

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 3, 2026

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on February 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Meeting Room, at 2 E. Washington Street, Suite 105, 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, Renee, Crick, Skp Davis, Amy Webster, Sesaly Reifert, Shawn Mayfield, Melissa Ostler, Dr. Pearson, Liz Stitzel, Grace Gouveia, Britt Ostler, 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 public comments were received.

IN THE MATTER OF PURDUE EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Amy Webster presented the Purdue Extension Contractual Services Agreement for \$214,498.00. Commissioner Brewer stated he didn't see the amendment they added last year in this agreement. Amy will check on it and bring it to the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF HUMANE SOCIETY YEAR END REPORT

Nancy Elsea, Owen Lucas, and Cheyenne Taylor presented the year end report for the Humane Society of Clinton County. Owen stated their animal control officers have received expanded and professional training. They obtained three animal control officers that are registered Vet Techs. Cheyenne reported they had 642 animals taken into care, and that is down from last year. There were 342 dogs and 317 cats. They had 659 animals adopted, and have brought their length of stay down. The Humane Society partnered with Humane World for Animals through its Animal Shelter Partnership Program. Nancy reported that they were the beneficiaries of two wills for approximately \$120,000, and used those funds to remodel the building in 2024 and 2025. Their operational expenses did not fluctuate much between '24 and '25. Owen reported they were able to replace their big dog kennels with an \$80,000 grant. Medvet of Indianapolis donated 6 new puppy kennels. They were able to address many repair and maintenance items. They also received an AED grant from Franciscan Health of Lafayette, and had five staff members receive CPR and AED training. They were also able to add some safety features to their van.

IN THE MATTER OF FAIRGROUND ADMINISTRATION HISTORIC DESIGNATION PROJECT

Skip Davis stated he is working on the Fairgrounds History Project. He gave some history of the fairs and ownership of the fairgrounds. The administration building is the oldest building on the grounds built in 1909 with the same brick of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The arches were replaced in 1995 and rebuilt in 2000. He asked approval to continue with this project. The next step in working through the project is to finalize what they have and submit it to Indiana DNR. Commissioner Myers motioned to allow Skip to move forward with pursuing the historical designation project. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported the highway department plowed snow a week ago Sunday all the way up to Wednesday. He thanked his truck drivers and snow plow drivers for their hard work. They worked diligently to keep everything open they could. He thanked his shop guys for keeping everything running. He thanked Jason Young for coming in since they were a man short. He apologized for the mailboxes, stating it can't be helped when it gets that cold and that much snow. They got everyone called, and put up 6 mailboxes and sent letters out showing the right of way. They try to help out the elderly since they can't get out. Commissioner Brewer stated they highway did an excellent job of keeping roads open so the schools stay open and people can get to work.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported Tom had gotten back with her on the revision that was needed for the Turtle Hill dedication of that road. They are working on getting them in to meet with Tom to get their end of it signed, then she will bring it to the board once she has those documents.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Paul Phillippe Quarterly Report for \$129,203.00. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve Resolution 2026-01-Establishing procedures for online credit purchases. Auditor Britt Ostler stated for online purchases they need more detailed information on what is being purchased. They either need a picture or item number or some sort of identifier so they can make sure the purchase is a legitimate purchase for the county. For the Sheriff's Department a check is given to them for purchases paid out of the jail commissary. It needs to say more than just Amazon. The Resolution is following IC code 52282 which allows the local government to prescribe processes for purchases below \$50,000. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve Resolution 2026-01. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Effective today.

Commissioner Brewer presented the insurance renewal stating it's up 14.8%, 10% of that is premium increase and the other 4.8% is additional items we've added to it such as the Annex and new vehicles. The property was up 33.6% which makes sense, since we added the Annex, putting \$17 million more onto the policy. Law enforcement liability up 31.4% and the big one was our excess liability, that's up 82%. It went from \$50,929 to \$92,664. The reason is there is only one company that will provide that additional liability which is the umbrella beyond our general liability. The main policy is with Astra, the other company's name is Great American and this is with Old Republic Union. We've received comments from five other companies that were asked to bid on it. Commissioner Brewer read the following comments:

Liberty Mutual: "We're going to pass on considering a quote for this risk. The loss history and experience would be difficult to give a competitive price. I have concerns with two people who still serve in county positions".

