

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – MAY 19, 2015**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. as duly advertised at the Cannelton Jr/Sr High School. Commissioners present at the start of the meeting were: Randy Kleaving and Bill Amos, Larry James arrived later during the meeting. A representative of the *Perry County News* was not present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Larry Kleeman, Executive Director/CEO of Lincoln Hills Development Corporation made a presentation to the County Commissioners. He explained that LHDC is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year and appreciates all the county has contributed over the years to LHDC. He presented the commissioners with a replica bust of Abraham Lincoln.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Bill made a motion to approve the claims docket in the amount of \$121,971.89 for payroll that was distributed on May 18, 2015. Randy seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENTS

Alvin Evans, President and CEO of the Perry County Development Corporation, presented an affidavit to authorize Old National Bank to make certain payments from a Construction Fund established by the Trust Indenture dated December 1, 2014 between the County and the Trustee. Alvin explained that these invoices will be paid from bond proceeds and that the projects were already approved by the Redevelopment Commission. These invoices will be payable to PCDC in the amount of \$25,181.22 and Lochmueller Group in the amount of \$37,351.23 for professional services. Bill made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 2-0.

BRIDGE INSPECTION

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, presented the commissioners with the Phase I Draft Bridge Inspection Report. He explained that he had reviewed the book and everything looked to be in the proper order. Steve explained that the county has a total of 98 bridges that have to be inspected every two years. A contract had been signed earlier with Lochmueller Group to perform the inspections. Bill made the motion to approve Phase I draft of the Bridge Inspection report. Larry seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENTS – HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, presented the commissioners with two agreements between the Highway Department and Hoosier National Forest Service. He explained that when in place if the highway department does any mowing or grading of roads on government land they will be reimbursed by the Hoosier National Forest Service for the work performed. There were two separate agreements: one for the mowing and one for the grading of road ways. Bill made the motion to approve the agreements and Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BRUSHY HOLLOW ROAD

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, announced that because of sewer work being done on Brushy Hollow Road Lochmueller Group will pay the cost to have the road chip and sealed at no cost to the county. The commissioners thanked Lochmueller group for doing this. Larry made the motion to accept the offer and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Chief Deputy Auditor, Connie Berger, stated that at the last commissioners meeting it was brought to the commissioners attention that the Auditor was looking into increasing the Cumulative Capital Development tax rate for taxes payable in 2016. She asked the commissioners to sign a notice to taxpayers for a public hearing to be held at the June 1st commissioners meeting. She explained that the current rate is .0311 and if adopted would increase to .0333. Connie also stated that the Department of Local Government Finance had recommended that Perry County increase the rate. Bill made the motion to approve the notice to taxpayers and Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DERBY COMMUNITY CENTER

The Derby Association is looking to build a Community Center and needs a sewage disposal system. Jermie Farmer, Sanitarian, informed the commissioners that the State Department of Health would perform the inspection, but he could and is willing to handle this locally. They would have engineering done for the material that would be needed. Then the permit would be issued and he would do the inspection. This would save money to the Derby Community and allow them to start the project early. Chris Goffinet, County Attorney, has looked at the project. Bill made the motion to approve Jermie doing the inspection in-house, seconded by Larry. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT – PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES

Judy Thomann with Lochmueller Group presented the commissioners with a Professional Consulting Services agreement. She explained that a lot of cities and counties that do not have an engineer will hire them to provide services. She stated that the work will be on an as needed basis and they will only work for the county when needed. This agreement will cover all services that are provided by Lochmueller Group. There is no dollar amount in the agreement because it will depend on what is being done and what the cost is for that service. It was stated that County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, had looked at the agreement and found it to be in proper legal order. Larry made the motion to approve the agreement and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE – AMEND ZONING MAP

President Randy Kleaving, explained that the Perry County Planning and Zoning Commission had met on April 30, 2015 and had given a favorable recommendation to rezone property at 26018 State Road 145 from I-1 Industrial to B-1 Business. He explained that Memorial Hospital of Jasper plans on building a clinic at this site to benefit the citizens of northern Perry County and the surrounding counties. The doctor that will be at the clinic grew up in Perry County. Larry made the motion to approve the Amendment to the Zoning Map and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (See attached Ordinance No. O-C-15-2)

ROAD NAME – NEW COUNTY ROAD

County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg, explained that the county has been awarded federal funds to develop a new road just east of the intersection of Squirrel Road and State Road 66 in Troy Township. It is being recommended that the commissioners name the new road Switzer Road. Teresa explained that the actual construction of the road will not take place until the summer of 2018. Bill made the motion to recommend the road to be called Switzer Road, and Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Plan Commission: County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg, announced that Bernard Bower had stepped down from the Plan Commission. She explained that the appointment must live outside the limits of a city or town and this appointment must be a republican. He term ends at the end of 2015, so the appointment will only be for a few months. The commissioners will receive letters of interest and then make the appointment at their July 6th meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

President Randy Kleaving, explained that on June 1st at 4:30 p.m. they will hold a public hearing on the Deer Lake project. He stated that at this time there is nothing wrong with the dam or the lake, but a house has been built below the dam and that is an issue. They have applied for Hazard Mitigation Grant funding and have to hold a public hearing on the project in order to complete the application process.

Teresa announced that the next meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. for the public hearing on Deer Lake and the regular monthly meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes approved this 17th day of June 2014.

Randy Kleaving

Bill Amos

Larry R. James

*Minutes prepared by:
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