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COUNTY OF CLAY)

The January 10, 2025 Special meeting of the Clay County Commissioners was called to order by Marty Heffner at 9:30 a.m. (This Special meeting replaced the regular meeting scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, because the Courthouse was closed due to severe weather conditions.). Those present included Commissioners Paul Sinderson, Marty Heffner, and Bryan Allender. Also attending was Eric Somheil, Attorney for the County Executive. Patricia A Foxx made a record of the proceedings to wit:

The election of officers took place for President. Bryan Allender made the motion that Paul Sinderson serves as the President from January 1, 2025 thru April 30, 2025, Bryan Allender serves as the President from May 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025 and that Marty Heffner serves as President from September 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025, was seconded by Marty Heffner. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting was then turned over to Paul Sinderson.

Paul asked for a motion for Vice President. Bryan Allender made the motion that Bryan Allender serves as the Vice- President from January 1, 2025 thru April 30, 2025, Marty Heffner serves as the Vice-President from May 1, 2025 thru August 31, 2025 and that Paul Sinderson serves as Vice-President from September 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025, was seconded by Marty Heffner. Motion carried 3-0.

Eric Oberholtzer, Deputy Sheriff, led the Pledge to the Flag followed with prayer by Marty Heffner.

A motion to approve December 2, 2024 Regular meeting minutes and December 30, 2024 Special meeting minutes were made by Bryan Allender and seconded by Marty Heffner. Motion carried 3-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF CASA CORRINE SCULLY'S INDEPENDENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

Dawn Creech, CASA Director, presented Independent contract for Corrine Scully for the year 2025.

She will be paid \$1,041.67 per month and no other changes to the contract.

A motion to approve the CASA Independent contract as presented was made by Marty Heffner and seconded by Paul Sindere. Motion carried 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF OPEN BIDS FOR 2025  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Paul stated the bids were opened and read aloud by Eric Somheil at the December 2, 2024 meeting and are available for public inspection in the Auditor's office.

Motion to accept all qualifying bids as presented was made by Bryan Allender and seconded by Marty Heffner. Motion carried 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDED FOOD PROTECTION ORDINANCE  
2025-01**

Judah Lohrman, from the Health Department, was unable to attend the meeting so no action was taken on the Amended Food Protection Ordinance.

**CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CENTER  
POINT RESOLUTION 2025-01**

Eric Somheil, County Attorney, presented the Interlocal Agreement with Center Point Resolution 2025-01. Roy Smith was on hand to answer questions from the Commissioners. The interlocal agreement is for snow removal and brush cut for the calendar year 2025. The County Council will have this document at their meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2025.

Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Center Point Resolution 2025-01 as presented was made by Marty Heffner and seconded by Paul Sindere. Motion carried 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR THRIVE WEST  
CENTRAL HOUSING TIMELINE**

Marty Heffner had spoken with Ryan Keller from Thrive regarding the West Central Housing timeline. Julie Hart also was presented to answer questions about having a Steering Committee formed. Once the Steering Committee is formed then the next step would be to apply for grants. The cost would be \$65,000.00 along with a signed agreement. The Commissioners will present this to the Council then ask for additional at the March meeting.

## **IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR THRIVE WEST CENTRAL BIKE/PEDESTRIAN PLAN UPDATE**

Karen Schneiders, Thrive, presented the final draft of the Clay County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Paul asked for clarification for a list to form this plan. The list is to form a committee for the Clay County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Karen needs the Plan to be approved to proceed to the next step. Once approved then a committee needs to be formed, and the Commissioners will need to ask for an additional from the County Council to pay for the required match to the plan.

Motion to approve the Bike/Pedestrian Plan was made by Marty Heffner and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

## **IN THE MATTER OF 2025 COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENTS**

Paul presented the following appointments which will take effective January 1, 2025. Terms expire on December 31 of the indicated year.

Aviation Board appointment is Carl Trout (R) for a four-year term for 2025-2028.

Motion to approve the Aviation Board appointment was made by Marty Heffner and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

Clay County Redevelopment Commission are Tom Ames and Jan Howell – for one-year term 2025.

Motion to approve the Clay County Redevelopment Commission appointments was made by Marty Heffner and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

Clay County Community Corrections Board appointments are for a four year term from 2025-2028 of the following:

Public Defender – Jason Brown

County Fiscal Body – Larry Moss

Probation Officer – Kelsey Stearley

Juvenile Probation Officer – Jessica McMillin

Education Administrator – Michael Owens

Mental Health Administrator – Brittany Meyer-Lee

Four Lay Persons – Mike McCullough, Paul Sinderson, Mark

Loudermilk, and Albert Waters

Motion to approve the Clay County Community Corrections Board appointments was made by Bryan Allender and seconded by Marty Heffner. Motion carried 3-0.

Thrive West Central Advisory Board Commissioners representative is Marty Heffner for 2025.

Motion to approve the Thrive West Central Advisory Board representative appointment was made by Paul Sinderson and seconded by Bryan Allender. Motion carried 3-0.

Clay County Holding Corporation appointment is Paul Harden (No term limit).

Motion to approve the Clay County Holding Corporation appointment was made by Marty Heffner and seconded by Paul Sinderson. Motion carried 3-0.

## **IN THE MATTER OF UNOFFICIAL DETOUR LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING FROM INDOT**

Paul is requesting that INDOT pay for repairs to county roads which were damaged when SR 59 was closed because of work being done on the SR 59 bridge. Paul is requesting that we sign number 3 on the form from INDOT for them to come down and review the roads. The DES #1800504 and contract number is B-39762.

Motion to the approved Unofficial Detour letter with number 3 mark was made by Marty Heffner and seconded by Paul Sindere. Motion carried 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nick Reberger has a piece of property that is getting debris from neighboring property. He had called the Sheriff Department regarding the items on the property. Per Eric Somheil it is a civil matter, and he would have to file the paperwork.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Clay County Commissioners

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Clay County Auditor