PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 22, 2015

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 4:30 p.m. as was duly advertised. County Council members in attendance were Steve Goodson, Dianne Rudolph, Jim Adams, and Ron Crawford Sr., Danny Bolin and John Taylor. County Attorney, Jim Tyler was present. A media representative from the *Perry County News* was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meetings of December 18, 2014 and January 5, 2015 had been given to council members for their review. Jim made the motion to approve minutes of December 18 and Dianne seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Jim made the motion to approve the minutes of January 5, seconded by John. Motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFERS

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, requested a transfer from within the Highway budget as follows: \$13,000.00 from Social Security to Road Equipment. Ron asked Steve about transferring from Social Security and Steve stated that there is extra in the account from not allowing salary increase at budget time. Ron made the motion to allow the transfer and seconded by Jim. Motion carried 6-0.

Steve also requested a transfer from Calcium Chloride & Salt to Superintendent of \$1,180.00 and to OfficeManager/Administrator of \$1,879.00 for a total of \$3,059.00. Jim made the motion to approve the transfer request and Danny seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

<u>CC-15-1</u>

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:

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND

TRANSFER \$ 13,000.00

FROM: ACCOUNT #1176-533-1000.21

SOCIAL SECURITY

TO: ACCOUNT #1176-533-4000.41

ROAD EQUIPMENT \$ 13,000.00

WITHIN: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

TRANSFER \$ 3,059.00

FROM: ACCOUNT #1176-531-2000.43

CALCIUM CHLORIDE& SALT \$ 3,059.00

TO: ACCOUNT#1176-530-1000.11

SUPERINTENDENT \$ 1,180.00

TO: ACCOUNT #1176-530-1000.14

OFFICE MANAGER / ADMINISTRATOR \$ 1,879.00

WITHIN: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

<u>NAY</u> <u>AYE</u>

STEVE GOODSON /S/ RON CRAWFORD SR /S/ DIANNE G RUDOLPH /S/ JOHN J TAYLOR /S/ JAMES K ADAMS /S/ DANNY BOLIN /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/ PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

The County Council voted to retain Attorney James G. Tyler as County Council Attorney to perform legal services for the County Council for 2015 in an amount equal to what the County Council had budgeted of \$4,383.00, to be paid out in monthly installments of \$365.25. Ron made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, and Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

DEER CREEK FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE

Several members were in attendance including the Commissioners, Soil and Water Department and board, Forest Service, Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell and EMA Director, Steve Hauser to discuss with the council about Deer Creek flood control. Randy Rennie, President of Soil and Water board, was the spokesperson for the group.

Randy explained that the dam in question is located on federal land. Lincoln Hills RC&D could not be a sponsor years ago because of their 501c3 status so Perry County Soil and Water became the sponsor and signed the permit to construct the dam. Now, that special permit has expired, and the dam has been designated from a low hazard and good structure to a high hazard dam because of a home that was built below the dam and is in the inundation zone. The plan is to come up with some money to buy the landowner out and return the classification of the dam to low hazard.

Randy also explained that there are two options to consider. The first is to get a short term lease of 3 to 5 years from the Forest Service to give the county time to attain funds for buying the house so that the Soil and Water District can maintain the dam. The second option is to breech the dam. There are three bridges below and to replace them would cost around \$300,000. Also the agriculture land and roads would be affected. It would be best to maintain the dam to keep it in place along with the roads rather than tearing it out.

There is concern about the other lakes in the county. Randy stated that the new comprehensive plan that is being worked on would take care of Deer Lake, Tipsaw and Celina Lake so no new homes can be built under them. Saddle lake is hardened by a bill from years before because there are homes built under the lake.

The board and several interested parties are looking into ways to get the revenue needed to buy the landowner out such as FEMA.

Randy stated the purpose of why the dam is still there is because of the agriculture and roads. If the dam is breeched, it would then be the county's responsibility.

The board came before the council to make them aware of what was going on and that they would be asking for extra funds in the budget to help maintain the dam. Steve said this would be a good time for all parties to work together on this.

With no other business before the council, Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Dianne seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0. Next meeting will be February 26, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes approved this 27th day of March, 2014.