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COUNTY OF CLAY)

AUGUST 4, 2025

The August 4, 2025 Regular meeting of the Clay County Commissioners was called to order by President Bryan Allender at 9:00 a.m. 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:

Bryan Allender led the Pledge to the Flag followed with prayer by Marty Heffner.

A motion to approve July 7, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes and July 18, 2025 Special Meeting minutes was made by Paul Sinderson and seconded by Marty Heffner. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

Jordan Forquer, Community Corrections Executive Director, received news from the State that they were not increasing the funds for 2026. The amount will be the same as 2025 at \$137,025.00. The period is from January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026. This is less than \$160,000.00 that was requested at the Commissioner's meeting on April 7th, 2025.

A motion to approve the Community Corrections revised grant as presented was made by Paul Sinderson and seconded by Marty Heffner. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS GRANT

Kim Hyatt, Health Nurse Supervisor, presented the Public Health Preparedness grant. This will run July 1st, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The grant amount is for \$20,000.00.

Motion to approve Public Health Preparedness Grant as presented was made by Marty Heffner and seconded by Paul Sinderson. Motion carried 3-0.

IN MATTER OF WIC GRANT RENEWAL

Rachael Dickerson, WIC Coordinator, presented WIC grant renewal for October 1, 2025 thru September 30, 2026. This year the grant request is for \$209,480.00. The NSA amount is \$192,023.92 and PC is \$17,456.08. The dollar amount is based on last year's data and the number of people that are eligible for WIC. There is no County match.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PRESENTATION FOR THE GRAIN BIN RESCUE TRAINING

Glen Neiswinger, Department Chief, said the turn out for the Grain Bin Rescue training was successful. There were 27 participants from the different Fire Departments in the county. Glen and the Firefighters appreciated the funds which were provided for the training.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION

Bryan Allender presented the Covered Bridge Certification form from the State of Indiana that is now required to be presented to the County Commissioners. Clay County does not have covered bridges.

A motion to approve the Covered Bridge Certification from the State of Indiana that Clay County does not have covered bridges was made by Paul Sindere and seconded by Marty Heffner. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Monica Wallace, Hamilton Center introduced Nathan Marshall who will be the program manager in our area.

John Tribble had concerns regarding the sirens for weather alerts. He could not hear the sirens around his area but closer to town. Marty Heffner mentioned the County has set up Code Red System alert that is tied to your cell phone or email address.

Paul Sinderson introduced State Senator Greg Goode who attended the meeting.

Dave Brittner introduced himself to be a representative for Indiana Small Business Development Center. He will be at the Chamber office a couple days of the week. His main office is in Terre Haute.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

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

Clay County Commissioners

Attest:

Clay County Auditor