

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 21, 2025

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on October 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Meeting Room, at 125 Courthouse Square, 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, Britt Ostler, Carol Price, Mary King, Sesaly Reifert, Alan Dunn, Shawn Mayfield, Dan Sheets, Rich Kelly, Melissa 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 LHD 2026 INSURANCE RENEWAL

Council President Alan Dunn spoke on behalf of the Benefits Committee and introduced this year's committee members as Britt Ostler, Sesaly Reifert, Carol Price, Mary King, Bert Weaver sat in for Jordan. He reviewed the plan over the last 8 years with an average of less than 1% increase in premium cost over an 8 year period. Looking at the last 18 months plan performance had a loss ratio of 138%. For every dollar in premiums we pay to the insurance company they paid out \$1.38 in claims. The numbers got worse into 2025 at a loss ratio of 147%. There is a 53% renewal increase cost to us. Alan stated they had budgeted a 10% increase so the employees will be asked to pay a little more this coming year. The county will pay \$400,000 and have budgeted \$250,000. They chose to reallocate money by changing the salary raise structure to a 2 % flat raise, this saved nearly \$100,000.

Bob Piha stated they looked at different plan options and we are going with Anthems health sync plan. IU Health is covered but under the tier 2 benefits instead of tier 1. This is a broader level of benefits and helped get the renewal down to a 22% increase. The committee felt this was the best option. The county is absorbing most of the increase. The employee's cost is increasing but much more modest. The life insurance and other plans will remain with metlife with no rate change. The clinic will operate the same as it does today with no cost to the employees and families.

Commissioner Brewer asked Bob to highlight what the cost change will be since most employees have been going to IU Health. Bob stated for an IU primary care for office visit will be \$40 co-pay and currently is \$35 co-pay, and to see an IU specialist it will be \$80 co-pay and currently is \$50 co-pay. The out of pocket maximum remains the same.

Commissioner Myers motioned to renew the 2026 health insurance as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN UPDATE

Liz Stitzel reported they received bankruptcy documents from the owners of the unsafe structure in Antioch on SR 39. The owners have pulled a septic permit. They would like to argue against the fourth, fifth and sixth fines and were told to take the matter up with the commissioners. The last fine has not been filed as a lien yet. They will hold off on fining them again until after November 15th to see if they have the septic in place.

Liz updated the commissioners on the property on 1300 owned by Trent Newton. We are at the 6 month point now. Mr. Newton had called their office that morning to state their neighbor had agreed to let him have an easement for the perimeter drain on the septic but didn't have anything in writing. Mr. Newton also has an unpaid fine. There has been no other communication from Mr. Newton. Commissioner Brewer stated they could give him until the next meeting to get the paper work in and recorded. She will bring it back in two weeks.

Trent Newton spoke in regards to the property stating they have made a lot of headway but have had some setbacks. He would be prepared to pay the fine today. Commissioner Brewer asked him to work towards the easement then they could discuss the fine at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell reported he had the Community Crossings Matching Grant paperwork for 2026 for the Commissioners to approve and sign. He would like to pave streets in Scircleville, and streets south of the railroad tracks in Hillisburg. He would also like to pave Krug Road, Freeman St and 600 west from SR 26 to 700 North. Scircleville and Hillisburg are the last two towns to pave. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the CCMG paperwork. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick would also like to roll the oil bid over for the fourth year in a row for Asphalt Materials. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick presented the quote for a cab and chassis from Patrick Ford for \$53,335. This is a 4 x 2 with a crew cab instead of a regular cab. They discussed the difference in price for a 4 x 4, Rick will look into the price. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the 4 x 4 regardless of the additional cost because Rick has it in his budget. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick would like to purchase a demo year old snowplow from Phoenix Lawn and Garden for \$9,698. He has money left over from a purchase of a truck to pay for it. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the snowplow purchase. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick is interested in doing a 5 year lease on three tractors for \$30,600 each. Commissioner Brewer wants to see the difference in purchasing and financing them over 5 years versus leasing them over 5 years.

