

MINUTES FOR THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
September 9, 2025

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on September 9, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. regular Council meeting, pursuant in accordance with law and publication as evidence by proof of the minutes of the last meeting, and any other business that may come before it. On call to order the following members were shown to be present or absent.

PRESENT

Alan Dunn
Mary King
Jeff Chynoweth
Joe Mink
Mike Hensley
Carol Price
Todd Corrie

ABSENT

Britt Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council as well as Janet Lloyd. Tim Elston was also present to broadcast the meeting virtually.

Budget hearings started at 8:00 a.m. with a SB-1 Fiscal Impact Study presentation by Emma Adlam from Baker Tilly (presentation attached).

Recessed budget hearing at 8:38 am.

President Dunn gave a high-level overview of the revenue situation. The property tax additional levy dollars is \$321,000 and LIT growth \$119,300. On the downside, the offset is that the estimate for 2026 is lower interest rates at approximately \$300,000. Leaving a net revenue of \$140,300.

Medical insurance has been presented in the budget at 10%, but the renewal rate is expected to be much higher. The Benefits Committee has a meeting scheduled for September 26th.

Regular Meeting convened at 9:00 am.

Those present: Brett Todd, Bert Weaver, Renee Crick, Liz Stitzel, and Melissa Ostler. Tim Elston was also present to broadcast the meeting virtually.

Council President Alan Dunn opened the regular meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion of Council member Chynoweth, seconded by Council member Hensley, the Minutes of the August 12, 2025, Council meeting were approved. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated that two of this staff members have had 100% collection fees the month of August. His staff has collected more on the Project Income side than the grant contribution.

PROBATION

Director Matthew Risk presented the Juvenile detention report with costs of \$2275.00 for the month of August 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

US IMAGING PROJECT – Kiale Mitchell, Recorder, presented the quotes and phases of the scanning project their office has been working on.

MATRON JOB DESCRIPTION – inclusion of commissary duties, added statue numbers, change to job hours 8-4 to 8-5 with an hour for lunch.

Sheriff Rich Kelly spoke against the change of the matron job description.

President Dunn spoke regarding that the Jail Inspection stated Matron Ashley Kelly does the job of commissary on the March 26, 2025 report.

Council member Chynoweth, with a second by Council member Corrie to accept the job description for the matron position. Motion carries 6-1.

OLD BUSINESS

Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2025-15

President Dunn read each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate of Additional Appropriations. Upon motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member King, the Motion to approve the following Additional Appropriations carried 7-0:

\$86.88 request by Parkview Home for General Fund 1000-622-02-0012 Food

\$280,000.00 request by Highway Department for MVH Restricted Fund 1173-000-03-0023 Restricted Highway

\$8106.26 request by Recorder for Recorder's Perpetuation Fund 1189-000-03-0005 US Imaging Project

\$20.00 request by Sheriff's Department for LIT Correctional Facility Fund 1233-000-03-0001 Repairs & Maintenance

\$21.00 request by Probation Department for Adult Probation Fund 2000-000-03-0020 Refunds

\$1554.52 request by Probation Department for Adult Probation Fund 2000-000-03-0086 TRECS

\$612.52 request by Surveyor's Office for Drain Maintenance Fund 2700-000-03-0614 Arbegust Young

\$1000.00 request by Veteran's Affairs Department for Veteran Monument Fund 4103-000-03-0001 Misc Expenditures

\$238.18 request by Community Corrections for Project Income Fund 4912-000-03-0061 TRECS Collections

\$58,134.16 request by Wildcat Solid Waste District for Solid Waste Payroll Fund as follows:

\$21,902.49 5101-000-01-0001 Director

\$19,878.75 5101-000-01-0003 Full Time Employee

\$3114.41 5101-000-01-0031 Social Security

\$8130.39 5101-000-01-0033 Group Medical

\$89.60 5101-000-01-0036 Vision

\$339.00 5101-000-01-0037 Dental

\$4679.52 5101-000-01-0032 PERF

\$24,200.00 request by Probation Department for Opioid Grant Fund 8111-000-03-0009 Contractual

Transfers for approval

Motion made by Council member Mink, seconded by Council member Hensley, to approve the transfers of appropriation presented to the Council. Motion carried 7-0.

\$92.32 transfer from General Fund Clerk of the Courts 1000-001-02-0001 Office Supplies to 1000-001-03-0085 Refunds
\$4650.00 transfer from General Fund Area Plan 1000-079-01-0014 Building Inspector to 1000-079-03-0004 Contract Services
\$500.00 transfer from General Fund Superior Court 1000-201-01-0019 Extra Help to 1000-201-03-0048 Interpreter Fees
\$11,256.00 transfer from Local Public Health Services Fund 1161-000-01-0012 Admin to 1161-000-03-0030 Interim Administrator
\$900.00 transfer from LIT EMS Fund 1236-000-01-0020 Paramedics to 1236-000-01-0025 EMS Part Time
\$5700.00 transfer from LIT EMS Fund 1236-000-01-0020 Paramedics to 1236-000-01-0025 EMS Part Time
\$4100.00 transfer from LIT EMS Fund 1236-000-01-0020 Paramedics to 1236-000-01-0032 Overtime

Transfers no approval required

\$8000.00 transfer from General Fund Sheriff 1000-005-03-0081 Dues & Subscriptions to 1000-005-03-0059 Repair Vehicles
\$2503.62 transfer from General Fund commissioners 1000-068-03-0014 Communication to 1000-068-03-0037 Time Clock Plus
\$200.00 transfer from General Fund Commissioners 1000-068-03-0005 Utilities to 1000-068-03-0039 background checks
\$49.60 transfer from General Fund Area Plan 1000-079-03-0083 BI Education & Seminars to 1000-079-03-0081 Dues & Subscriptions
\$1278.00 transfer from General Fund Parkview 1000-622-03-0044 Electricity to 1000-622-03-0064 Irish Mechanical
\$2000.00 transfer from General Fund Parkview 1000-622-03-0051 Bldg Repairs to 1000-622-03-0064 Irish Mechanical
\$1000.00 transfer from General Fund Parkview 1000-622-03-0044 Equip Repairs to 1000-622-03-0064 Irish Mechanical
\$3572.53 transfer from EMS Fund 1151-000-02-0012 Tires to 1151-000-02-0011 Gas & Lube
\$700.00 transfer from EMS Fund 1151-000-03-0016 Oil Changes to 1151-000-03-0041 Utilities
\$400.00 transfer from BOH Fund 1159-000-03-0064 Rebinding to 1159-000-03-0091 Subscriptions
\$70.00 transfer from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-03-0005 Accumed to 1236-000-03-0041 Utilities
\$250.00 transfer from EMS LIT Fund 1236-000-03-0050 Vehicle Repairs to 1236-000-03-0017 Maint Contracts
\$3350.00 transfer from Landfill Tipping Fees Fund 4901-000-03-0012 Keeping of Juveniles to 4901-000-03-0041 Community Support
\$3350.00 transfer from Landfill Tipping Fees Fund 4901-000-03-0041 Community Support to 4901-000-03-0012 Keeping of Juveniles
\$2200.00 transfer from Project Income Fund 4912-000-02-0006 Vehicle Fuel to 4912-000-02-0002 Office Supplies

Financial and Budget Status Reports

Motion made by Council member King, seconded by Council member Chynoweth, to acknowledge receipt and review of the August 2025 financial and budget status reports. Motion carried 7-0.

Council Reports

Council Member Chynoweth reported the Area Plan Commission had a meeting regarding rezoning the area for the data center.

President Dunn asked what business the Community would like to have for our tax base.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Myers visited the annex and the move in date will be sometime in October.

Department Reports

LEPC

Renee Crick – LEPC will have a meeting (drill) on Thursday, September 18th, at the Police Department. Norfolk and Southern will host and provide an engine and cars to have a full out drill for LEPC to prepare for a true emergency.

Health Dept

Melissa Ostler – Dr. Melissa Pearson, Melissa Hodson-Ostler, Deanna Loucks, Kathy Martin and Erica Hughes will be the subcommittee for First Health to go before the Commissioner's at their September 16th meeting.

Sheriff Dept.

Resignation at the administration office in the jail. Sheriff Kelly asked to have the position filled.

Recorder Office

Kialee Mitchell asked to have to replace Beth Keeney when she retires in December. Kialee would like to hire and have the new hire be trained by Beth.

Extension Office

Amy Webster asked to have a new hire a full time Extension Program Assistant, three part time positions would be used to fund this new position. The Extension Office can fund the position for 2025, but will need the Council to assist with the taxes, benefits and retirement costs for 2026.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:39 am

Budget Hearings reconvened at 9:54 am

COMMISSIONERS/ COURTHOUSE/ CUM COURTHOUSE/ IT-

Commissioner – 068-09-9003 (Mileage- State Meetings) add \$5000 to budget
068-09-9004 (State Meetings) add \$5000 to budget.

These lines are for State called meetings for Elected Officials.

Courthouse - None

CUM Courthouse – None

IT- None

CUM Cap Development- None

Landfill - None

AREA PLAN-

Salary increase 2.5%

079-01-0014 Building Inspector increase 6-7%

079-04-0008 Software increase from \$5000 to \$8000

Director's priority would be to add a 5th person over raises or health insurance.

EXTENSION OFFICE –

Adding a position:

011-01-0015 Extension Program Assistant - \$36,400 (2 part time positions eliminated and extra help budget eliminated is what is proposed to pay for new position). The ask is for the County to pay for taxes, benefits and retirement for 2026.

Salaries increased 3%.

ASSESSOR/ REASSESSMENT-

Reassessment – eliminated 000-01-0019 (extra help)

Assessor – longevity increased 008-01-0024

AUDITOR

3% - increase for salaries

Property Deputy was split with Treasurer in 2024, but will be full time in Auditor's Office in 2025.

CLERK/ VOTER/ ELECTION/ PERPETUATION-

Clerk – salary increase 2.5%

001-02-0001– decrease to \$12,000

001-03-0040 - \$12,000

Voter – stipend for first deputy

Election Board - None

Perpetuation – None

PARKVIEW – salary increase 2.5%

- Requested new line item for marketing \$1200

CORONER - None

RECORDER/ RECORDER PERPETUATION/ ID PROTECTION-

Recorder- None

Recorder Perpetuation –

000-01-0017 – 9.5% increase (closing wage gap for similar positions).

000-01-0025 – added part time position; next phase of scanning records would need a County match.

ID Protection- None

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm

Reconvene after lunch 1:10 pm

CENTRAL DISPATCH

Statewide 911 - \$450,024 received per year

Motorola budget was moved to LIT PS budget in 2025

Director moved to Dispatch budget

Salaries increased to 4% raise

Increased Overtime from \$16,000 to \$20,000

Central Dispatch (4958)

Salaries increased to 4%

Director decreased due to Renee being EMA Director as well.

000-02-0004 -Increase for rental of chairs

000-03-0055 – moved from (1222) Crossroads

000-03-0057- moved from (1222) Motorola

EMA

Deputy Director – increase of 4% for salary

Supplies – decreased from \$3000 to \$1500

Oil – increased to \$500

Tire & Tubes – decreased from \$1500 to 0

Garage supplies – decreased from 3000 to 500

Telephone - decrease to 0

Travel and Training – (311-03-0080) make line "Training"

WEIGHTS & MEASURES-

308-02-0001 – office supplies increased

308-03-0085 – fuel meter testing decreased

308-04-0007 – equipment increased

**PROBATION/ADULT PROBATION ADMINISTRATION/JUVENILE PROBATION
ADMINISTRATION**

None

**SURVEYOR/PLAT BOOK/USER FEE FUND/DRAINAGE BOARD/CORNER
PERPETUATION**

Salary raise increase 3%

Decreased Vehicle Maintenance and Office Supplies and moved to User Fee Fund.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY / CUM AIRPORT BUILDING-

None

TREASURER

Salary increase of 2.5%

Custom Printing and mailing increased to \$18,000

Tax Sale Expense increased to \$18,000

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Salary increase 2.5%

012-01-0019 Increased part time

012-03-0084 Increased seminars from \$1000 to \$1500

012-03-0062 Eliminate Office Rent due to moving to the Annex.

Todd Corrie left 2:41 p.m.

WILDCAT-

None

SOIL & WATER-

None

Recessed at 2:48 pm

Budget Hearing reconvened at 8am on Wednesday, September 10th.

SUPERIOR COURT

Increase salaries 3%

201-01-0019 - \$12,000

201-01-0020 Criminal Transcripts \$0

201-01-0048 Witness/Interpreter \$0

CIRCUIT COURT/ CASA

Increase salaries 3%

232-01-0023 Part time Interpreter add \$26,523

232-01-0025 Wrap around Part time Employee take to \$0

PROSECUTOR/ IV-D

Increases to salaries is based on State survey

009-01-0014 Paralegal/Tech Writer – take to \$0

CHILD SUPPORT/VICTIM SERVICES/INFRACTION DEFERRAL

None

HIGHWAY

MVH RESTRICTED/UNRESTRICTED

Salary increase 5%

LOCAL ROAD & STREET

Asking for 2 Tractors (000-04-0014) and 1 tandem truck (000-04-0015)

CUM BRIDGE

None

EMS/ EMS LIT-

Salaries – 2.5%; Paramedic Program Director (Assistant Director) 25%.

000-03-0005 Accumed needs changed to EMS MC

Assistant Director – change name from Paramedic Program Director

4-3 vote to move Assistant Director to number as presented in the budget.

BOH/ LOCAL HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES-

None

SHERIFF/ JAIL/ PUBLIC SAFETY LIT/ LIT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY/ FEDERAL INMATE-

Sheriff – Raises 2.5%; Special Duties (005-01-0041) take to \$0; SRO Clinton Central (005-01-042) \$69,673; Sheriff Pension 005-03-0034 take to \$513,000.

Jail – Raises 2.5%; None

Public Safety LIT – Raises 2.5%; None

Correctional Facility LIT – Raises 2.5%; None

Federal Inmate – Raises 2.5%; Asking for 4 Tahoes and 2 Traverses in 2026 (\$400,000).

COUNCIL/ CREDIT/ CUM CAP DEVELOPMENT/ LANDFILL/ BONDS –

Council – 061-01-0031 Social Security and Medicare - lower to \$945,000

061-01-0032 Retirement – lower to \$1,365,000

CREDIT - None

CCD - None

LANDFILL - None

BONDS – None

Board of Health

Health Administrator – (1159-000-01-0025) \$71,979

Motion by Council member Price, with a second by Council member Corrie to take the wage to \$71,979. Motion carried 7-0.

Prosecutor

Paralegals – (009-01-0018, 20 and 24) \$47,400

Office Manager - (009-01-0013) \$52,811.

Motion by Council member Mink with a second by Council member Hensley to take paralegals and office manager to high point on the County survey. Motion carried 7-0.

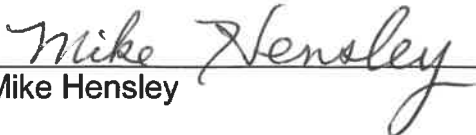
Meeting adjourned: 12:29 p.m.

Clinton County Council



Alan Dunn, President

Mary King




Mike Hensley

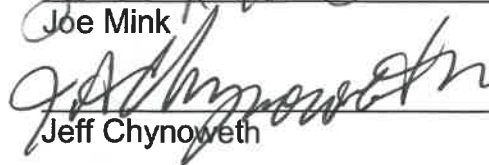
Todd Corrie



Carol Price, Pro-tem



Joe Mink



Jeff Chynoweth

ATTEST:-



Britt A Ostler, Clinton Co Auditor