

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. President Randy Kleaving, Thomas J Hauser, 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

Tom made a motion to approve claims dated for September 3, 2019 and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The claims dockets were approved in the amounts of \$324,358.09 for County General; \$115,561.00 for Highway claims; and advance of \$4,917.76, \$233.03, \$26,618.95 and \$1,861.99 for a total of \$473,550.82.

Bill made the motion to approve the payroll dated August 30, 2019 in the amount of \$143,320.47 and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENTS

Alvin Evans with the Perry County Development Corporation presented an affidavit to authorize Old National Bank to make certain payments from a Construction Fund established by the Trustee Indenture dated December 1, 2014, and the Second Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of November 1, 2016, between the County and the Trustee. Alvin explained that these invoices will be paid from bond proceeds and that the projects were already approved by the Redevelopment Commission. The invoices for payment are: Exhibit A - \$48,018.75 to Perry County Treasurer for Lochmueller Group for construction engineering on Switzer Road; Exhibit B - \$431,776.04 to Perry County Port Authority for Project #8, Tell City River Port Transload Improvements; \$145,537.50 to Perry County Port Authority for Project #6, Tell City Industrial Park at Troy-Transload Improvements; Exhibit C - \$8,013.75 to Perry County Development Corporation for Project #5h, Tell City Industrial Park Road Improvements and \$3,884.40 to Perry County Development Corporation for Project #3c, Riverview Industrial Park Water Tower Access Road Improvements. Bill made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 3-0.

Alvin commented to the Commissioners that they will need to vacate Squirrel Road to First driveway to left going to Troy. He said this property is owned by Edward Foury and Northern Perry County. Attorney Chris Goffinet will prepare the petition to vacate and give notice to Edward Foury and Northern Perry County and have a public hearing.

LIBERTY NATIONAL INSURANCE

Stephanie with Liberty National Insurance came before the Commissioners asking if they can introduce their other products such as cancer, accident, and intensive care insurances they offer to County employees. We now have AFLAC, American Family Life Assurance Co, offering these same insurances to employees. Liberty National currently offers a separate life insurance policy to employees. She said the policies would be effective immediately and there is no certain number of employees that have to enroll to offer the benefits. Stephanie did say that she will have to meet with all employees and will need to work out a schedule with the payroll department. Tom made the motion to allow Liberty National to talk with the employees on their other benefits, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 2-1 with Bill voting against.

AUDIO SYSTEM – SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Alan Malone informed the Commissioners about needing an audio system security upgrade. Sheriff says that when you push the intercom or when an officer talks to an inmate, others want to listen. Our current company will not continue to support the system anymore. He said it is important to protect the staff. The new quote is for \$4,785.00. Sheriff Malone would like to take it from the LIT-Special Legislation fund as an upgrade to the jail. Bill made the motion to approve the new system, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 3-0.

COMPENSATORY TIME EXCEPTION – RECORDER OFFICE

Recorder Jane James appeared before the Commissioners requesting an exception to the new compensatory rules the Commissioners passed this year. She went on to say that she has an employee that will be out on FMLA leave for approximately twelve weeks and when she is out of the office for vacation or appointments, it will only leave one in the office plus the part time some

days. Jane said she is asking on those days for her deputy to work thru her lunch hour for compensatory time. Tom spoke up saying that we just made the policy and now you want an exception. Jane commented that the Commissioners said they would work with the offices when needed. Tom said if work over the lunch hour, then the employee needs to take an extra hour off the next day. Bill said to move lunch hours around. Jane said she is probably looking at five to ten days in total while the employee is on FMLA leave. Tom made the motion that if stay in at lunch to work, take the extra hour off the next day. Bill made the second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE REVIEW OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Randy spoke up saying that at the last meeting there was discussion about funds carrying over any extra funding they have in health insurance at the end of the year. He commented that he looked at every fund putting in their fair share. Randy said he needs to meet with David and Luke from the Council on the figures where the Highway is on their funding for the health insurance. Tom commented that the additional percent put on for the Highway went on the total for the year and not what was budgeted. He said you can't look at the Highway budget the same as others. It was said that a policy needs to be developed on how to add the extra percentage on in the future. Kelli Harding from the public spoke up asking if the Commissioners have looked at self-funded versus fully funded plans. She said that the two boards, Council and Commissioners, need to cut off having insurance. She said she called State and it is not mandated for the two boards to have insurance coverage. Tom said they are all elected officials and that is what our policy says for allowing coverage. Randy said that they may need to look at fully funded insurances again.

ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE

Randy commented that Attorney Chris Goffinet and he met with the current Animal Shelter board. Chris read a letter that was prepared by the board saying that they have determined to cease operations at the animal shelter as of November 30, 2019, and to dissolve the corporation. The purpose of the letter is to advise the Commissioners of their actions and to give them the opportunity to determine the future of the Perry County Animal Shelter. Upon the cessation of their operations, they intend to transfer their assets to Perry County in a fashion to be determined by further discussions between their corporation and the Board of Commissioners. They also said that they take these actions reluctantly as they have put in significant time and effort in managing the animal shelter.

Randy said they did a fantastic job with the animals. He also said to the public that as the President of the Commissioners, they have no plan right now and they cannot spend a dime without the Council. The money that is turned over will be kept separate. The County was not involved in any of this before. Jim Carter spoke up saying that the Humane Society gave the shelter \$20,000 and the County gave them money as well, so we have a skin in the game. He said they want to see someone operate the shelter and also the intentions of the County. Attorney Goffinet commented that the other two Commissioners just found out about this as did the public. Chris told Jim that this is what the County is trying to figure out as to what to do with the animals. He said they want to cease organization but not hand it over to another organization. Jim Carter replied that a new board needs to be formed for the animal shelter. A board of people who know what it is. Tom said that he hopes the Humane Society will be involved in the future. Randy then asked if the Humane Society would take the shelter over. Chris VanNote spoke up saying that they don't trust the committee. They need their Articles of Corporation and their By-laws. She also asked about the renter that is there. Attorney Goffinet said the building goes to the County. There was lots of discussion between the public and the Commissioners. Bill commented saying that 95% of the problem of the animals is in the city. The County pays more and expect the Sheriff to get the animal and not a city officer.

Attorney Chris Goffinet said he prepared and read a resolution thanking the Animal Shelter for their years of service and for the care provided over the years to the animals which needed the services of the shelter. Tom made the motion to approve and sign the resolution, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. (See Attachment "A" Resolution R-C-19-3)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND – 2018 COLLECTIONS

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg informed the Commissioners that she had an additional appropriation for the Drug Free Community Fund for \$3,655.11 to Prevention and Education, \$3,655.11 to Treatment and Intervention, \$3,655.11 to Law Enforcement Justice and \$3,655.12 to Administrative. These are the fees, total of \$14,620.45, that were collected in 2018 from Court fees of Alcohol and Drug charges. Per IC 5-2-11-5, a county drug free community fund is established to promote comprehensive local alcohol and drug abuse prevention initiatives. 25% of funds collected are used to provide services in each of the first 3 listed areas above and remaining 25% is to provide services and activities under each of those 3 subdivisions. The

Substance Abuse Committee will use this money to give out awards to agencies that is done annually. Bill made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 3-0.

Teresa announced that the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes approved this 19th day of November, 2019.

Randy Kleaving
President

Bill Amos

Thomas Hauser

*Minutes prepared by:
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