

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2019**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. at the Tell City Jr.- Sr. High School as advertised. Commissioners Randy Kleaving, Thomas J Hauser and Bill Amos were in attendance. Also in attendance were County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and Sheriff Alan Malone. There was no media present at the meeting.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PAYROLL**

Tom made the motion to approve the payroll distributed on April 15, 2019 in the amount of \$142,188.82. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the meeting of March 19, 2019 and April 1, 2019 were mailed to the Commissioners for their review. Bill made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 3-0.

**INDIANA REGION 15 – CURRENT PROJECTS**

Lisa Gehlhausen, Executive Director with Indiana Region 15 who serves six counties, came before the Commissioners discussing several different projects that they have going on and finding resources for them. Lisa said they are allowed to have three open grants through OCRA.

They are:

- Waterline improvement to Waupaca – looking at grant with US Department of Commerce. If we receive \$2,000,000.00 then the match will also be \$2,000,000.00
- Cannelton Annex – IN Region 15 received funding for Phase I and it is complete. Now going to Phase II, investigating what is in the building like asbestos and lead paint. The County can apply for clearance dollars up to \$550,000.00 with 10% match for the County (\$55,000.00).
- Restore Rome Courthouse – It will be a two Phase approach. First is to apply for planning grant. Region 15 cannot apply for the grant, it has to go through County Government. If for preservation, they can apply up to \$500,000.00. Second is for the clearance part.

Lisa informed the Commissioners that she needs to know what project the Commissioners want them to do first. She said they could talk about the timeline. She also stated that they have to have one contract signed before they can start a new one. The Grant has to be at a certain stage. Randy commented that they could have another project down the road which is Can-Clay Corporation.

Lisa suggested do the planning of Rome Courthouse, and then the clearance at the Courthouse Annex, once the other is in process. Tom said he knows the efforts of the Rome Courthouse have been going on for a while and if it is not going to affect the other projects in any way to go to this first. Tom made the motion to start with the planning grant for Rome Courthouse, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. Someone stated the importance of the Rome Courthouse is that it is the oldest and usable Courthouse in the State of Indiana. It has been on the National Register of Historic Places. It is past time to restore its beauty.

**MOTOCROSS RACETRACK – BRUSHY HOLLOW**

Chad Trent came before the Commissioners to let them know he would like to put in a motocross racetrack in Brushy Hollow. He stated that it will be a fenced in area of 5 acres. They are looking at Perry County to build this track because of the hotels and restaurants we have to offer. These will be weekend events. He said they are looking to host 7 races which will bring in 130 to 150 riders from Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois. They will race from April to October depending on the weather. Chad said they have also built one in Dubois County and Bicknell which is still going. Tim Huff said the land they are looking at is zoned part residential and part agriculture. Attorney Chris Goffinet

has looked over the plans and agreement and said it looks good. Chad commented saying they are going to set up a meeting with the Zoning Appeals Board, send out letters to landowners, and if no objections, then it is ready to sign. Someone asked about the noise. Chad said if you live a half mile away, you won't hear it. Betty Cash with the CVB said they have been following this and the growth for Perry County would be good. It would be a great boost to the economy.

### **2019 VOTING PLACES – PRIMARY ELECTION**

Clerk Mandi Mogan presented the Commissioners with an option for voting places in the primary election. She submitted a letter for all eight precincts in Tell City to vote at one location, the Courthouse. This was a proposal by the Election Board and would be a cost savings to the City of Tell City of around \$1300.00. Randy commented that he has been getting calls about voting at one location. His concern is if one person cannot vote. He felt it was taking something away from people at their voting sites. Mandi replied that most places in the State are going to voting centers. She said the Election Board is asking the Commissioners to approve having all Tell City locations moved to the Courthouse to vote. It has more parking and is handicap accessible. Mandi said she wanted to change this one election, not all of them. She will still have the traveling board for the voters that cannot get out. Bill commented that he is not in favor of moving the voting sites. Tom said it is a controversy with the High Rise site. Bill made the motion to leave the voting sites as is with three sites, VFW, High Rise and the Schergens Center. Tom made the second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners signed notice for all three voting sites.

### **BITUMINOUS SURFACING SPECIFICATIONS – 2019 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT**

Highway Superintendent Steve Howell presented the Commissioners with the specifications for bids of bituminous surfacing of three County Roads for the 2019 Community Crossings Grant. The roads are Candy Road from Huffman Road to Bristow-St. Meinrad Road, Old SR 37 from SR 37 across from Apalona Road going South 15,000', and Spring Road from SR 237 to Tell City limits. We can start giving out bid packages on April 25<sup>th</sup> up to 4:00 pm on May 21, 2019. The Commissioners will open bids sometime after 6:00 pm at their May 21, 2019 meeting. Attorney Chris Goffinet reviewed the specifications and found them to be in order. Tom made the motion to approve the specs, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

### **HIGHWAY ANNUAL REPORT**

The Commissioners reviewed the annual report the Highway Department prepared to send to the State. There were no questions. Tom made the motion to approve the annual report, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg informed the Commissioners that she received a letter of interest from Tara Damin for a position with the Zoning Appeals Board. Attorney Chris Goffinet looked into controversy with her serving on the Indiana Region 15 board and there isn't. Teresa said Tara would replace Maurice Poehlein who resigned on December 31, 2017. Her term will end in 2021. Tom made the motion to appoint Tara, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Teresa wanted to remind the Commissioners of the AIC SW District meeting coming up on May 15<sup>th</sup> in Huntingburg. If anyone is interested, let her know so she can get the registration filled out.

Randy thanked Chris Hollinden for using the school again to host one of their meetings.

Teresa announced the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Perry Central School and Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Perry County Courthouse.

The meeting ended in open session at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

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Randy Kleaving  
President

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Bill Amos

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Thomas J Hauser

*Minutes prepared by:  
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