

CLINTON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2024 MEETING
COURT ROOM A, CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

1. Called to order at 8:30 AM
2. Members present: Committee chairman Nelson Heinzmann and members Brad Knolhoff and Ann Schroeder. Also present: Mike Hilmes, Greg Riechman, Janice Strotheide, Denise Trame, J.D. Brandmeyer, Rod Kloeckner, Dan Travous, Linda Mensing, Carla Stalnaker, Doug Gruenke and Vicky Albers.
3. Approved minutes from April 2024 Executive Committee meeting. Motion by Brad Knolhoff, seconded by Ann Schroeder. Motion carried.
4. Department Head Reports: Circuit Clerk Rod Klockner and Judge Doug Gruenke discussed the implementation of new laptops in the court system to be used by jury members. Treasurer Denise Trame said the transition of multiple bank accounts to Bank of Hillsboro is underway and going smoothly. Her office is preparing for the next cycle of tax bills. Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing said the assessment books have been turned over to the County Clerk's Office. With the quadrennial year and the reassessment of all county property, the Equalized Assessed Valuation is now over a billion dollars at \$1,080,490,466. County Clerk & Recorder Vicky Albers said established political parties have until June 3 to fill any vacancies in nomination for the Nov. 5 General Election. Her staff has begun the process of calculating and extending tax rates. Chief Probation Officer Carla Stalnaker said her office needs to fill vacancies for a mental health counselor and a substance abuse counselor for Drug Court. Sheriff Dan Travous also has vacancies with one dispatcher leaving, two deputies retiring and two relocating to jobs outside of law enforcement.
5. The committee opened and accepted a bid for \$8,000 for the sale of 1204 Mary Irene Street in New Baden. Knolhoff made a motion to accept the bid; Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The sale of the property will go before the full County Board for final approval.
6. County Board member Mike Hilmes said the union contract with the Telecommunicators at the Sheriff's Department has been approved at the committee level and will be presented to the full County Board for consideration. Details of the contract are the same as what was recently approved for the FOP. The contract includes a Memorandum of Understanding for lateral transfers. The Personnel Committee also approved future compensation and benefits for elected and appointed officials which will be brought to the full board for approval.
7. Knolhoff explained the details of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Sheriff's Department which will provide reimbursement of any COBRA insurance payments incurred by new employees. In return, the employee must commit to working for the Sheriff's Department for at least two years. Knolhoff made a motion to present the COBRA MOU to the full board for approval. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Knolhoff also introduced a resolution to increase the eligible number of Sheriff's Law Enforcement Personnel (SLEP) members and made a motion to present the resolution to the full board for approval. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Knolhoff reported that the county is being sued over the proposed location of a new radio tower on Germantown Township property, west of Germantown. Adjacent property owners were granted a temporary restraining order which prevents the county from moving forward with construction of the tower. The property owners feel the presence of the radio tower will devalue their property. The construction delay affects the timeline of the project and could cost the county a significant amount of money.
10. Knolhoff noted that Clinton County will be 200 years old on Dec. 27, 2024. The county will commemorate the milestone with some type of celebration that may be coordinated with the County Fair and/or the Carlyle Street Fair.
11. Committee members reviewed and revised the May 20 County Board agenda.
12. Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM
13. Motion for adjournment made by Schroeder, seconded by Knolhoff. Motion carried.