

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES – JULY 20, 2021**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised at the Perry County Courthouse. All three commissioners were in attendance: President Thomas J Hauser, Randy Kleaving, and Gregg Jarboe. County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and Sheriff Alan Malone were present. A news representative was not in attendance.

The meeting opened with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PAYROLL**

The payroll docket was approved in the amount of \$147,924.87 for the payroll distributed to all employees on July 19, 2021. Randy made a motion to approve the dockets, and Gregg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of May 3, 2021, May 18, 2021, June 7, 2021 and June 15, 2021 were mailed to the Commissioners for their review. Gregg made a comment for a change to the May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gregg made the motion to approve the minutes with the change, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

**PERRY COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – BRIAN HERWIG**

President and CEO of PCMH, Brian Herwig, came before the Commissioners to share his concerns of the proposed new urgent care facility that went through the Tell City Plan Commission. He said it will have a major impact on the hospital. Brian said he is honored to run the hospital and they have a wonderful board. They meet annually on fiscal matters. He said they received funds from the CARES ACT also for the hospital in 2020 to help them come out of the pandemic. Brian commented that the new clinic will be yards away from the PCMH clinic. The current clinic runs Monday thru Friday, 8 to 8. They decided not to do weekends, did not want to compete with Dr. Marcum or Dr. Bailey's office. We have walk in clinics and primary care providers in the County. He said they are also affiliated with Ascension. He said for the size of our county we need 11 health providers and we have 18. He is concerned for the financial impact for all the providers if they come in. He sees no need for this clinic. Brian stated that they have recruited new physicians and work within the community.

In the guidelines for the Tell City Plan Commission, it is necessary for them to do an analysis for the public facility. The city thought this was for the utilities. Perry County Memorial Hospital is protesting this and asking for data on this. Brian also said to know that revenue is coming in the community with the Bristow Clinic and the Owensboro one on SR 66. The new building (clinic) is also going to have radiology which are services the hospital will not get.

Brian said the County can propose property taxes on them. Also, a certificate of need by the County whether to enforce the need. Have questions answered and understand if they will care for all people who cannot pay. What impact will this have? In summary, Brian is asking for the city to finish analysis on finances and asking the County to ask developers for the certificate of need.

Randy commented that he supported what PCMH is doing for the County. He said lots of counties don't have a hospital especially a new one. The County signed a commitment to PCMH to support the money spent goes back into the community. He said they would have to talk with Attorney Chris Goffinet if the certificate of need would stand up. He hopes Tell City would stand up for the hospital. We need to protect the hospital as elected officials. Tom said he agreed with Randy. We need to support the hospital and the providers. On the certificate of need, he spoke to the county attorney and he advised not to pursue it because of legalities. He said we can ask the investor questions. He said he applauded the expansion of the local clinics and quick care. Gregg said he had no comments at this time. Brian said that quick care is the name of urgent care during the pandemic.

**APPROVAL OF BOND ISSUE FOR RAILROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Alvin Evans with the PCDC came before the Commissioners about a bond issue for the Southern Hoosier Railroad with the USDA that needs to be done to fund the cost of construction of certain public infrastructure improvements, including railroad bridge improvements, together with all necessary appurtenances, related improvements and equipment and funding capitalized interest. The project consists of the replacement of the railroad bridge at MP 8.1 (Anderson River) and south ½ of railroad bridge at MP 11.7. Alvin said this is a 2% interest loan for 40 years. He said it is critical to replace the bridge over the Anderson River which will be down for about 2 weeks. It needs to get done before it collapses. If not, it will take longer to do. It was said that the bridge was originally built in 1891. It is out in the middle of nowhere where steam engines used to go across it. Gregg said he supports it. It helps with the tourism for the County. Alvin said once it is done, the excursion train can travel over it again. Randy commented that it is a lifeline to the County for Waupaca to do business. Randy made the motion to approve the bond, seconded by Gregg. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENT - PCDC**