Rick asked a question about an employee missing the longevity pay by 4 days and he would like to add him. He was referred to the council.

Commissioner Brewer stated we have received the paperwork for the CCMG and it has been signed through docusign by Commissioner Brewer the designated signer for docusign for INDOT.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Brewer stated his position on the burn ban is if we don't enforce it, then what is the point? Since putting the burn ban in place there were 25 illegal burns and 11 of those were in the county and there were zero fines issued. He stated if we put ordinances in place and create consequences and then don't enforce the consequences, what is that telling everybody? He would hope the community uses common sense when it hasn't rained in 3 weeks with 15 mph wind, you don't burn your trash 2 feet from the corn field.

Jeff Cole asked the commissioners what conditions need to take place to lift the burn ban. Commissioner Brewer stated it's at their discretion, they talk with Renee at EMA who gets guidance from a statewide conversation. EMA gives their opinion and it's up to the commissioners to make a determination. Commissioner Weaver motioned to lift the burn ban. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Brewer asked the public to please use common sense.

Commissioner Brewer asked Sesaly to run through the Extension office agreement for a program assistant. They want to hire one of their volunteers as a contract for \$14/hour and get a 1099 if they work over \$600. She doesn't know how long it will be. There are 2 full time positions open and posted and she is hoping to fill them as quickly as possible. As of October 31st there is no full time person. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the contract. Commission Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Old Stoney office lease for the Child Support office to lease an office until the courthouse reno is complete. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the sign placement request. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Dan Sheets thanked the commissioners for the new Annex building. His office should be up and running later that afternoon. He also thanked the commissioners, council, Britt, Sesaly for working through the insurance issues.

Melissa Ostler reported the annual event is coming on November 6th at Trinity. Dr. Lindsey Weaver, the state health commissioner is a guest speaker. Melissa reported that Clinton County has issued their first tattoo and body modification permit. Their goal is to have everybody up to par by January 1st.

There are 9 students in a serve safe class which is being put on today that represents Pepes, Greeks, Oasis, Bookers, and Glovers. She stated after the last council meeting the Board of Health did get notification of the recommendation coming from HR on the interim position.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Weaver stated they don't report all the activities and meetings or functions they go to as commissioners. It doesn't mean that they aren't doing anything, they just attend these things because it's part of their jobs. The last 2-3 months have been very busy and wanted the public to know it's not just about coming to the commissioner's meeting.

Commissioner Myers stated he and Commissioner Weaver were at the Annex on Monday for the first day of moving and the movers did an excellent job. Everything went really well.

Commissioner Brewer stated it is the commissioners last meeting at the courthouse and it's a little bit of bittersweetness for those that have been here a long time as we transition to the annex and the excitement that goes with it. The next meeting will be on November 4th at the Annex. The data center discussion will be on the November 4th meeting. We will put announcements out on social media and website.

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 October 10, 2025 in the amount of \$27,449.26
- Friday claims dated October 17, 2025 in the amount of \$704.32
- Bi-weekly claims dated October 21, 2025 in the amount of \$294,325.62
- Court claims dated October 21, 2025 in the amount of \$15,459.65

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL

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

Payroll dated October 3, 2025 in the amount of \$577,693.70

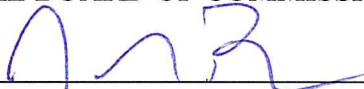
IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve regular meeting minutes dated October 7, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Brewer abstained.

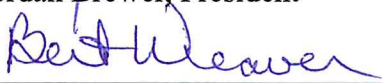
Steven Deckard reported they had an active shooter training over the weekend at Rossville, it was very intense but also very beneficial. He will meet with the Frankfort School Board Tuesday night to get permission to use Suncrest for the next training in two weeks.

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Myers motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver at 9:59 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY



Jordan Brewer, President



Bert Weaver



Kevin Myers

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler, Auditor

