

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2019**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised. All three commissioners were in attendance: President, Randy Kleaving, Bill Amos and Thomas J Hauser. A representative of the *Perry County News* was present. Also attending the meeting were County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and Sheriff Alan Malone.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PAYROLL

The payroll docket was approved in the amount of \$143,026.70 for the payroll distributed on August 19, 2019. Bill made a motion to approve the docket, and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COMPENSATORY TIME EXCEPTION

Deputy Recorder, Mary Lee Smith, came before the Commissioners to ask for an exception to the new compensatory time policy for Recorder Jane James who was on vacation at the time. She informed them that they would have an employee on FMLA and they want to fulfill the duties of the office and maintain the office as it is. Mary Lee said that only she and Jane are trained for recording during the employee's absence. She wants to be able to earn comp time during lunch when necessary when Jane is also away during this time. A letter was sent to the Commissioners about this request for them to review. Tom asked how many days are you asking for. Mary Lee said possibly two days a month when Jane is on vacation or sick. She said this is only when Jane is away. This was Jane's request to take care of the customers. She also commented that this is something we want to do. Customers take off work to come in at lunch time to take care of their business. The Recorders office was approved for a part time position during the employees absence. Mary Lee said they will only be doing indexing. The Commissioners want to double check with Attorney Chris Goffinet on this. Tom made the motion to table until the next meeting, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION- AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT – ROME COURTHOUSE PROJECT

The Commissioners had before them a Resolution from Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission for the Rome Courthouse that they authorize to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address the completion of a Historic Preservation Study on the Rome Courthouse and to commit the requisite local funds in the amount of \$3500 in the form of funds provided by the Rome Community Center group as matching funds for said program. Attorney Chris Goffinet has reviewed the document and found it to be in order. Tom made the motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. The public hearing for this project is September 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rome Courthouse.

2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Randy commented that there were some changes to increase the Health Insurance amount to 17% overall increase for the year 2020 from the 2019 amount to help with preliminary figures made for next year in the Highway Budget. It increased the amount budgeted from \$259,092 to \$313,320. Randy also commented that 17% increase was not out of the way on cost increase after he talked with other counties. Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, informed the Commissioners that they will have around \$50,000.00 left in the Health Insurance line from this year and want to use those funds for next year instead of putting the increase in the budget for next year. Tom stated that the Highway needs to pay their share also. Steve said if we don't use the extra budgeted, we will ask for an additional appropriation. Randy said that the last two years we have had an idea on what to base the budgets on and we didn't have that before. Steve commented that the way the budgets are, we need to save where we can. Randy also said we have been trying to hold on and not increase the employee amounts. We have been informed that the employees should pay more than what they do, but we won't as long as we can. There was much more discussion on whether to leave the Highway with the increase in Health Insurance or to use extra they will have this year for next year. Tom made the motion to leave the Health Insurance as the Highway Department turned in with the amount of \$259,092, and roll over the \$50,000 from the 2019 appropriations

and come back with more once the Commissioners see what the other funds put in. Randy made the second to the motion. Motion carried 2-1 with Bill voting against.

Randy said they want to be fair across the board. As far as the LIT-Public Safety budget, we are going to let the Council do the cuts as they see fit. Also for the Health Insurance in the Commissioners budget, we want to keep at the 17% increase until we know the actual quotes from the insurance company which is budgeted at \$933,209. Tom made the motion for the Commissioners budget, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Perry County Airport Authority: County Administrator Teresa Kanneberg announced that she received a letter from Gary Gebhard asking to be reappointed to the Perry County Airport Authority Board. No other letters were submitted. His term ended on June 30, 2019. Tom made the motion to reappoint Gary Gebhard to another 4 year term on the board. Bill seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

Redevelopment Authority: Teresa informed the Commissioners that she received two letters for the positions on the Redevelopment Authority that are vacant from Louis Heitkemper who passed away and the resignation of Margaret Evrard. John Oberhausen and Patrick Clark are the only two who responded for the remaining three year term on the board that will end in 2021. Tom made the motion to appoint John Oberhausen and Patrick Clark, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Perry County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees: Teresa also announced that there will be two positions coming up for appointments that will term on September 30, 2019 that are four year terms. There are certain requirements for these positions such as these are Republican positions. She told the Commissioners that she received a recommendation letter from Brian Herwig with the PCMH to reappoint JB Land and Tim Harding. Tom said we need to give six week notice for the board appointments like we have before. We could wait until the second meeting in September to make the appointments. Commissioners all agreed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Randy commented that he signed a letter as President of the Commissioners to give authority to Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission to apply for a grant through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for the demolition and clearance of the former Perry County Courthouse Annex Building located in Cannelton, IN. They also gave representatives from Indiana 15 the authority to complete the environment review for this project. Tom made the motion to ratify the approval to give the authority to Indiana 15 to get started on this project, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Teresa announced that the next regular meeting of the Commissioners will be on Monday, September 9, 2019 instead of September 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The change is because Randy will be out of town.

The meeting ended in open session at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes approved this 17th day of September, 2019.

Randy Kleaving,
President

Bill Amos

Thomas J Hauser

*Minutes prepared by:
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