

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – AUGUST 1, 2016**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. All three commissioners were in attendance: President Randy Kleaving, Bill Amos and Larry R. James. Also present for the meeting were County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, and County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and a representative of the *Perry County News*.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Bill made a motion to approve claims, and Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The claims dockets were approved in the amounts of \$388,615.48 for County General; \$676,175.65 for Highway claims; and advances of \$58,296.10 and \$1,761.69 for a total of \$1,124,848.92. Larry made the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$124,659.76 that had been distributed on July 25, 2016, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

The Commissioners had before them the minutes from the meeting of July 19th. They had been mailed to each commissioner for their review. Bill made the motion to approve the minutes as written and Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2017

The Commissioners approved at their last meeting a 3% recommendation to the County Council for 2017 salary increase for the County employees. The Commissioners signed the document that was prepared.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS – JAILER

Sheriff Alan Malone presented the Commissioners with job descriptions for full and part time Jail Officer. He informed them that the only change made to the descriptions was changing the age to be at least 18 years of age instead of 21. Alan commented that he had already talked to Attorney Chris Goffinet about this. Larry made the motion to approve the new job descriptions, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

INDIANA REGION 15 – GRANT FOR PROPOSED WATER LINE

Lisa Gehlhausen, Executive Director of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, came before the Commissioners with a grant proposal for a water line in Tobin Township. First off Lisa thanked Larry James for being on the board. Lisa informed the Commissioners about some of the projects they have helped the County:

- Pumper truck for Central Perry
- Perry County Museum Preservation Study
- Perry County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Phase 1 & 2 Environmental Assessments for the Armory
- Tell City Storm Water Pumps
- Working with PCDC – River Port, Hoosier Southern Railroad, and rail spur improvements

This would be for a new project for a water line in Tobin Township for water improvements in the German Ridge and Rome areas. She informed the Commissioners that for this grant the funds need to run through a County, City or Town. There are around 150 homes in this area and the citizens would like to have a water line. The first thing that they have to do is an income survey. This survey is on resident homes only, no businesses or farms and they have to have a high percentage of the surveys back to be able to apply for a \$30,000 grant. Lisa said there is no cost to the County to write the grant. Lisa also said it takes about a year to complete the study which will find the best source of water, easements, place for the tanks, and other things.

Lisa proposed to the Commissioners that if the County would be the applicant for the residents. This is a rural area, not tied to a city or town to apply for the study. She said they are not looking to come to the County for any money. The tracking of the money will come through the Auditor's office. Bill made the motion for the County to be the applicant for the income survey, seconded by Larry. Motion carried 3-0.

OVERTIME RULE

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, informed the Commissioners about a new rule to become effective December 1, 2016 for overtime. The rule before stated that a salaried position that made more than \$23,000 was not entitled to overtime in excess of 40 hours. Now the Fair Labor Standards Act is raising the income that if you make less than \$46,700, you are entitled to

overtime for any work over 40 hours. He said the law allows for compensatory time off which is what our County gives in place of monetary pay, so we would continue with the compensatory time off. This affects the positions that are classified as non – exempt. Chris said this does not affect the County Office Holders. He said the County workers that work 35 hours a week, would have to work 41 ½ hours to receive one and half times for every hour worked over 40. County officials need to keep track of this with their employees because more could be receiving comp time.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE

The Commissioners had before them an Ordinance amending the Animal Welfare, Control, and Education ordinance. This ordinance changes that any lost or stray animal that has been found shall be held for minimum of three (3) days, before a disposition is made instead of ten (10) days. This change will help the animal shelter to save money. Dog bite animals will stay at 10 days and is State law. The rest of the original ordinance stays in effect as is. Larry made the motion to accept the Ordinance amendment, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. (See attachment “A” O-C-16-4)

COMMISSIONERS BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2017

Commissioner President Randy said he worked on 2017 budgets with Administrator Teresa Kanneberg and Auditor Pam Goffinet. The budgets are:

- Commissioners \$ 1,873,224
- Animal Shelter \$ 30,000
- Courthouse \$ 147,952

He commented that the budgets were higher than in 2016 due to COIT items being moved to County General with an increase of \$900,000. This is because the State rescinded having COIT money separately with its own budget and now is to be moved back into County General along with the line items that were requested before. Other changes are \$10,000 increase in Animal Shelter and requesting \$250,000 in Ambulance Service. He stated that last year they requested \$149,000 in Ambulance Service and was dropped to \$25,000. Randy said they have met with Perry County Hospital about the ambulance crews. There were four options given, but they are looking at option number three for 2 full time crews and no call crew with an amount of \$214,000. They are asking for extra in case needed. They all want to stay away from call because of the work load. They hope this helps to get employees. Randy also commented that they would like to do option four for 2 full time crews and one 12 hour crew and no call crew which would fix things but it has a higher price tag. They hope to work toward this. He informed the public there that this is a step in the right direction, one crew would be at the Hospital and one at the North Station. This would benefit the whole County. Larry made the motion to approve the 2017 budget requests of the Commissioners, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – PUBLIC SAFETY TAX (PST)

The Commissioners put in an additional appropriation request of \$80,000 for EMS out of the Public Safety Tax. A question from the public was why wasn't the Jail and EMS done together for a request. Randy stated that there were funds for one item, not two and the Council has passed the Jail positions from PST. He also informed the public that Steve Hauser, EMA Director, has come up with an idea for the last four months of 2016 working toward option three for the EMS. Randy said they have worked with Brian Minton, EMS Director, and Steve Berkhouse, Financial Service Officer, to come up with a figure of \$80,000 to get started September 1 if approved by the Council at their August 25th meeting. Randy thanked the Hospital for getting numbers together and working together to make this happen. Bill made the motion to request the additional appropriation of \$80,000 for Ambulance Service from the Public Safety Tax fund, seconded by Larry. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW NAME FOR THE FORMER TELL CITY ARMORY

The Commissioners were given a list of possible names for the former Armory building to look over. One thing is that they want to keep the history of the Armory name in the title. Larry made the motion to name the facility the Perry County Armory Annex, the second was made by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

CSI SOFTWARE SUPPORT – CIRCUIT COURT AND CLERK – TERMINATION LETTER

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg presented the Commissioners with a letter to notify CSI – Computer Systems, Inc that Perry County will be terminating its agreement with them beginning January 1, 2017. Perry County Court Offices have started using the Odyssey system with the State on July 18, 2016. Law mandates that all Counties go to this new program. With this new program there is no cost to the County. Teresa also explained that according to the current contract, we must provide at least a 90-day notice of expiration of the agreement. Bill made the motion to send in the termination letter, seconded by Larry. Motion carried 3-0. President Randy is the only signature needed on the letter.

TRANSFERS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, presented the Commissioners with a couple of transfers to go before the Council at their August meeting. The first one is from the Cumulative Bridge fund to transfer \$50,000.00 from Rental of Equipment to Culverts. This is to replace bridges 63 & 64 to get them off the inspection list. The second request is out of the Motor Vehicle Highway fund to transfer \$1,000.00 from Repair of Equipment to Office Furniture and Equipment. Steve said this is to update computers and printers from Windows 7. Larry made the motion to approve the transfers, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

SURPLUS ITEMS

Highway Superintendent Steve Howell reported to the Commissioners that the surplus items of trucks and tanks from the June 6th Commissioners meeting have been sold. They are:

- 1988 Chevy pickup Truck - \$186.00
- 1994 Chevy pickup Truck - \$215.00
- 1977 Dodge pickup Truck - \$255.00
- LP tanks - \$1159.00 and \$1000.00

The Commissioners thanked Steve for taking care of this.

MISCELLANEOUS

Steve Hauser, EMA Director, wanted to thank the Commissioners for taking the first steps to solve a problem they have had for many years concerning the Ambulance Service. He stated he respected their positions and the Council's also.

Jim Carter came before the Commissioners with an update on options for an Animal Control Officer or a Animal Handler for the County. He is asking the Commissioner to consider appropriating \$6000.00 extra for an Animal Control Officer which would be a Sheriff Deputy titled this and \$6000.00 for an Animal Handler. Jim informed them that the County needs an Animal Control Officer to get the Ordinance in place working. Sheriff Alan Malone is concerned about the extra liability for the County and when the deputy is out on a call making him come back in for an animal call. Randy said they are looking at finances and fighting to get better services with our EMS. Jim said they need to be looking at a person for the animals. He is asking for the \$12,000.00 instead of \$52,000.00 for a full time Animal Control Officer. He said that the County has been appropriating money for other things such as the septic study in northern part of the County. Steve Goodson from the Audience said that was for Economic Development to bring jobs in. Randy said there would be no decision at this point and respected Jim's passion on this issue.

Teresa announced that the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes approved this 6th day of September, 2016.

Randy Kleaving
President

Bill Amos

Larry R. James

*Minutes prepared by:
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