

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised. Commissioners attending the meeting were President Thomas J Hauser, Randy Kleaving and Gregg Jarboe. County Administrator Teresa Kanneberg, County Attorney Chris Goffinet and Sheriff Alan Malone were also in attendance. A *news representative* was also there.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom stated that if there are any concerns from the public, anyone who wants to speak, please come to the podium and identify yourself so the viewers can hear.

AGENDA

Randy made the motion to approve the agenda with the amendment of adding the Treasurer’s agreement, Auditor claims, affidavit with Alvin, and Cindy Taylor about Knowink (e-poll books), seconded by Gregg. Motion carried 3-0.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENT - PCDC

Alvin Evans with the Perry County Development Corporation presented the Commissioners with an affidavit to authorize Old National Bank to make certain payments from a Construction Fund established by the Trust Indenture dated December 1, 2014, and the Third Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of April 28, 2021, between the County and the Trustee. It was 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 - \$8,800.00 to be paid to the Perry County Development Corporation for Project 2, Riverview Stream Mitigation, RES Kentucky LLC, Task #8, Annual Mitigation Monitoring, NativeScapes Invasive Species Treatment 2021 Completion. This will be paid from 2021 Bond from TIF #3. Randy made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Gregg. Motion carried 3-0.

Alvin gave the Commissioners an update on the READI program. He said they are presenting this on November 29th in Indianapolis at the IADC office. He said hopefully we will hear something before the end of the year.

AGREEMENT – AMERICAN FINANCIAL CREDIT SERVICES – TREASURER

The Commissioners had before them the contract with AFC and the Treasurer for looking into property owners personal property that has not been paid. They shall collect on delinquent personal property tax accounts. Treasurer Amanda Lasher was in attendance if they had any questions. Gregg said he read over the agreement and was fine with it. Gregg made the motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

The payroll docket were approved in the amount of \$146,826.96 for the payroll distributed on November 15, 2021, Assessor extra pay \$3,500.00 and Health Department Overtime of \$3,493.84. Gregg made the motion to approve the payrolls, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0. Claim dockets were approved in the amounts of \$164,599.22 for payroll benefits by Randy, seconded by Gregg. Motion carried 3-0. This is a new requirement to do by the State Board of Accounts from our recent audit.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meetings of September 2, 2021 Public Hearing and September 21, 2021 were mailed to the Commissioners for their review. Gregg made the motion to approve all the minutes with an amendment to the September 21st regular meeting with a statement he wanted to clear up. Randy made the second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SOFTWARE CONTRACTS – LOW ASSOCIATES – AUDITOR & TREASURER

Auditor Pam Goffinet said these contracts with LOW Associates, vendor for Auditor and Treasurer on tax, financial and payroll systems, have been mailed to County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, for his review. He found them to be in order. Gregg had some questions and the vendor answered all of them. Auditor Goffinet said the Council is working on the funding and they assured her the funding would be there. Just don't know if they are going toward County money or ARP money through the governments loss revenue. Tom said we can pass this with the contingency that it is approved by the Council. Gregg said with two contingencies. The first one is approved by the Council and the second one if funds from the ARP are to be used that it is approved by the ARP committee. He said that is why we have that committee is to approve things. Tom said it has to be approved by the Council and the Commissioners. Gregg made the motion to approve with the two contingencies, Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Auditor Goffinet thanked the Commissioners on behalf of her office and the Treasurer's office because the systems we have now we have had since 1989. There is no way to grow or improve or anything with our current system. We now have to do updates manually, this will be taken care of with the new system. There will be a lot of time saving and quality of work being done.

KNOWINK

Cindy Taylor came before the Commissioners to talk about Knowink or any other program, an e-poll book for elections. She said this has never been mentioned in a Commissioners meeting before and that is disappointing that it wasn't brought before the people. She said with all the problems of the election last year, why would you want to do this this year. She understands there is no regulation at all on e-books. Why can't we wait until regulations are put in place for these books. Cindy asked who is responsible for the security, she is assuming we are? She says the state pays now and who pays after that? What kind of firewalls do we have to secure them? Are these connected to the voting machines in any way? She said now they have to physically hit the button on what we need to vote on the machine. Is that going to be able to be done from this e-poll book? This is a concern to her. Then that is going to take a cable or wireless to do that and that is illegal. You cannot in any way have that online if it is hooked to the internet. Gregg said so basically the concern is there a link between the book and voting machine. She asked if we are getting enough pads for each district. One district does not have broadband internet connection, what is the County going to do with that? She said she was disappointed that the poll of the people was not taken before this was done. She said you can get a list of problems that took place in 2020 and in 2021. Tom said the election is the responsibility of the Clerks office. It is not the job of the Commissioners to bring it to the Clerk, it is the Clerk to bring it to the Commissioners. That is the process. The Clerk brought this to the Commissioners at the last meeting. We didn't approve anything, they are waiting for more information. He said this is the beginning of the process. Gregg said the agenda is written in the affirmative. Tom said he doesn't know if there is a vote today. The Commissioners have reviewed the agreement. Gregg said this was started last year with the Council. Tom commented that the cost was very high and we didn't have the funding so it died for lack of funding. There was no agreement brought to the Commissioners at that time. He said Clerk Rachel Roark brought it up again now when a grant was given. She will explain things when it is her turn to talk. Gregg said he had some similar questions as Cindy has especially the part of the security. Rachel said they do run a public test before each election.

