

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 3, 2026

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on March 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, Liz Stitzel, Renee Crick, Rich Kelly, Shawn Mayfield, Amy Webster, 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 CENTRAL DISPATCH CHAIR LEASE

Renee Crick presented a chair lease agreement in the amount of \$2,970, this will be to lease 3 chairs for dispatch. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the lease and purchase the chairs they have. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported that they are going to replace a bridge between 700 North and 800 North and they want to use 500 West for detour. The detour is for 90 days, starting July 9th and ending October 9th. Commissioner Weaver motioned to accept the detour and dates. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick presented a Bill of Sale for a truck in the amount of \$53,591.43. This has already been approved and commissioners will sign the Bill of Sale.

Rick presented the close out documents for community crossings 2025. This was for Mulberry Jefferson Black Top and Gas Line Road. This came in at roughly \$39,000 under the budgeted amount and they will have to give that back to the state. Commissioner Myers motioned to accept the close out documents as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick reported they started spreading stone the last week in February. They were hauling straight out of Delphi doing area one. They have always tried to use #9 stone but they are too hard to get and too expensive. They went back to using #53/#73 stones. He gave the commissioners a list of all the roads they are going to chip seal and pug and convert over to hard surface. They are doing almost over 60 miles of seal so he had to cut back on the pug. They did 43 miles last year.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported the commissioners had given an extension to the house in Hillisberg for them to purchase it and get started. It took a little longer to get through the permitting but they have got their permits and are underway. Today is the date that extension expires, she recommends giving an additional extension. The owner of the property reported he had applied for the permit late and had to start the permitting process again in January. He believes they are making good progress, the framing is completed and the plumbing was inspected and there was a venting issue that has been taken care of. The electrical should be completed by Wednesday. He's been in contact with Nash at the health department and waiting to hear back from him for the septic permit. Cabinets have been ordered. He expects 2-3 weeks to finish. Commissioner Weaver motioned to grant an extension for 3 months (June 2nd meeting). Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Liz stated they hired a new Building Inspector by the name of Yomar Fontan Jimenez. He is doing his initial training and working on certifications.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the amendment to the PPA with Envoy for the Courthouse construction. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Weaver motioned to appoint Allison C. Williams to the Forest Township Board. Commissioner Myer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Naming of the Fairground Buildings

Commissioner Brewer read through the bids that were requested from Clinton County Fair Council to name the buildings at the fairgrounds.

Bid one for the show arena is the Scott D. Walker Foundation for \$5,000 a year.

Bid two is for the primary signage on the 4H building for Premier Crop Insurance for \$5,000 a year.

Bid three is for the south openside building for FBI building for \$4,000.

Commissioner Myers motioned to accept the naming of the buildings at the fairground. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tall Grass Mowing Contract

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the tall grass mowing contract with Exterior View. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Renee Crick reported they are starting to do tours at all four schools to familiarize themselves with the schools. Next week is severe weather preparedness week and is a good time for everyone to have their plans in place. There will be a full activation of their tornado sirens at 10:15 on Tuesday, March 10th. She will have a disaster meeting at the Frankfort Police Department on April 22nd from 8-4 for commissioners and admin. including the City and public safety.

Amy Webster reported she will be at the next meeting to give the annual extension report. The same day they will do an open house from 11:00 to 6:00.

Sesaly Reifert reported she had a job description she needed to make an amendment to the hours worked. The Sheriff's office Record Clerk previously said 7:00-3:00 so it didn't account for a lunch hour. The personnel policy and the salary ordinance both show 40 hour a week position. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the job description amendment. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Kelly reported the lead time to replace the coils will be faster than what was originally anticipated.

Commissioner Brewer asked for an update on the investigation. Sheriff Kelly stated as far as the complaint that came through the Merit Board public meeting, it has been turned over to their investigators and will move forward. People will be interviewed and the different things and the requests will be adhered to. It is still in the process. Commissioner Brewer asked in the Journal and Courier he had mentioned that he was unaware of the identity of the civilian and is that still the case. Sheriff Kelly stated "yes it is and as he knows the civilians will be interviewed as they get to each person and they'll be interviewed". Commissioner Brewer asked how many total civilians will be included. The sheriff stated he couldn't say off hand, but it will be all the folks that are working there. Commissioner Brewer stated obviously if it was surrounded around a merit deputy which falls differently, but the civilian would roll through HR at the county level in terms of policy violations and those types of things. He said this would be his formal request when the investigation gets to a certain point, we probably need to have a copy of the investigation so that it can be handled according to our handbook here. The sheriff stated absolutely.

Sheriff Kelly reported the merit deputy candidates will be taking their medical tomorrow and will be ready for the academy. They have vehicle supply for the new deputies. He would like to sit down with Commissioner Brewer to narrow down and get rid of some vehicles. There are quite a few they can get rid of and start the process of using Tahoes as pool vehicles until they're ready to get rid of as well. Commissioner Brewer stated he would be glad to do that.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver reported that Valley Oaks is in the process of opening up at a location out by the BMV.

Commissioner Brewer stated that there is a lot going on in the world and we should be truly thankful we have the opportunity to be free, truly say what we want and we have men and women willing to serve and protect our rights. We question the decision of our leaders at times but we need to remember that ultimately they have a lot more information than social media ever tells us. There is a standard of trust that you have to allow, doesn't mean you can exercise your first amendment right.

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 February 20, 2026 in the amount of \$15,887.54

Friday claims dated February 27, 2026 in the amount of \$228,368.23

Bi-weekly claims dated March 3, 2026 in the amount of \$449,892.38

Court claims dated March 3, 2026 in the amount of \$20,646.56

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated February 20, 2026 in the amount of \$627,797.00

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated February 17, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Myers. Motion carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be held March 17th.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Myers at 9:31 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President



Bert Weaver



Kevin Myers

ATTEST:



Britt Ostler, Auditor