Public Risk: "We continue to exclude counties that have county homes." Note that the county home is on its own policy. Those are becoming increasingly harder to insure.

Selective: "Our interest in municipalities for new business is almost zero. Our loss experiences of this class continue to deteriorate".

Trident: "We can't move forward with this county. We are declining due to loss performance".

Travelers: "Per our discussion, we will not be pursuing Clinton County due to the county not meeting our underwriting guidelines. The auto recommendation are moreover concerning that there are vehicles being issued out to the sheriff department employees who do not use a county vehicle for their job duties and they're able to take these vehicles home as well. The county is currently taking repossession of vehicles that are not truly needed within the sheriff's department, but is not resolved. Furthermore, we noticed the claim regarding the sheriff and jail matron which is a concern to us. We understand this is currently being litigated".

We have factored in roughly 13% from a budgetary standpoint, but it's really challenging because we do the budget in June and renew the following February. So we don't get any of this information until after the fact. The one positive is that the work comp has decreased by 6.5% due to something they call the mod factor. Commissioner Weaver motioned to move forward with the insurance as presented. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the Zonta club chicken noodle dinner sign placement request. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Renee Crick stated she appreciated all the highway did for the snow event. She encouraged people to use common sense and to follow their social media and use the Everbridge app for the Nixle alerts.

Melissa Ostler reported she continues to work on their staffing plan and to manage their compensatory accumulation. A lot of work going into internal development. Lung cancer screening will be happening on the 11th at the Health Department. There are over 1000 radon deaths per year in Indiana. They have testing kits for radon available for free. Their big focus for the couple months will be measles preparedness.

Grace Gouveia reported she had 13 books repaired with her budget. Her office is getting finished this week.

Tim Elston requested approval to renew the antivirus software for \$5,050. Commissioner Myers motioned to move forward with renewing the antivirus software. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

The commissioners had nothing new to report

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

Friday claims dated January 23, 2026 in the amount of \$6,765.81

Friday claims dated January 30, 2026 in the amount of \$28,231.26

Court claims dated February 3, 2026 in the amount of \$17,870.40

Credit Card claim dated January 27, 2026 in the amount of \$25,391.26

Bi-weekly claims dated February 3, 2026 in the amount of \$517,082.34-amended below

*Two claims were flagged in the Bi-weekly claims for review, one being the claim for Cottage Watchman camera repair at the jail. He advises that it be denied due to still not having access to the cameras in our own building and work done that wasn't approved. The second claim is for a uniform item. Typically these come under something like Galls LLC, which officers get their uniforms at. We had one come under Richard Kelly for boots (picture of boots displayed on screen).

*Denied claim for Cottage Watchman Claim from bi-weekly claims in the amount of \$605

*Denied Sheriff's claim for boots from bi-weekly claims in the amount of \$569.99

Bi weekly claims dated February 3, 2026 in the amended amount of \$515,907.35

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated January 9, 2026 in the amount of \$609,702.97

Payroll dated January 9, 2026 in the amount of \$1,890.89

Payroll dated January 23, 2026 in the amount of \$629,161.10

BOH payroll dated January 23, 2026 in the amount of \$1,019.48

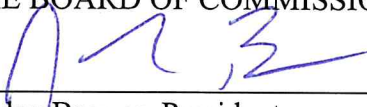
IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

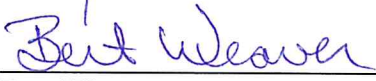
Commissioner Myers motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated January 20, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be February 17, 2026

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Myers motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY


Jordan Brewer, President


Bert Weaver


Kevin Myers

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor

