

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – JULY 3, 2017**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. Commissioners President Larry R James, Randy Kleaving and Bill Amos were in attendance. A representative of the *Perry County News* was present along with County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg. County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, was absent.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLAIMS

Randy made a motion to approve all claims dated July 3, 2017, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. The commissioners signed claims dockets in the amounts of \$183,258.45 for County General; \$184,450.87 for Highway claims; and advances of \$104.00, \$1,803.00, \$103,931.44, \$7,834.89, \$1,828.62, and \$26,515.00 for a total of \$509,726.27.

PAYROLL

Bill made a motion to approve payroll that was distributed on June 26, 2017 in the amount of \$134,806.45, second made by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of June 20th, 2017 had been mailed to the commissioners for their review. Randy made the motion to approve the minutes as written, and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Pam Goffinet explained that an additional appropriation is needed for health insurance. The Trustees of the health insurance, Auditor, Presidents of the Commissioners and Council, were contacted by Pete Franzman, County's insurance agent that we needed to send in an additional \$330,000.00 above our budgeted appropriations to help pay claims for this year. He stated that we were hit hard again this year with claims. The trustees met and decided that the Highway department meets 25% of the total employee count. Their share would be \$80,000.00. It was also decided to appropriate only half of the money (\$125,000.00 for County's portion) at this time and send it in when needed. Randy made the motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$50,000.00 from Rainy Day, \$25,000.00 from Riverboat and \$50,000.00 from County General, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, also presented the Commissioners with an additional appropriation for health insurance. As Auditor Goffinet commented, this \$40,000 is for half of our share for now to pay claims. Bill made the motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Auditor, Pam Goffinet, explained that each year the County Commissioners are required to make a recommendation to the County Council on the next year's salaries for all county employees. Pam stated if the commissioners make a recommendation at today's meeting she will have her staff prepare the paper for the commissioner's signatures, and then it would be forwarded to the County Council members. Bill made a motion to recommend a 3% raise for all county employees in 2018, and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, informed the Commissioners that letters of support for each individual application of projects for the Community Crossings Grant needs to be signed and submitted to the State. They had previously done the letter for the financial support. Tara Damin, Cash Waggoner and Assoc., said there are ten

applications for different roads and segments. She stated this is required by INDOT to attach to each application, along with project name, cost and county's financial portion. The application list of projects sent in was:

- 1. CR 41A/St Croix (from Cr40/Branchville Rd to SR 62)
- 2. CR 18/Locust Rd (from Old SR 37 to SR 145)
- 3. CR 70A/Stone Rd (from SR 37 to CR 11/Brushy Fork Rd)
- 4. A. CR 86/Americana (from SR 145 to Old 37)
B. Old SR 37 (from SR 37 to SR 145)
- 5. A. CR 2/Girl Scout RD (from City limits to Sugar Maple loop back to CR 57/Scotch Pine Rd)
B. CR 57/Scotch Pine Rd (Old SR 237 to CR 2/Girl Scout Rd)
- 6. Old SR 37 (from SR 37 @ Apalona Rd to N 37)
- 7. Slides A. Old SR 37 (from SR 70 to CR 22/Mogan Ridge Rd)
B. CR 128/French Ridge Rd 3 slides
- 8. CR 131/Ulysess RD (from CR 144/Unicorn Rd N)
- 9. A. CR 166A/W Bandon Rd (SR 37 to Old SR 37)
B. CR 166/E Bandon Rd (SR 37 to end of pavement)
- 10. Guardrail for Old SR 37 Paving project

Steve commented saying there are 39 road segments all together. He hopes to use other EDIT money on other roads that need work and were not mentioned in this plan.

Steve also wanted to inform the Commissioners that they had to go by the Paser ratings system on deciding what roads were on the plan and why others didn't qualify. The rating is in the application justification of the roads put in the grant. The State looks at the asset management plan when approving the grants. Steve said they will have one year to get the projects done once the money is issued.

HIGHWAY 2018 BUDGETS

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, submitted the 2018 Motor Vehicle Highway, Local Road & Street and Cumulative Bridge budgets for the commissioners' approval. Larry commented that he would like to have time to review the submitted budgets before approving. All Commissioners agreed. They will vote on the budgets at their next meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Teresa Kanneberg, Administrator, reported to the Commissioners that David Ward has indicated that he does not want to be reappointed to the Airport Authority Board if someone else is interested to serve. Teresa said she did receive a letter from Ken Roland that he was interested in the position. He indicated that he has 40 years of flying experience and already volunteers to help with maintenance out there. He would like to get involved in promoting the facility and increase traffic there. Bill made the motion to appoint Ken Roland to the open position, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0. This is a four year term that will expire on June 30, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS

Randy mentioned as to what to do with the Courthouse Annex building in Cannelton. He would like to see it torn down. Bill said Cannelton Mayor, Mary Snyder, said that the city would like to have the lot when the building is down. They will need to check with Chris for the legal procedure on this. Larry asked Teresa to send letters to the departments to see what they still want out of the building and to have it removed by July 10, 2017.

It was announced that the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes approved this 18th day of July, 2017.

Larry R. James
President

Randy Kleaving

Bill Amos

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