

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 6, 2026

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on January 6, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Meeting Room, at 2 E. Washington Street, Suite 105, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Auditor Britt Ostler 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, Liz Stitzel, Sesaly Reifert, Steven Deckard, Shawn Mayfield, Carol Price, Mary King, Alan Dunn, Dr. Pearson, 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

Auditor Britt Ostler led the pledge of allegiance.

REORGANIZATION

Britt Ostler asked for a nomination for Commissioner President. Commissioner Myers motioned to nominate Commissioner Brewer for president. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Brewer asked for a nomination for vice president. Commissioner Myers motioned to nominate Commissioner Bert Weaver for vice president. Seconded by Commissioner Brewer. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Vostry stated he was here to complain about the noise coming from the substations at the solar farms that are directly behind his home and one to the north of him. He said he had meetings privately with commissioner Weaver and with Liz and AES in may and the result is they put 14 trees up, and the noise still comes through those trees. He played an audio recording of the noise. He stated he can't enjoy his home because the county approved these substations that are directly behind his house. He now has to hire an attorney for \$2,500 to pay for a demand letter to AES to get this resolved. He asked why it was his responsibility to take care of this issue. He asked who approved the placement of the substations by his house. Commissioner Brewer stated it went through the process of Area Plan. Commissioner Brewer asked what solution he would like to see happen. He asked the commissioners to take a portion of the money they receive from the solar farm to fix his property. The commissioners will look into it.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SPILLMAN SERVER

Renee Crick and Tim Elston presented quotes for the Spillman Server. The prior week they met with Alan Dunn, Commissioner Brewer, the mayor, two city councilmen, Chief Shoemaker and two Spillman administrators to discuss the need for the new Spillman Server and funding. The latest quote from Motorola is \$326,937 and ACCS quoted \$226,931.20. They have not decided where to place the second server. The City and County are splitting the cost 50/50. All of public safety utilizes the server. There will be a migration cost from Motorola. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve ACCS quote of \$226,931.20, Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City, Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel stated she did not have anything new. She took a complaint about the tree's root balls were partially above ground and turned sideways at the solar farm. She immediately reached out to the landscaping company as well as AES and they sent people out the same week and received email noting they had been taken care of, bracing and uprighting the trees. They also said they were looking into a sound complaint. Commissioner Brewer stated Mr. Vostry brought up two other points to look into, the enforcement of shrubs and trees that are dying or have died as well as the other sound barriers that may have blown off. He asked if her office would communicate these issues to AES. He suggested creating multiple layers of trees behind Mr. Vostry's home to help with additional sound barriers. She will let the landscaping know that come spring we expect anything that's died to be replaced.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported he had a change order for Bridge 60 due to them finding more rust. This is the restoration of the historical trusses. This is a \$140,024.14 increase. The new contract is \$821,682.64. The additional funding is coming out of restricted. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the change order. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Alan Dunn spoke in regards to WIS salary survey stating in 2024 we engaged with Waggoner, Irwin, and Scheele to be a consultant for the council to come up with a salary survey that they used as a part of their implementation of the new job classification system and compensation for county employees. They made adjustments to those positions that didn't quite fit perfectly in a slot. The council voted and would like to move forward with a new smaller scale survey. The estimated range would be \$8,000-\$10,000 and this would come out of the professional services budget. Commissioner Brewer stated last year going into the budget for 2026 we have people that get 2% raises up to 28% raises. He asked why they used discretion above using the midpoint and weren't consistent across the board. Alan stated that not every position fits squarely into a category and made adjustments to positions that were slightly unique. He doesn't think going forward we will see those kinds of adjustments. Commissioner Brewer stated to him a system that would be more advantageous would be to create some type of performance-based system. By giving the department heads the discretion to determine how they want to utilize the percentage given to them by council. Commissioner Weaver expressed his concerns regarding a performance-based system. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the consulting service agreement with WIS for the salary survey with the addition of looking into creating a recommendation on a performance style. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the County Attorney Agreement that stayed the same except for the increase in pay based on the raises given by the council to the commissioners office. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myers approved the three year Maximus Agreement for the Prosecutor, Clerk, and Auditor's office. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointments

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the following appointments:

Board of Health-Dr. Erica Hughes and Ben Flora
Redevelopment Commission-Jordan Brewer, Jay Hawley
Alcoholic Beverage Board-Leland Moyer
Board of Zoning Appeals-Scott Hettzmanberger
Frankfort/Clinton County Airport Authority Board-Jeff Little
Big Cicero Drainage Board-Jordan Brewer
National Organization on Disability-Don Albitz
PTBOA-Larry Mosier
Community Corrections-Bert Weaver
Clinton County Cemetery Commission-Sue Marcum
Fair Council-Open

Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve Dana Myers for PTBOA, Commissioner Brewer seconded. Commissioner Myers abstained. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Brewer stated the Forest Township Trustee received a resignation from Jerry Milner. He is a Republican so it goes to the party and the party decided to not hold a caucus for it so now it defaults to the commissioners for an appointment. The trustee has made a recommendation to appoint Allison Williams for the remainder of his term which is 2026. Commissioner Myer motioned to approve the recommendation for that appointment. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Official Bonds:

Stephanie Harshbarger-Clerk
Kialee Mitchell-Recorder
Edward Cripe-Coroner
Gina Brettnacher-Treasurer
Richard Kelly-Sheriff
Britt Ostler-Auditor

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve all bonds. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver stated that the county owns 25 acres located close to ConAgra. The Northeast Precast Company which is the Data One center they are meeting with in the near future is interested in purchasing that ground from the county. They have sent a letter of intent to purchase which will allow the county to get two or more appraisals to determine the value of those properties. It is only an intent to purchase and doesn't bind either one at this time. Commissioner Weaver motioned to exercise the intent to purchase. Commissioner Myers seconded. Commissioner Brewer voted no. Motion carried 2-1.

Commissioner Brewer stated we received 5 Community Service Grant Applications and they are as follows:

Paul Phillippe	\$15,000
Boys & Girls Club	\$10,000
Sharp Program	\$10,000
Healthy Communities	\$15,000
Learning Network	\$13,000

Commissioner Brewer stated they would take them under advisement and decide at the next meeting.

Commissioner Brewer read off the sign placement requests for the Humane Society for their Spayghetti Dinner fundraiser. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The second request is the Clinton County Civic Theater. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the sign placement request. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Renee Crick reported they will have their second mitigation plan meeting on the 14th at 1:00 at the police department. Renee made a suggestion they think about implementing some kind of training or professional development for new department heads.

Steven Deckard suggested that the department heads spend time with a commissioner, council and time with the Auditor to learn their expectations of the department heads. Stephen reported they closed out 2025 with 1.759 million revenue for ambulance transport. It is up from May of 2022 revenue of 1.142. They started a medic class the day before with 14 students for a 12 month program. Steven stated EMS as a whole loses staff to fire departments, and the national average for career expectancy is 5 years because of stress and PTSD. He would like help to facilitate a conversation with some of our state legislators to be heard at the state level for county agencies for optimal retirement that allows them to retain employees. Commissioner Brewer stated he could put him in touch with Senator Buchanan and Representative Genda.

Shawn Mayfield stated the Sheriff is asking if he is able to post open positions for the record clerk and courthouse security full time. Commissioner Brewer stated they would consider it and get back with them.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Brewer stated that for 2026 they renegotiated a big contract with Republic Services for the landfill. So this is the first year since 2017 they will receive more in tipping fees. We've been at \$2.00 and it now jumps to \$2.05. Every two years it is adjusted by the CPI, the inflation index number.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

- Friday claims dated December 19, 2025 in the amount of \$6,946.08
- Wednesday claims dated December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$14,199.92
- Bi-weekly claims dated January 6, 2026 in the amount of \$154,810.77
- Highway claims dated January 6, 2026 in the amount of \$12,500.00

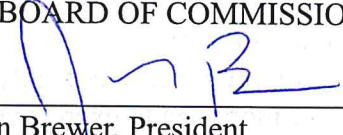
IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

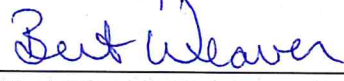
Commissioner Myers motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated December 16, 2025, and December 30, 2025 seconded by Commissioner Weaver Motion carried 3-0.

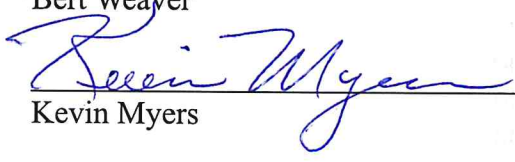
The next meeting will be January 20th.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Myers motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 10:14 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

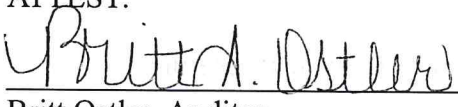
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY


Jordan Brewer, President


Bert Weaver


Kevin Myers

ATTEST:


Britt Ostler, Auditor