of all the Jail Treatment programs. They have ideas as to where they can come up with the approximately \$77,000.00 needed to pay for the JCAP administrator salary and other expenses that have been paid for with those monies. President Dunn suggested that they all meet prior to budget hearings to discuss how they can use extra LIT distributions to tackle some of the mechanical/structural issues at the Jail.

Melissa Ostler, BOH, State funding has also been pulled from Health First. Vision, Dental and group insurance were added to the BOH budget last year and will need to be shifted to another fund for the 2026 budget. Looking into if an Interlocal Agreement with the Health Department Board, Council and Commissioners (similar to Area Plan's agreement) would be beneficial to them.

Steven Deckard, EMS Director, reported that his department has had an increase of 7% in ambulance runs. Currently in active discussions with Ascension to have them as the sponsoring hospital, instead of IU Health. Stroke and heart attack patients will be going to 86th Street St Vincent instead of IU Health Lafayette. This is an evidenced-based medical decision; what's in the best interest of the Counties residents.

Director Renee Crick, EMA and Central Dispatch, is currently working on the 2026 budgets for her two departments. She would appreciate some assistance/input from a Council member with the EMA budget. President Dunn stated he's willing to do so. Two new hires in Central Dispatch fill the 2 additional positions. They are in the process of completing training.

Council member Price encouraged Department Heads to be very conscientious when putting their 2026 budgets together. Any reductions that could be made before budget meeting start would be greatly appreciated.

Council member King stated that the Council should have 2 Monon Trail updates from Kirklin Main Street in their packets. She commended this organization for doing a great job of keeping the Council updated on the progress of their project(s).

Meeting Adjourned: 9:56 a.m.

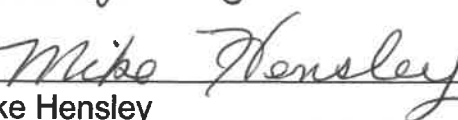
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Alan Dunn, President



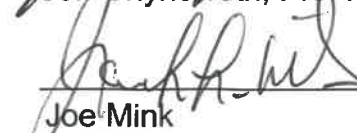
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Jeff Chynoweth, Pro-Tem



Joe Mink



Carol Price

\$856,833.31 request from Highway Department for Community Crossing Fund for 9121-000-03-0001 Distribution

Upon motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Hensley, the following Additional's were **DENIED** by at a vote of 6-0.

\$99,340.00 request from EMS for EMS LIT Fund for 1236-000-01-0023 SS/Medicare

\$135,000 request from EMS for EMS LIT Fund for 1236-000-01-0029 Retirement

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 Price, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, the Motion to approve the following Transfers carried 6-0:

\$375.20 from General Fund 1000-232-01-0021 Circuit Court Overtime to 1000-232-01-0025 Wrap-a-Round Employee

\$14,226.00 from BOH Fund 1159-000-01-0016 Food Inspector to 1159-000-03-0011 General Contractual

\$11,256.00 from Local Public Health Services Fund 1161-000-01-0012 Administration to 1161-000-03-0030 Interim Admin.

\$30,000.00 from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-01-0020 Paramedics to 1236-000-01-0032 Overtime

\$3562.50 from Infraction Deferral Program Fund 4907-000-04-0049 Law Books to 4907-000-03-0086 Professional Services

Transfers no approval required

\$13,000 from CUM Bridge Fund 1135-000-03-0012 Bridge Inspection to 1135-000-03-0003 Professional Engineering Fee

\$864.65 from EMS Fund 1151-000-03-0060 Volunteer Pay to 1151-000-03-0057 Garage Door Repair

\$1131.79 from EMS Fund 1151-000-203-0051 Repair of Vehicles to 1151-000-03-0057 Garage Door Repair

\$20,000.00 from Local Road & Street Fund 1169-000-04-0010 Tractor/Boom to 1169-000-04-0012 Paver

\$82.00 from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-03-0010 Hand Tevy to 1236-000-03-0017 Maint Contracts

Council reviewed the Monthly Budget Status and Financial Reports for June 2025. Council member King moved, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, to approve said reports. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President Dunn report that he and Council member Price had attended the Annual State Council Conference in June. It was very beneficial and helped clarify a lot of the recent revisions passed by the State. They are planning a joint session with the Boone County Council to review legislative changes with Ryan Hoff from AIC.

Council member Chynoweth reported the Commissioner Brewer will be stepping down from the Area Plan Commission. Commissioner Myers will be replacing him.

Council member Chynoweth also reported that attorney Bob Shaffer will be retiring as council for Wild Cat Solid Waste District. Attorney Rick Martin will be his replacement.

Reminder to all departments that 2026 Budgets are due to Auditor's Office by July 15th.

Todd Corrie

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Britt A. Ostler", written over a horizontal line.

Britt A. Ostler, Clinton County Auditor

