

**In PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners convened at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised by zoom. Commissioners in attendance were President Thomas J Hauser, Bill Amos and Randy Kleaving. County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and County Attorney, Chris Goffinet were present for the meeting. Sheriff Alan Malone was also present.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

Randy made the motion to approve the payroll distributed to county employees on October 26, 2020 in the amount of \$145,537.31, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. Randy made the motion to approve the County General claims of \$305,027.76, Highway claims of \$143,693.63, and Advance claims of \$61.05, \$30,192.25, and \$72,916.62 for a total of claims to be \$551,891.31. Bill made the second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SPECIFICATIONS – GASOLINE FOR SHERIFF AND COUNTY VEHICLES – 2021

Auditor Pam Goffinet presented the Commissioners with the bid specifications for gasoline for the Sheriff vehicles of 30,000 gallons per year. Bill made the motion to approve the bid specification, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0. The County vehicles specifications was for 15,000 gallons per year. Randy made the motion to approve the specifications, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. These specifications were the same as last year.

SPECIFICATIONS – HIGHWAY SUPPLIES

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, presented the Commissioners with the bid specifications for diesel fuel, crushed stone, culvert supplies and bituminous. He said everything is the same as last year except for the AE oil. It has to be delivered to the Highway Garage instead of being available in Perry County. Attorney Chris Goffinet reviewed the specification and found them to be in order. Randy made the motion to approve the Highway bid specifications, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT – 2021 CONTRACTURAL SERVICES – PURDUE EXTENSION

Purdue Extension Agent, Cathy Boerste, presented the Commissioners with their annual contractual services agreement for 2021. She informed them that there was no increase in the amount for next year. Bill made the motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION – DISSOLVE TIF #2

Attorney Chris Goffinet reported that the Perry County Redevelopment Commission voted to dissolve allocation area TIF #2 – TC in Tell City at their last meeting. This is the former Swiss Plywood building and is all owned by the Perry County Port Authority. Currently this TIF area is not collecting any tax dollars. Chris said to terminate this area, the Commissioners have to approve this decision also. If approved, it would dissolve immediately. Randy commented that part of the building was destroyed by fire. He said he was for the TIF area then and still for it now.

Patrick Rich, member of RDC, spoke up saying they were never given a plan or project. He wanted to know two things. The first was that there is potential that there will be no tax dollars and no indication of what will happen there. The second is why do the Commissioners have to vote on it to dissolve it. Patrick said he reached out to the State Board of Accounts and they said there is no legal guidance for the Commissioners to approve like the RDC. Chris said the projects were approved and listed before. This TIF was formed for improvement. He said he has spoken with two attorneys in Indianapolis, and they agreed the Commissioners have to approve also because they have to approve to form it. He said he is relying on this information. Patrick said the projects were before the fire. What are the plans now? Chris commented that there is private use within the building and this will capture personal property taxes as well as building having real estate taxes.

Tom said that from a legal stand point and on Chris's advice, it does take action by the Commissioners to dissolve the TIF area. Chris said the Commissioners have every right to dissolve it or not. Bill said we need to give it time, something will come out of it. We need to go by Chris's word. Randy commented that we approved this a year ago and need to see what can be done with it. Tom said there is no real reason to dissolve it. It doesn't expire early. If we do dissolve it, we will have to redo all the resolutions all over again to form the area if we want it later on. Mayor Chris Cail from Tell City said he is in support of

leaving TIF #2 in place also. Bill made the motion to leave the area like it is and not to dissolve it, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

PROPOSED PARCEL OF LAND FROM COUNTY – FAUST

Attorney Chris Goffinet informed the Commissioners that Dixon Auction & Realty is selling property for Elizabeth and Janet Faust located by the Perry County Highway Department. This property was surveyed by Jason Feeback. There is a triangle piece that is .130 acres next to the Faust and the Highway Department that belongs to the County but the Faust's have maintained this piece of land for decades as their front yard and they are asking if the County will transfer to them. They always thought it was theirs. It is of no value to the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, said he agreed with Chris and that he doesn't know what they would use it for. It is on the other side of the fence. There was question if the County could deed this property. Chris stated that a County unit can deed property to landowner in this case. Randy made the motion to give the property to the Faust's, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

