

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 2, 2025

9:00 A.M.

The Clinton County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on September 2, 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, Grace Gouveia, Rich Kelly, Renee Crick, Steven Deckard, Dr. Melissa Pearson, 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 ANNEXATION OF KIRKLIN ROADS

Attorney Jay Moore presented the Annexation of certain Kirklin Roads-Ordinance 2025-07. The Board of Commissioners petitions the Town of Kirklin to annex the road right of way of East Jefferson owned by Clinton County. The street is not eligible for the Community Crossings Grant for repairs and the town could better provide repairs and improvements. Kirk Street and East Monroe Street are platted and situated within the boundaries of the Town of Kirklin, but on the state level they are on the list of Clinton County Road inventory. Kirklin takes care of maintaining these streets currently. He will have to figure out what the next step is with INDOT. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-07-the annexation of East Jefferson to the Town of Kirklin and acknowledging Kirk Street and East Monroe are within the Town of Kirklin limits. Commissioner Weaver seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE

Rick Campbell presented the Reith Riley invoice for the portion of Gasline Road that was repaved. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the Reith Riley invoice in the amount of \$537,199.80. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick stated they received federal aid for Bridge #51 located on Mulberry-Jefferson blacktop. They've been using the new paver but it broke down on Wednesday and will cost \$13,000 for repairs. Bailey Bridge on 850 West between 350 North and 200 North was on the list for underwater inspection. They got Brian Ridenour to go out with them and dump some rip rap over the side and push it around underneath the piers. That should be able to be taken off water inspection.

The funding for Bridge #51 is \$2,188,697 and the project will start 2029.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

No new business to bring to the board.

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Allowable cost policy

During the annual SBOA audit, they suggested the county adopt an Allowable Cost Policy regarding grant funding and federal funding and how they are administered internally. Commissioner Weaver motioned to approve the policy. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Organization Lead for Public Health

Melissa Ostler presented a pledge to our Health First Indiana participation. Health First Indiana is a statewide initiative created by SEA4 legislation passed back in 2023 by the General Assembly. This legislation provides

funding so the counties can determine the health needs of their community and implement evidence based programs based on prevention. For the HFI for Clinton County the state website shows our partners and pledges and we were lacking in that area. She sent the pledge throughout our community businesses and our county. One thing that is asked is they create a liaison to work with the Health Department. The county already has that established through Melissa and Dr. Melissa Pearson. Melissa read the pledge and asked if it was acceptable to the commissioners and the support of Dr. Pearson she be that appointed lead. Commissioner Weaver motioned to adopt the pledge as well as appoint Melissa Ostler at the lead for public health. Commissioner Myers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Traffic Study for 300 W and Farmers Gravel Road

Commissioner Brewer stated he had a citizen reach out to him about wanting a stop sign placed on 300 W and Farmers Gravel Road due to a few accidents at that intersection and opened it up for discussion. Commissioner Weaver stated it is an unusual location for a stop sign and isn't sure a stop sign will help with any situation and what a traffic study will do for us. Commissioner Myers stated he didn't see anything wrong with having the study other than the expense. He agreed that it was a unique intersection and if people would stop and look obviously there would be less accidents. He recommends Rick taking a look at this intersection and see if it warrants a traffic study.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Renee Crick reported she needed some weed eating done at the EMA building. Friday she requested IDHS to come up to help her understand the THIRA report that EMA is required to do and is due in October. She has several items that need to be taken to the auction and the county highway will assist her in getting them down there.

Renee stated Dispatch has been doing more of an outreach to the Hispanic community. A lot of people don't realize they have translation services through language line, texty, and a few of their dispatches are bilingual. They will have a booth at the Raices Festival to do some of the outreach.

Melissa Ostler reported they recently passed the deadline on a lead grant initiative, however, there are more of those grants out there. She will be focusing on how to receive those grants to do lead abatement. They missed the safe routes to schools grant but she has reached out to the state and they may reopen it. She has another grant from Franciscan Health on AED placement. They have a program where you can request an AED for nonprofit organizations. They can issue 1-3 AED's per site.

Steven Deckard presented a proposed agreement with Ascension Health for supervising hospital agreement. He will be asking for the removal of 9.2-3. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security has offered them the unique opportunity to apply for a waiver to be an independent EMS agency without a supervising hospital. He asked the board to take that under consideration. Commissioner Weaver asked if he thought if we were prepared to go independently and Steven replied absolutely and he thought they would function very successfully independently.

Carol Price came in front of the board as part of the job classification and compensation committee and asked to avoid posting any positions between now and the budget hearings and possibly until October 1st. After discussions pertaining to this not applying to public safety positions such as the deputies and paramedics. Commissioner Myers motioned to put a pause on posting open positions until we get through budget hearings. Commissioner Weaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners had nothing new to report

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

Friday claims dated August 22, 2025 in the amount of \$9,773.41

Friday claims dated August 29, 2025 in the amount of \$48,450.92

Bi-weekly claims dated September 2, 2025 in the amount of \$344,272.92

Court claims dated September 2, 2025 in the amount of \$16,501.61

Without any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Myers motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Weaver 9:37 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be held September 16th.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLINTON COUNTY

Jordan Brewer, President

Bert Weaver

Bert Weaver

Kevin Myers

Kevin Myers

ATTEST:

Britt Ostler

Britt Ostler, Auditor

