

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. President Thomas J Hauser, Randy Kleaving and Bill Amos were in attendance. Also present for the meeting were County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, and County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg. A news representative was also in attendance and so was Sheriff Alan Malone.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Randy made a motion to approve claims dated for September 8, 2020 and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The claims dockets were approved in the amounts of \$392,670.40 plus \$85.00 for County General; \$1,214,948.41 for Highway claims; and advance of \$1,935.98, \$282,966.17, \$14,205.90 and \$70,800.00 for a total of \$1,977,611.86.

Bill made the motion to approve the payroll dated August 31, 2020 in the amount of \$145,998.61 and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Jim Carter came before the Commissioners as a concerned citizen and not representing the Humane Society to talk about the animal shelter. He went over the last few actions of the Commissioners concerning the shelter as to how and whose hands the building is under now. Jim was informing them of the renter in the building, First Class Trucking, that they pay \$1600.00 a month and if the County takes over the building, he would like for them to continue with the rental. He said this brings in \$14,400 for the year which had been given to the Animal Shelter Board. Jim said the cost to operate the shelter is around \$500.00. He would like the remaining funds to go to the County. Jim said he would also like to see the contract with the Shelter Board go and the County take over the assets. And no one other than Herbie Landers to run it. If the County Commissioners would appropriate the \$35,000.00 for next year, the building could be used to impound animals that need to be quarantined and not as a shelter. Jim's proposal is for no animal shelter, think as a building for animal control at no cost to the County. We need an ordinance in place.

Randy mentioned that the roof has been fixed a couple of months ago and waiting on them to meet with Attorney Chris Goffinet. Chris said the building is done and they are trying to set up a meeting. Tom commented that the Commissioners did put the \$35,000.00 in the budget but it is up to the Council to approve it. Jim said he would like for the County to get started on this. Randy stated that if the County gives the building to the animal shelter then it frees them from it. Tom said hopefully we will know something on who is getting it before budget time. Randy said he would like to see the other entities, City of Tell City, City of Cannelton and the Town of Troy to come up with their part of the funding.

Herbie Landers spoke up saying the County has no say so until the building is turned over to them, then they can turn the building over to a board for the care of animals. ITV will do a contract with the County for one year and then discuss where they are at. Councilman Charles Baumeister said the building has to be used for animal shelter purposes and the money too. Herbie said he feels we are closer than we have been.

ORDINANCE – PROHIBITING PLACING INJURIOUS MATERIAL UPON HIGHWAYS

Attorney Chris Goffinet read the ordinance to the public in its entirety. This ordinance prohibits anyone to throw glass clippings, nails, bottles, snow and more knowingly upon any part of highway, lane, road, street, or alley. Any person in violation of this ordinance, shall be deemed not less than \$50.00 for first offense, not less than \$100.00 for second offense, and not less than \$200.00 for all subsequent offenses with the fine going to County General fund. No fine for any individual offense shall exceed \$2,500.00 plus costs and attorney's fees where a judgement has been entered. This ordinance does not include the City of Tell City because they have their own ordinance. Sheriff Malone is in favor of this because there have been numerous accidents for motorcycles because of grass. This ordinance also is only for County Highways and no State Highways. This also applies to the County Highway Department to follow the guidelines. Bill made the motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0. (See Attachment "A" O-C-20-5)

CARES ACT FUNDING

Tom said the new ambulance is in. It was bought with CARES ACT money because of the engine being down. We need to declare the old one surplus. It also cannot be remounted.

County Attorney Chris Goffinet said we need specific information to declare surplus. Tom said he will have the information for the next meeting. He commented that all expenses for the CARES ACT turned into the State have been reimbursed. Tom said the Highway Department has asked for three computers to be able to operate remotely if need to. They are looking at the kind they can unplug and take home, take phones home and continue to operate. Also looking at a laptop to do the Pacer program for the roads. The total amount with labor is \$8,456.50. Tom said this has been preapproved by the State. Randy made the motion to approve, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

MEETING CHANGED

Teresa informed the Commissioners that the meeting on the third Tuesday of September is September 15, 2020 and not September 22, 2020 as it is on the meeting calendar. She has already updated the website.

TAX DEFERRAL

Attorney Chris Goffinet brought up the tax deferral that President Trump is talking about that employers can do to defer certain taxes for the rest of the year. It is the Commissioners decision whether the County should do this or not for the employees of the County. If we do decide to do it, it is not a forgiven deferral. The employees will have to make the difference up between January and April of 2021. It is a risk for the County if an employee leaves because the County will have to still make their part up. There are a lot of Counites opting not to do the deferral. Tom said there was no work stoppage for our employees, so there was no hardship for them. Randy commented that this could make a hardship on them for next year on making it up. Randy made the motion not to do the deferral, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Commissioners signed the Recommendation for Salaries to the County Council. The Auditor's office had to prepare the form after they made the decision for no increase for next year.

Coroner Warren Taylor asked the Commissioners about putting up a sign on 33rd Street and Tell Street directing where the Coroner's office is at. Individuals come through the front where the Health Department is located. Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, said the sign can be made at the garage otherwise one will have to be ordered. Randy said one needs to be on the door also. Warren said it will have a star on it to identify the office. Warren said he will work with Steve and call the City of Tell City to get permission to put a sign up.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, said the bridge at Doolittle Mills will be started on Monday. It was delayed because of a water line. The road will be closed for 60 days.

Teresa announced that the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 20 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes approved this 20th day of October, 2020.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

Bill Amos

*Minutes prepared by:
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