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COUNTY OF CLAY)

DECEMBER 02, 2024

The December 2, 2024, Regular meeting of the Clay County Commissioners was called to order by President Marty Heffner at 9:00 a.m. Those present included Commissioners Paul Sindera, Bryan Allender and Marty Heffner. Eric Somheil, Attorney for the County Executive, was present. Also attending was Patricia A. Foxx, Auditor of Clay County who made a record of the proceedings to wit:

Bryan Allender led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the opening prayer by Paul Sindera.

A motion to approve November 4, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes was made by Paul Sindera and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY BIDS

Eric Somheil, County Attorney, opened the Highway Bids for the county. There were 14 bids submitted. Commissioners will consider the bids at later date.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF IT ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTION

Scott Hill, IT Director, presented the IT Assistant job description for the position.

Motion to approve the IT Assistant job description as presented was made by Bryan Allender and seconded by Paul Sindera. Motion carried 3-0.

IN MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR AN UPDATE ON ORDINANCE 2024-23 PREAPPROVED OR PREPAID CLAIMS

Patti Foxx, Auditor, presented the Ordinance 2024-23 for Preapproved or Prepaid Claims to include the purchase of county vehicles from car dealers. Car dealers cannot hold vehicles as in years past.

Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2024-23 was made by Bryan Allender and seconded by Paul Sindera. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to approve the Ordinance 2024-23 as presented was made by Paul Sindera and seconded by Marty Heffner. Motion carried 3-0.

IN MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR PUBLIC ALERT ONSOLVE CONTRACT

Rob Gambill, EMA Director, presented the Onsolve Contract for notifications to the County. He also looked at Civic Plus and Hyper-reach which was higher than Onsolve. Paul suggested putting the contract in next year's budget to the council.

Motion to approve the Onsolve contract as presented was made by Marty Heffner and seconded by Paul Sinderson. Motion carried 3-0.

IN MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR PUBLIC ALERT ONSOLVE CLAIM

Rob Gambill, EMA Director, presented the Onsolve claim to be paid.

Motion to pay Onsolve claim as presented was made by Paul Sinderson and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

IN MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR CLAY COUNTY TITLE IV ADA 2025 PLAN UPDATE

Rob Gambill, EMA Director, gave an update on the Clay County Title IV ADA 2025 Plan, which needs to be updated every three years. The only changes were updating telephone numbers to the offices.

Motion to approve the Clay County Title IV ADA 2025 Plan update as presented was made by Paul Sinderson and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

IN MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR TYLER TECHNOLOGY WEBSITE AGREEMENT

Rob Gambill, EMA Director, has been in discussions with Tyler Technology website for the County since our website is down. Rob will work with Scott Hill, IT Director and Tyler Technology, to get the website up and running.

Motion to approve the Tyler Technology agreement as presented was made by Bryan Allender and seconded by Paul Sinderson. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Eric Somheil, County Attorney, presented his contract to the Commissioners as a three-year contract. The contract will be from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027.

Motion to approve the County Attorney Contract as presented was made by Paul Sindere and seconded by Marty Heffner. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONTRACT

Eric Somheil, Attorney, has prepared the Clay County Historical Society Contract for January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. The amount of the contract is \$16,000.00.

Motion to approve the Clay County Historical Society Contract as presented was made by Paul Sindere and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR CHILD ADULT RESOURCE SERVICES CONTRACT

Eric Somheil, Attorney, presented the Child Adult Resource Services Contract. The amount of the contract is \$15,000.00.

Motion to approve the Child Adult Resource Services Contract as presented was made by Paul Sindere and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR BRAZIL CLAY COUNTY SENIORS CONTRACT

Eric Somheil, Attorney, has prepared the Clay County Seniors Contract. The amount of the contract is \$9,500.00.

Motion to approve the Child County Seniors Contract as presented was made by Paul Sindere and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONTRACT

Eric Somheil, Attorney has prepared the Clay County Genealogical Society Contract for January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. The amount of the contract is \$3,500.00.

Motion to approve the Clay County Genealogical Contract as presented was made by Paul Sindera and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR CLAY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL CONTRACT

Eric Somheil, Attorney, has prepared the Clay County 4-H Council Contract for January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. The amount of the contract is \$17,300.00.

Motion to approve the Clay County 4-H Council Contract as presented was made by Paul Sindera and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR CLAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT

Eric Somheil, Attorney, presented the Clay County Humane Society Contract for January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Amy Dierdorf, Humane Society President, was also present in case the Commissioners had additional questions regarding the contract. The amount of the contract is \$33,000.00.

Motion to approve the Clay County Humane Society Contract as presented was made by Paul Sindera and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR AMBULANCE CONTRACT

The present contract with STAR Ambulance expires at the end of 2025. The Commissioners presented a new three-year contract with STAR Ambulance for a 4% increase in the contract for each year. The new three-year contract begins on January 1, 2026 and continues through December 31, 2028. Eric Somheil, County Attorney, reviewed the contract for the Commissioners. David Peck, representing STAR Ambulance, was present and signed the new three-year extension.

Motion to approve the Ambulance Contract as presented was made by Paul Sindera and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE FOLLOWING
COMMISSIONER'S APPOINTMENTS FOR 2025**

The following are one-year appointments for 2025 from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Alcohol Beverage Commission—Daryl Andrews

District Planning Council—Bryan Allender

Emergency Management Director—Rob Gambill

Head Custodian for Courthouse and Justice Center—Annette Walden

Head Maintenance at the Justice Center—Tony Mills

Highway Supervisor—Brad Stultz

Personnel Administration Committee—Paul Sindera

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) – Bryan Culver (R) and Joe Milner (R)

Western Indiana Workforce Development Board—Marty Heffner

The following are three-year appointments from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Clay County Ambulance Review Committee – Keith Grassick

Clay County Drainage Board – Bryan Allender and Marty Heffner

The following are four-year appointments from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028.

Clay County Health Department – Lynn Stoelting (R)

Lewis Fire Protection District – Chip Sweet

Van Buren Fire Protection District – Penny Hood, representing the Town of Carbon

Center Point Plan Commission – Charles Ogborn (R)

Motion to approve the above listed appointments as presented was made by Bryan Allender and seconded by Marty Heffner. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF CALENDARS FOR 2025

Patti Foxx, Auditor, presented the Commissioners with the dates for the 2025 calendar for the county offices. The Commissioners were presented with Commissioner Meetings, Claims meetings, Payroll dates, Additional Appropriations, Drainage Board, and Holiday closings.

Motion to approve the 2025 Meeting dates as presented was made by Paul Sindors and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

As this was the last Commissioner's meeting for 2024, Paul highlighted some of the achievements for this year. He said this had been a good year with the completion of the jail addition, putting a new roof on the Courthouse, having paved and chipped/sealed more roads in the county than in any previous year, and providing the ARPA funds to many of our local organizations.

Paul thanked both Bryan and Marty for their excellent leadership for the year, Eric Somheil and Patti Foxx for their help and assistance, and Sheriff Swearingen and Chief Deputy Oberholtzer for attending the Commissioner's meetings. And, a special thanks to our EMA Director Rob Gambill, the IT Director Scott Hill, and to Surveyor Vernon Maesch for their excellent leadership and help during the recent cyber-attack. He also thanked Haley Cooper for covering the meetings for the Brazil Times.

Marty Heffner thanked Paul for his attention to details for the Commissioner's work.

Bryan Allender said he wanted to say thanks to everything that Paul and Marty mentioned.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business pertaining to this regular meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Bryan Allender and seconded by Marty Heffner. Motion carried 3-0.

Clay County Commissioners

Attest:

Clay County Auditor