

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – June 25, 2020**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were: President David Etienne, Luke Thomas, Charlie Baumeister, Lynn Fulkerson, and Danny Bolin. A media representative from the Perry County News was present and also Council Attorney, S. Rod Acchiardo. Sheriff Alan Malone was also present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of March 26, 2020 had been mailed to each council member for their review. Charlie made the motion to approve the minutes and Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

TRANSFERS

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, requested \$31,000.00 to be transferred from Bridge Inspection to Rental of Equipment within the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Steve commented that this is to replenish the account. Luke made the motion to approve the request, second made by Lynn. Motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested a transfer of \$45.00 from Stipend to Retirement within the Inmate Housing Fund. He said this is to cover the shortage in the account. Charlie made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-20-06

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:

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND

TRANSFER \$ 31,000.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1135-531-3000.12
BRIDGE INSPECTION \$31,000.00
TO: ACCOUNT #1135-531-3000.61
RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGET

INMATE HOUSING FUND

TRANSFER \$ 45.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #4929-380-1000.10
STIPEND \$ 45.00
TO: ACCOUNT #4929-380-1000.22
RETIREMENT
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY JAIL BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

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DAVID A ETIENNE	/S/
LUKE THOMAS	/S/
CHARLES BAUMEISTER	/S/
DANNY BOLIN	/S/
LYNN FULKERSON	/S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The County Commissioners requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$60,000.00 for Care of Patients in Institutions from the County General Fund. Administrator Teresa Kanneberg commented that this is for housing juveniles that are in custody and may last for a while. This is a line item that is hard to budget. Teresa also said this amount probably will not carry to the end of the year. Charlie made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 5-0.

Ken Roland was present to talk about the additional appropriation for the Airport Authority. Ken said that with the loss of Gene Borders in August 2019 with all his information and the changing of accountants was part of the reason why the \$40,000.00 for the Office Building from the Cumulative Airport Building Fund wasn't approved by the State during the regular budget process. He said this is why they have to ask for it now from the Council since they are a binding unit. Ken said they need to remodel the office because of water damage. They plan also to use money collected from fuel for years at no cost to taxpayers. They also need to fix other electrical repairs, things not up to code, replace runway lights that were struck by lightning or damaged, repaint the runway and do general maintenance. Ken commented they have a lot of volunteers who offered to help. Luke made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 20-CC-6

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:

COUNTY				
GENERAL FUND	REQUESTED	APPROPRIATED	AYE	NAY
<u>PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>				
#1000-068-3000.91	\$60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	5	0
CARE OF PATIENTS IN INSTITUTIONS				
COUNTY GENERAL FUND TOTAL:	\$60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00		

PERRY COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

CUMULATIVE AIRPORT BUILDING FUND

PERRY COUNTY AIRPORT

#2190 \$40,000.00 \$ 40,000.00 5 0
OFFICE BUILDING

CUMULATIVE AIRPORT

BUILDING FUND TOTAL: \$40,000.00 \$ 40,000.00

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RECORDER – SWORN STATEMENT & PART TIME POSITION

Recorder Jane James came before the Council needing to have a sworn statement signed by the Council saying that she will have enough funds in her Records Perpetuation fund to cover expenses of supplies and other services and charges that she pays from this fund instead of from County General. They will do this again for budget year 2021. It amounts to \$4,098.00. Luke made the motion to approve signing the statement, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

Jane also commented on the letter that was sent to the Council members regarding her hiring a permanent part time employee from the Recorders Record Perpetuation fund. She also prepared a job description for this position. She said this fund for the Recorder is to use for the preservation of records. She did contact the State Board of Accounts and she can use this fund for this. Jane also said this fund will not run out of money so she can fund this position indefinitely. This money comes in from recording fees. David spoke up saying we have a hiring freeze now. We have cut the Clerk’s position to part time and the Auditor and Assessor share a deputy cutting hours for each of them. David also asked if her (Jane’s) salary can be paid from this fund. Jane said that neither her nor her deputies’ salaries can be paid from here because they do too much of other things besides indexing.

