

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES – APRIL 23, 2020**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. by WebEx that was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were: President David Etienne, Luke Thomas, Charles Baumeister, Danny Bolin, Earla Williams, Steve Goodson, and Lynn Fulkerson. Sheriff Alan Malone was also on the call. There was no news media or the Council Attorney present on the call.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of February 27, 2020 had been mailed to Council members for their review. Earla made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Luke seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0 with Steve Goodson abstaining.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Within the Cumulative Bridge fund, Highway Superintendent Steve Howell requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$195,239.00 for Bridge Inspection. Steve said they need this to pay the remaining balance owed. The state does a study on the bridges for the load gradings. INDOT pays the County back 80%. Charlie made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Howell also requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$64,700.00 for Bridge #64 on County Road #41. This bridge is in Doolittle Mills. Charlie made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Within the Community Crossing Local Rd/Br Matching Grant fund, Steve Howell requested \$334,822.63 for an additional appropriation for County Road Improvements. Steve said on the Sulphur Valley Road, they send an estimate to the State and it gets approved, then the bid came in less. The new amount he is asking for is \$322,751.95. Luke made the motion to approve the new amount for the additional, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 20-CC-4**

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAN WAS APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE TAXING UNIT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED OUT OF THE FUNDS NAMED AND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED, SUBJECT TO LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME:

<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROPRIATED</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
<b><u>PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u></b>				
#1135-531-3000.12 BRIDGE INSPECTION	\$195,239.00	\$ 195,239.00	7	0
#1135-531-3000.76 BR #64 CO RD #41	\$ 64,700.00	\$ 64,700.00	7	0
<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$259,939.00</b>	<b>\$ 259,939.00</b>		

**COMMUNITY CROSSING LOCAL  
RD/BR MATCHING GRANT FUND**

<b><u>PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY</u></b>				
#9141-534-4000.46 COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	\$334,822.63	\$ 322,751.95	7	0

**COMMUNITY CROSSING LOCAL  
RD/BR MATCHING**

**GRANT FUND TOTAL:   \$334,822.63                   \$ 322,751.95**

ADOPTED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

NAY

AYE

DAVID A ETIENNE                /S/  
LUKE THOMAS                   /S/  
STEVE GOODSON               /S/  
EARLA WILLIAMS               /S/  
DANNY BOLIN                   /S/  
LYNN FULKERSON             /S/  
CHARLES BAUMEISTER         /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L GOFFINET    /S/  
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

**TRANSFERS**

Within the County General fund, Clerk Rachel East requested a transfer of \$990.00 from Clerk’s Second Deputy to Part Time Deputy within the Clerk budget. This is for the extra work for the Part Time Deputy after the three months trial period for part time status until the Council decides on the position. Danny made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, requested \$258,879.13 from County Road Improvements in the LIT-Economic Development to the Local Rd/Br Matching Grant fund. This is part of the County match for the 2020 Community Crossing Grant that was approved. Steve made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve also requested \$222,896.37 from Bituminous in the Motor Vehicle Highway-Restricted fund to the Local Rd/Br Matching Grant fund. This is the rest needed for the County’s portion of the 2020 Community Crossing Grant fund. Our total for the match is \$481,775.50 according to Steve. Charlie made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

Within the Property Reassessment fund, Mendy Lassaline, County Assessor, requested \$300.00 from Travel to Postage for the mailing out of Form 11’s to all taxpayers. Danny made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 7-0.

**TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**CC-20-04**

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION IN THE FOLLOWING NAMED BUDGET; NOW THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING MADE BUDGET:

**COUNTY GENERAL FUND**

**TRANSFER \$ 990.00**  
**FROM:       ACCOUNT #1000-001-1000.18**  
**SECOND DEPUTY SALARY                                   \$ 990.00**

TO: ACCOUNT #1000-001-1000.19  
CLERICAL SALARY  
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY CLERK'S BUDGET

**LIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

TRANSFER \$ 258,897.13  
FROM: ACCOUNT #1112-534-4000.45  
COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS \$258,879.13  
TO: ACCOUNT #9141-000-6411  
LOCAL RD/BR MATCHING GRANT FUND  
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGET

**HIGHWAY - RESTRICTED FUND**

TRANSFER \$ 222,896.37  
FROM: ACCOUNT #1173-531-2000.33  
BITUMINOUS \$222,896.37  
TO: ACCOUNT #9141-000-6411  
LOCAL RD/BR MATCHING GRANT FUND  
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGET

**PROPERTY REASSESSMENT FUND**

TRANSFER \$ 300.00  
FROM: ACCOUNT #1188-008-3000.22  
TRAVEL \$ 300.00  
TO: ACCOUNT #1188-008-3000.21  
POSTAGE  
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY ASSESSOR'S BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

NAY

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LUKE THOMAS /S/  
STEVE GOODSON /S/  
EARLA WILLIAMS /S/  
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**MOTION OF INTENT – SHERIFF – NEW AIR HANDLING SYSTEM**

Sheriff Alan Malone requested a new air handling system to be installed into the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center. This system gets rid of the bad stuff. It will save 70% of pulling less outside air in and 20% savings in energy cost. It was said that if this virus is airborne, this would help greatly. Alan said he heard about this virus possibly spreading through the air handler systems. This information came from the Indiana Department of Corrections. Earla commented that they are putting people in airborne isolation. The quote for this 02 Prime Ionization Installation is \$13,500.00 from Alpha Energy Solutions. Commissioner Bill Amos said that Glenn's Cleaning Service can do this for \$500.00 each time it is done. It would take 34 times for Glenn's Cleaning to do this and the system would already be paid for. The system may still have to be

serviced in the future. It will also clean other virus and bacteria. It will also correct mold issues. The Sheriff wants to take this from the LIT-Special Legislation fund. Commissioner Tom Hauser commented that the cost of maintenance will be offset by the cost of savings. It is permanent. Charlie made the motion to allow the motion of intent for the additional of \$13,500.00 from the LIT-Special Legislation fund in May, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION OF INTENT – RIVERBOAT FUND – COVID-19 EMERGENCY EXPENSES**

Auditor Pam Goffinet spoke up about a motion of intent for Emergency Expenses out of the Riverboat fund. There was \$20,000.00 appropriated for 2020 but with the ongoing of COVID-19, there is only around \$3,000.00 left for future expenses. The Council asked what the expenses from this account were for. EMA Director, Steve Hauser, commented that the expenses were for cleaning supplies, cloths, sanitize solution, haz mat suits, and N95 masks. These supplies went to help County Law Enforcement, Perry County Hospital, First Responders, and the Health Department. Steve said we should get reimbursement for supplies from the State. David said he would like to have an itemized list of the items. Steve said it is a judgement call on how much more is needed during this pandemic. He would like to see another \$20,000.00 put in the account. If it is not used, it will remain in the fund. Also looking at new air handling system for the Courthouse just like the Sheriff’s Office and Detention Center. The quote for the Courthouse was for \$17,400.00. Judge Lucy Goffinet also is needing a video conferencing system to livestream court cases from the Courthouse. This is needed during this pandemic. She has been quoted \$6,000.00 from Ian Jarboe but is working with him to reduce this price. Auditor Goffinet informed the Council that as of now there is \$105,595.00 in unappropriated funds in the Riverboat fund. This is due to that the last few years we have not had to use the emergency line item and that has built the cash up in the fund. Steve made a motion of intent for \$45,000.00 for Emergency Expenses in the Riverboat fund for an additional appropriation in May, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council members mentioned about the Ball State Analysis that was sent out to all members. There was concern from the study on how the drop-in revenues is going to affect the County in the next couple of years. We should see changes in the income tax beginning in 2022. We will see the lowering of the gas tax that affects the Motor Vehicle Highway and Local Road and Street fund this year. We will also have reductions in the Innkeepers tax and the Riverboat money that comes to the County.

There being no further business to come before the council, Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 5:57 p.m.

Minutes approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:  
Pamela L Goffinet, Perry County Auditor*