

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. Commissioners present were President Bill Amos, Vice President Louis Jody Fortwendel and Tom Hauser. A media representative of the *Perry County News* was also present along with County Attorney Chris Goffinet, and County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Jody made a motion to approve claims that were dated February 6, 2011 and payroll that was distributed on January 30, 2012. Tom seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners signed claims dockets in the amounts of \$306,092.80; \$75,791.56 for highway claims; and advances of \$5,100.00, \$4,336.99, \$277,124.36, \$58,158.30 and \$59.95 for a total of \$726,663.96 as presented. In addition, the payroll docket for the January 30th payroll was approved in the amount of \$113,764.21.

MINUTES

The minutes from the meetings of January 3 and 18, 2012, along with minutes from the joint Commissioner and County Council meeting held on January 4, 2012, had been mailed to the commissioners for their review. Tom made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CERTIFICATION - COVERED BRIDGE

County Auditor, Connie Berger, presented the Covered Bridge Certification received from the Auditor of State. The auditor had completed the form certifying that the county has one covered bridge (being the Huffman Mill Bridge) of which the county is entitled to \$925 annually toward the maintenance of the bridge. Jody made a motion to approve the certification, and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0, and the commissioners signed the certification.

2012 VOTING LOCATIONS

In the absence of County Clerk Jean Schulthise, Perry County Auditor Connie Berger presented the 2012 voting places for the Primary Election. They are as follows:

- Anderson Perry County Airport
- Cannelton #1 & #2 Cannelton Library
- Clark #1 & #2 Bristow Community Center
- Derby, Leopold,
Oil and Rono County Garage
- Tell City #1, #2 & #3 VFW, Main Street
- Tell City #4 & #8 Schergens Center
- Tell City #5,#6 & #7 Twilight Towers "High Rise"
- Tobin Eagle's Bluff
- Town of Troy Fire Station
- Troy Twp #1 Hoosier Heights Country Club
- Troy Twp. #2 4-H Fairgrounds

It was stated that the only voting location that changed for 2012 was Anderson Township. Jody made the motion to approve the voting places and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT – MICROVOTE ELECTION

The County Auditor also presented to the commissioners an agreement between Perry County and MicroVote. This agreement is for the election management system software maintenance for the MicroVote Election Management System software. The price remained the same at \$9,500.00 for the year. The County Attorney had reviewed the document and found it to be in proper legal order. Tom made the motion to accept the agreement and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT – HOUSING JUVENILES

Scott Barlag with Cedarbridge Treatment Centers LLC located in Muncie Indiana attended the meeting to give a presentation on the services the youth center can offer to Perry County. Scott stated that he had met with Judge Lucy Goffinet, Auditor, Connie Berger, and County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and discussed Cedarbridge Treatment Center. The center operates and maintains a facility for housing of children ordered detained on a secure basis. They will be responsible for transporting all children ordered detained by the court to and from the center. The cost to Perry County will be \$99.00 a night and the agreement is for 2012 and 2013. It was stated that at the current time Perry County is paying \$140.00 a night to detain children. The way the agreement works is that Perry County has to decide how many bed days they want to prepay. Chris Goffinet stated that he had reviewed the contract and found it to be in proper legal order. After some discussion, Jody made a motion to approve the agreement with Cedarbridge Treatment Centers LLC at a cost of \$99.00 a night and prepay for 500 bed days at a cost of \$49,500.00. Tom seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT

PERRY COUNTY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION: County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, reminded the Commissioners that the hospital has been planning to construct a new facility along Highway 237. (Several Hospital Board members attended the meeting) Financing options at the present time are not the best so they have looked at other options. Rural Development money from the United States Department of Agriculture is available to fund a hospital at a very low interest rate and the loan could be a 40 year loan. He explained that a Hospital Association board had been formed back in the 1970's, but has not had any activity for years. To apply for the funding a hospital association has to be re-established. Chris explained that the hospital association would take title to the building and lease it to the hospital, whose revenue would repay the debt incurred for the construction. Once the debt is eliminated, the association would relinquish ownership to the county. By law the association has to be a 5 member board and stated that the following persons have been recommended: Dave Huber for a one-year term; John Werner a two-year term; Tom McCart a three-year term and Dean Boerste and Bill Goffinet for a four-year term. He explained that quick action was necessary because the federal funding has to be approved and disbursed by the end of the fiscal year which is September 30th. Chris stated that this is not obligating the hospital or the county for anything, and all that is being done is seeking a loan. If the loan is not approved then the hospital will have to try something else. Tom made the motion to approve the Resolution to create a Perry County Hospital Association and appoint Dave Huber, John Werner, Tom McCart, Dean Boerste and Bill Goffinet to the Association. Jody seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0. (See Attachment "B" Resolution No. R-C-12-1)

OLD STATE ROAD 37 ROAD SLIDE

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, presented the commissioners with a Project Coordination Contract between Perry County and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). Chris explained that this federal funding will be used to repair the slide on Old State Road 37. The total estimated cost is \$676,340 of which INDOT will pay 80% and the county will be responsible for 20% of the cost. The work on this section of Old State Road 37 is not expected to take place until sometime in 2013. Jody made the motion to approve the contract with INDOT and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS CERTIFICATE SALE

Chris Goffinet explained that when the county tax sale was held in the fall of 2011 39 parcels did not sell and the commissioners received a lien on these properties. The commissioners can offer these liens at a Commissioners Certificate Sale at a reduced price in hopes that the property will sell. If purchased the purchaser has 120 days to do title work and petition the court for a deed. This will get the property back on the tax roll much faster than if it is sold at a tax sale. The commissioners held a similar sale in 2010 and at that time sold 15 parcel and deeds were issued on 8 of the parcels. In 2010 the commissioners offer the property at a reduced rate of \$50.00 or 10% whichever ever was the highest, and that is what the County Auditor is recommending be done this time. Connie explained that she had spoken with SRI, Inc. and they can hold our sale on April 5, 2012 starting at 10:00 in the Commissioners room of the Courthouse. SRI will charge 15% on

each parcel that is sold. Jody made the motion to offer the 39 parcels at a Commissioners Certificate Sale to be conducted by SIR, Inc. at \$50.00 or 10% whichever amount is the highest. Tom seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0. (See Attachment "A" Resolution No. R-C-12-2)

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH JAIL PROJECT

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, reminded the commissioners that in March 2009 a committee was formed to study the need of a new jail. The committee has now recommended to the commissioners that a new jail should be constructed and it is in the best interest of the county and its residents to proceed with the project. Chris explained that it is the commissioner's responsibility to construct a new jail and the County Council is responsible to find the funding to finance a new jail. Jody made the motion to move forward with the construction of a jail facility and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (See Attachment "C")

PCDC DELEGATE TO ANNUAL PCDC DINNER MEETING

The Commissioners had before them the certificate from Perry County Development Corporation (PCDC) requesting a delegate to represent the Board of County Commissioners at the annual meeting of PCDC to be held in February. Jody made a motion to recommend Tom as the commissioners' delegate to the annual meeting of PCDC, and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

County Auditor, Connie Berger, presented an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$161,301 within the Perry County EDIT Fund for the Contract Payment/PCDC for the year 2012. Connie also presented the commissioners with an additional appropriation in the amount of \$56,482 for Jail Operations which was the amount remaining in 2011 after bond payments had been made from the Community Economic Development fund. Jody made a motion to approve the requests and Tom seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Irvin Rueger along with several other concerned Perry County citizens presented the commissioners with a petition to consider providing an ambulance service out by the county garage. He explained that the taxpayers of east, west, central and northern Perry County would like the commissioners to consider putting an ambulance service out by the county garage. He stated that they deserve to be able to have medical treatment as fast as possible since it takes 20-30 minutes for an ambulance to arrive on the scene. The county garage is centrally located in the county to allow for equal access to all Perry County. He stated that at the next commissioners meeting they should receive more signatures. The commissioners thanked them for attending the meeting and accepted the petition. No action was taken.

Teresa announced that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes approved this 5th day of March, 2012.

Bill Amos, President

Louis J. Fortwendel

Thomas J. Hauser

*Minutes prepared by:
Connie A. Berger, Perry County Auditor*