Jane said she is wanting someone for two days a week to only index records. She said her office is not where she wants it to be for serving the public for remote users. She commented this is a good service to researchers. She would like to have it to where they can do 50-year search online. Charlie asked how will this affect the money when you already pay supplies from this fund. Jane said she has a sworn statement saying she will have enough funds to cover expenses and the position. This Records Perpetuation fund has been set up since 1995. Jane said she collects a lot of fees for a lot of offices. She commented that she understands about the hiring but this is one of the only things this fund can be used for. Charlie commented that if allowed it would open a can of worms for other offices with similar funds. He said by being an employee, the county still covers workman’s compensation and unemployment for employees hired. Luke said we have asked other offices to cut back, right now is the time for all to do it.

Jane asked the Council instead of a new position, would they consider a contractual position. Auditor Goffinet said a contract would have to be signed by the board also. Luke made the motion to deny a part time clerical position right now, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 5-0.

TAX ABATEMENTS- ANNUAL REVIEW

Auditor Pam Goffinet explained that the abated company is to file a CF-1 with the corresponding entity for which they filed a certified SB-1. The CF-1’s have to be filed by May 15th this year, but it was extended to June 15th, to stay in compliance with their original abatement filed. All CF-1’s and corresponding SB-1’s were mailed to the Council for their review.

The CF-1’s filed for the County are: Indiana Municipal Power Agency Personal Property and Real and Personal Property of ATTC. Auditor Goffinet commented saying

they were all in compliance as to filing their CF-1's on time. Pam informed them that if they have no changes, they could vote on all of them at one time if they wished.

Luke said he had a problem with the Assessed Value on Indiana Municipal Power Agency's (IMPA) CF-1. He said they commented before there was a clerical issue and they still had not changed it in five years. Assessor Mendy Lassaline spoke up saying the CF-1 is what is in use as of January 1 of the year filing. The SB-1 is when the line started or installed. Luke said it should not be approved until they fix the forms. Council is going to send them a letter stating what needs to be done to get approved. Danny made a motion to table IMPA's CF-1 abatement until further information, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 5-0. Auditor Goffinet informed them they will need to have a special meeting so she can get abatements entered in the tax system to certify assessed values for 2021.

Charlie said they need to consider smaller years on personal property equipment abatements instead of ten years. Luke asked if they can modify abatement schedules. Assessor Lassaline said yes you can but you cannot change any current schedules from a previous board.

Luke made a motion to approve all the ATTC abatements, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

BUDGET LINE ITEMS

Charlie commented that at last year's budget meeting, it was brought up about cell phone expenses that different offices have. He questioned if the County has a cell phone policy. The Commissioners make the policies. He said he contacted some of the surrounding counties and most don't have a policy. Pike and Posey County do have policies. In Posey County, the cell phone bills run through the Auditor or the Administrator. In Pike County, the Commissioners approve and employees are reimbursed on type of phone they have. He commented that the Council is not stepping on toes here in the County. They could make a suggestion to the Commissioners to do a cell phone policy and determine who should have one.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sheriff Alan Malone informed the Council at their January 23, 2020 meeting they gave him permission to pursue a Federal COPS Grant to pay 75% for an additional officer. He had to apply by March 1, 2020. As of June 16, 2020, he received confirmation that Perry County was one of thirteen within in the State to be awarded to get a new deputy. The grant amount is for \$125,000.00. Sheriff Malone said it covers almost 100% of the salary for three years and the County is responsible for the benefits. He thanked Chief Deputy Eric Dickenson and Tara Damin for the work they put in for this grant.

The Council looked over their own budget for 2021 and made some requests for next year. They decided to take no raise for 2021 and reduce the office supplies account line by \$50.00 and give the Council Attorney a 3% raise. Charlie made the motion to accept the budget with these changes, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg reminded the Council about the AIC Conference, September 21 to 24th, 2020, at South Bend, Indiana. She said registration begins July 14, 2020. The Council need to let her know if they plan to attend.

There being no further business, Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried -0, with adjournment at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes approved this 27th day of August, 2020.

President, Perry County Council

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