Alvin Evans with the Perry County Development Corporation presented the Commissioners with an affidavit to authorize Old National Bank to make certain payments from a Construction Fund established by the Trust Indenture dated December 1, 2014, and the Third Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of April 28, 2021, between the County and the Trustee. It was explained that these invoices will be paid from bond proceeds and that the projects were already approved by the Redevelopment Commission. The invoices for payment are: Exhibit A - \$82,572.70 to be paid to the Perry County Development Corporation for Project 2, Riverview Stream Mitigation, Construction Retainage and As-Built plans. Gregg mentioned that this is the bond that the Redevelopment Commission just approved. Randy made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Gregg. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **UPDATE ON DESIGN ENGINEERING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RIVERVIEW SOUTH BUILDING PAD**

Alvin said he made calls to companies for the engineering to get statements of qualifications in. Only one company responded. He said we need 3 responses on the project to proceed. They had considered not using the EDA grant for the design engineering but Alvin said he is looking for authorization to do the process again. They need to push harder to get 3 responses and should have something for the September meeting. Gregg made the motion to authorize to do the process again, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **TRAVEL POLICY – CORONER VOLUNTEERS**

Coroner Warren Taylor said the last sentence in the old policy is it is up to the discretion of the Commissioners if not in the policy. He feels it is up to the three Commissioners to make a decision on Joe Adkin's, volunteer, travel claim for reimbursement on meals purchased during a Coroner's conference. He commented that the money is in his budget for \$94.96 and he would not have to ask for any more. He wants to get Joe paid or go on. Warren said two weeks after the conference, Joe became full time for the department again. Gregg stated that he didn't know what is within their jurisdiction. He doesn't want to set a precedence either. Randy said he agreed with Gregg's thoughts. Gregg said this took 4 days of Joe's life to do. Policy doesn't say it is allowed. Tom mentioned that they can make exceptions to the policy. They can agree to look at it. It does not follow current policy. He said the policy needs a change. Gregg asked the Council members present what their thoughts were. Charlie said the County needs to know who the volunteers are for insurance purposes. A letter needs to go to the Auditor with a register of names. Gregg made the motion to authorize payment of the travel expense, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **COMMISSIONERS 2022 BUDGETS**

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg gave the Commissioners copies of their 2022 budgets for their review. She said there are some gaps in needing numbers for LIT-Public Safety budget.

Teresa commented that Perry County Agencies have sent in their letters requesting money for next year. After some discussion, Gregg motioned to table until we have all of the numbers in August. Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

There was discussion from several individuals concerning the new clinic opening up in Tell City across from McDonalds. Julie Durbin was concerned about the extra traffic in that area. It was said the traffic would be an INDOT problem. She said that PCMH will be taking a hit with their revenue. This is not a positive move for the community. Cindy Taylor said there needs to be a community discussion about this. Tom said this falls within the city. Brian Herwig also jumped in with some comments. Randy said it is a county owned hospital. Tom and Gregg both said there is no action either way we can take. This is for the Tell City Plan Commission. Gregg said we don't want to step on their decision. The discussions continued concerning the County and the Hospitals position.

Alvin Evans gave an update on the READI program. This is the \$500 million program for economic development and community development. He said this program is administered through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. The intent is to provide 10 regions within Indiana \$50 million as 20% match to the local government/private funding. Alvin said we are a READI region with the counties of Pike, Perry, Spencer, Knox, Harrison and others. To get the full \$50 million in the defined region, there must be \$250 million in projects. We have up to July and August to come up with the projects. Any project started and not funded yet can count, such as, Bridges, Community Crossing Grant. The entire process goes through the Commissioners and need their approval. Gregg motioned to approve, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

Teresa announced that the next regular Board of Commissioners meeting will be on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's room. The next ARP meeting will be on July 22, 2021 after the Council meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 9:35 a.m.

Minutes approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2021.

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Thomas J Hauser  
President

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Randy Kleaving

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Gregg Jarboe

*Minutes prepared by:  
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