

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. at the Perry County Courthouse as was duly advertised. Commissioners Larry R. James, Randy Kleaving and Bill Amos were in attendance. Also in attendance were County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and County Attorney, Chris Goffinet. A media representative from the "Perry County News" attended the meeting.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

Bill made a motion to approve claims as presented that were dated February 6, 2017 and Randy seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners signed claims dockets in the amounts of \$419,124.40 for County General; \$24,392.48 for highway claims; and advances of \$3,749.70, \$50,000.00, \$51,464.59, \$2,375.68, \$1,000.00 and \$750.00 for a total of \$552,856.85. In addition, the payroll docket for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> payroll was approved in the amount of \$130,039.20 and February 6<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$129,687.60 by Randy and seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES**

Auditor Pam Goffinet presented the minutes that were mailed to the Commissioners for their approval. They were as follows: (1) December 15, 2016 – Bill made the motion to approve as presented, seconded by Larry. Motion carried 2-0. (2) December 20, 2016 – Randy made the motion to approve as presented, second made by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. (3) December 27, 2016 – Randy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Larry. Motion carried 2-0. (4) January 3, 2017 – Bill made the motion to approve as presented, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

**BLANKET BOND – COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITH PEKIN INSURANCE**

Auditor Pam Goffinet had been working with Rick Harpenau, Harpenau Insurance, with the blanket bond for all county employees except for the Treasurer and deputies and the Sheriff. They are covered on separate bonds. Pam informed the Commissioners that everything is the same as last year except for any position changes that have occurred. Randy made the motion to approve the bond, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**ANNUAL REPORT - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, presented the Highway's year end 2016 Annual Report to the Commissioners for signature that is due to the State Board of Accounts in June. The Commissioners commented that they would like to review the report before approving it. It will be brought back to them at their next meeting.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & TRANSFER**

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, presented the Commissioners with an ordinance amending the Capital Improvement Plan to specify uses of revenue to be received from the Perry County Economic Development Income tax. This will allow for the making of a loan from the funds to the Perry County Redevelopment Commission to assist with the Armory Annex renovation project. It would be a loan of \$110,000.00 and would be repaid by the Perry County Redevelopment Commission from tax increment revenues received from Perry County Allocation Area No. 1 (Courthouse) as soon as such funds become available. Upon repayment of the loan, the funds shall be deposited back into the Community Economic Development fund. Chris stated there is enough funds in the TIF Allocation fund but with the timing of revenues coming in, it is necessary for the loan. Also to complete the loan process, the Commissioners need to approve a transfer of cash of \$110,000.00 from CREDIT Distribution to TIF Allocation fund that will go before the Council at their February meeting. Randy made the motion to amend the Capital Improvement Plan and approve the transfer, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

### **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HB 1002**

The Commissioners has before them a resolution of support for funding Indiana's Transportation Infrastructure from HB 1002. Counties have appreciated the incremental funding increases provided in recent years, while the current revenue sources at both state and local level have not kept pace with cost of road and bridge construction, so it is a need to increase the gasoline tax. The Council has approved this resolution already. Larry commented saying there are some concerns with this increase. We are a bordering County with another State and are afraid citizens will go there to buy their gas which is a lot cheaper. The Commissioners are going to do some more talking to State and local retailers on this issue. It will be held until the next meeting.

### **ORDINANCE TO VACATE STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF LEOPOLD**

Chris Goffinet, County Attorney, informed the Commissioners that Pat and Jean Haney filed a petition to vacate streets in the Village of Leopold. These streets are not open and not being utilized. The Haney's own certain lots bordering these streets. Jean Haney explained they bought more land on the west side and want to be able to use these streets as needed. There are still five other roads for residents to get out on. She said they want all their land to come together. If not, it is possible for the street to go through their daughter's land. Mrs. Haney told Chris that they did publish the notice in the paper twice and notified the landowners which was only their daughter.

Nate Mogan is buying property from Sturgeon's which is located north of the Haney property, and he voiced his concerns on vacating the streets. He is concerned about where he will have a road to his property. If he puts the road in a certain area because of the vacation, then it could cost him a lot more money. Chris informed the Commissioners that their options are to deny, grant or hold off on the ordinance at this time. Bill asked the Haney's if they were in any hurry to vacate these streets. The Commissioners would like to give Mr. Mogan time to look at the land for his purpose of building his road. They did say there was no objection from anyone on vacating the portion of Indiana Street adjacent to lots 31, 32, 49 and 50 in the village of Leopold. Randy made the motion to close Indiana Street and table the portion of German Street at this time, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. It is tabled until the February 21, 2017 meeting at 9:00 a.m.

### **TITLE VI IMPLEMENTATION PLAN & 2017 GOALS AND 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT**

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg reported to the Commissioners on the 2017 Title VI Implementation Plan. She stated that as of February 2016, Perry County adopted the first plan. INDOT provided guidelines for the Title VI and ADA Transition plan to develop the County plan. One of the requirements is that it is an annual plan and needs to be revisited every year. Teresa gave an update of the plan to inform the Commissioners of changes and additions for 2017. Some key items noted are: 1) It states we will make every effort to ensure nondiscrimination in all programs and activities of the County. This will be published in paper, website and also the County buildings. 2) Spells out the Coordinator responsibilities. 3) All County employees need to be trained. The importance of this plan is for future grants and funding availability. Randy made the motion to adopt and approve the plan and the notice to be posted, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. Larry signed the Title VI Nondiscrimination Notice and the Commissioners signed the Assurances of Nondiscrimination. Randy thanked Teresa for her hard work on preparing this plan.

Next Teresa informed the Commissioners about 2017 Goals and 2016 Accomplishments report for the plan. This will be updated each year and new goals set.

Teresa presented a Notice of Nondiscrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act that needs to be signed because of a change in leadership with the Commissioners. Randy made the motion to sign the notice, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Michael Stevenson, Business Development Manager, of SJCA Engineers and Surveyors from Evansville, IN for the Southwest Indiana Region wanted to introduce himself and his company to the Commissioners. He informed them that they do surveying, roads and bridge design and are an engineering service.

Teresa announced the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Perry Central Junior Senior High School unless closed due to inclement weather which will be moved to the Perry County Courthouse.

The meeting ended in open session at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017.

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Larry R. James  
President

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Randy Kleaving

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Bill Amos

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