STATUS OF COURTHOUSE & COUNTY OFFICES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tom stated that with the Executive Order the Courthouse has been shut down to the public. The County offices are doing a good job getting their work done. Bill made the motion to keep the Courthouse closed until December 8, 2020, then decide at the December 7th meeting if need to continue, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0. This is for the Courthouse only. Tom said other county buildings make their own determination. Attorney Chris Goffinet said the Commissioners don't have to take action on the other buildings.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Tom said that Trustees, Auditor Pam Goffinet and himself, met virtually with Ron Maines and Bill Sylvester with APEX Benefits on the County's Health Insurance renewal. Bill Sylvester went over the renewal amounts from the report they created and was sent out to the Commissioners. He said currently our medical insurance is with GPA/Cigna, and they are showing a slight reduction in cost for next year with an amount of \$37,144 savings which is the first proposal. The second proposal is with UGS/Ascension and they are proposing a savings of \$367,705. Bill went over more of the figures in the report. He commented that when you look at the figures it is a no brainer decision as what to do. Looking at the reduction for both proposals, the biggest decision is whether to change TPA (Third Party Administrator) and the Network. If the County stays with where they are now, employees can go anywhere. If change to UGS, employees will get biggest reduction by going to PCMH or St. Vincent. In our area, there are two ascension hospitals, one in Evansville and one in Salem. Anywhere else is considered out of network. This is a narrow network and other hospitals could bill more to the employees. It was stated that the employees have the same deductible and out of pocket cost but this could change after January 1 whether out or in network.

Bill Sylvester said he estimates the savings if change to UGS to be \$150,000 to \$200,000. If the County does change, the County would still have control of the finances and would need to change the wellness program. It could possibly be done through the clinic. He said there is the St. Vincent Tri State Clinic. It is free to employees; the cost goes to the County. It is also the employee's choice to go. It will cost the County an additional \$49,500. The Commissioners will have to decide on this but can do it later. There will be a lot of work to do during COVID such as the wellness program, bill payers, new cards, and open enrollment meetings.

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg commented that the employees would pay more out of pocket if they go out of network with this change. Bill S. said ascension could put in a wrap billing of CIGNA network so there would be no balance billing. It would be more cost to the County.

Brian Herwig, CEO of Perry County Memorial Hospital, said he was in favor of the County changing to the new network. It will help PCMH in volume of numbers. Tom said that PCMH is giving a higher percentage in discounts. This would be supporting our local hospital. Tom said we need to trust the CEO that this would be good. Bill S. said he doesn't think the County would pick up any more steerage from the other hospitals. Randy said if nothing different to the employees, how do we get them to change where they go. Bill S. said that ascension has mirrored the plan, there is no difference in the plan whether it is in or out of network. There is no financial incentive to change where they go. Normally you would have a different deductible if go out of network.

Bill S. also brought up the drug cost. They would likely to move it to TrueRX. He mentioned that the County could lose some drugs that we currently cover. Randy said he doesn't want to change the cost to employees. Precertification will be same as before.

Bill S. said the County can go back to where we are now if this new network doesn't work. We can get out of it. He said this is part of the job they do as our broker. Randy made the motion to go with the new option of UGS/Ascension for the County's health insurance for 2021, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. Bill made the motion to move the wellness program to UGS and the prescription coverage to TrueRX, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0. Apex will get us the contracts we need to sign.

HEALTH INSURANCE RATES

After going over the Health Insurance for next year, Randy made the motion to keep the employee and employer Health Insurance rates the same as 2020 rates, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. The rates for 2021 are:

	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employer</u>
Single	147.00 per month	1292.21 per month
Family	257.26 per month	2020.24 per month

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

The Commissioners have an additional appropriation request for the ambulance service to take to the Council. They are requesting to take the amount back to what they requested for 2020 before the Council reduced it at budget time. The amount of the difference is \$31,305.00. Randy made the motion to approve the additional from the LIT-Public Safety fund in the amount of \$31,305.00, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tom thanked Cathy Boerste for the meetings she set up with Zoom for them to be able to conduct their meetings. He said that Administrator Teresa has been checking into the County getting their own Zoom account to use. Teresa said we can record the meetings and work with others to host meetings. The cost is \$150.00 per year. Randy made the motion to purchase our own Zoom account, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Randy commented that at the mid-month meeting, the Commissioners will take care of the animal shelter deed and drafted resolution to set up a non-reverting fund for the money that comes in for the animal shelter.

Sheriff Alan Malone said that he sent the Sternberg Leasing agreement for the sheriff vehicles for Attorney Chris Goffinet to review. He said it was okay. Since he had it checked out, he wants to move forward on getting the vehicles.

Sheriff Malone presented the Commissioners with information in reference to an upgrade of the cameras in the Jail and the Courthouse. This is to upgrade the Bosch IP Storage Units. The current system needs to be replaced. Alan said he wants to ask for this appropriation out of the LIT-Special Legislation fund in the amount of \$47,000. He needs the Commissioners approval to go ahead. Randy made the motion, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Teresa announced that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes approved this 4th day of January, 2021.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

Gregory Jarboe

*Minutes prepared by:
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