AGREEMENT – KNOWINK E-POLL BOOKS

Clerk Rachel Roark said she sent a copy of the agreement to the Commissioners and to County Attorney Chris Goffinet for review. Chris said he was okay with it and saw no problems with it. Rachel gave a quick background. She said first these poll books are being given to us at no initial charge by the Secretary of the States office. A lot of this stems from the past election and voter fraud that came across the whole country. She said not in Perry County. There are 19 counties in the state of Indiana that still use the paper for poll books with Perry County being one of them. The state is trying to push all the counties into the 21st century. They believe this will be better and more precise and more secure equipment as we move forward. Perry County will receive 21 poll pads, which is an estimate of \$66,000 that we are getting for free. We will never have to pay for them. We will have to budget for maintenance and service fees of \$3,150 starting in 2023. Rachel said it is a process to use the poll books. The Clerk of Dubois County, Amy Kippenbrock, brought a poll book to show how they work. Rachel said she knows

there is a main concern of voter fraud but she was told by Steve Shammo that these poll books have the same security platform that the Department of Defense uses. She said she feels 100% confident in the security behind these books. They will be easier to use, less time consuming and moving the line faster. These poll pads do scan your state issued ID (drivers license, passport, state college ID) and we don't have to search through the poll book to try and find the name. There won't be an issue of pulling the wrong names anymore. You have to have some a form of ID to vote, to check in. This is nothing new. Amy said the epoll books are updated immediately. They will tell you if that person has already voted. It is less for human error.

There are 73 counties jealous of the 19 getting these books for free. The cost of the maintenance outweighs the rest. There are so many pluses for this. Former Clerk, Mandi Mogan, looked into this but it was the cost then. Rachel said change is hard. She said she reached out to other Clerks to get more information on this. She said the states goal is to get all counties on these books. Tom said the security is one of the main advantages of going with this. It also has to be connected to the internet. Randy reiterated that these are not connected to the voting machines. Rachel said she does have a paper trail on the machines and have to keep them for a number of years. Amy said the electronic poll pad is downloaded with the same poll list through a secure and certified system so the device is certified. V-Stop is a third party company that works for the Secretary of States office and they certify all the election equipment, this being part of that process. The app used on the equipment is also certified. Amy went on to explain other aspects of the books and the good about them. Gregg asked about the internet connection, does it require any specific firewalls associated with it. Amy said it would be whatever your county uses. He asked if it is a one time download and then it can go off into non-internet world and actually work and do its job. Amy said yes. It was said it doesn't have to be connected to the internet on voting day as long as the app is downloaded before go there. Randy said that would help on a site that doesn't have internet connection such as Bristow. Amy said she recommends it to be connected, it connects to a site called epulse, to be able to see the lists of voter turnout. Gregg said his difficulty is one that we don't have internet at multiple sites and two is if we don't have control over what their firewalls are in those poll sites. He went over several scenarios. Amy went over these things to show how the poll books work for the good of this. Rachel said that Steve Shammo said he would answer the more technical questions. Tom said we add a firewall. Gregg said if it is not required, why would we connect to the internet that day. Tom said we could make a policy unless on the Courthouse firewall, that we are not connected to the internet. Gregg asked what if the app goes down. Amy said you will call the vendor and they will load remotely new version. She said you should have more than 1 pad at each location. It was asked about doing public training before voting time. Randy said to talk with Steve to do before the end of the year. Gregg said since he does IT, he just wanted to make sure on things. Rachel said they do testing 2 weeks before early voting. Amy said poll workers are a good way to educate the public. Gregg made the motion to table this agreement until public demo, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

LIGHTING AUDIT AT DETENTION CENTER

Attending the meeting is Wayne Burrell with Future Energy Solutions, a lighting manufacturing and service company. He said they serve 2500 sites in 40 states from several clients such as automotive, education, and municipalities.

Wayne said besides productivity, it is about the security and safety of the staff, visitors and inmates there. Ultimately the goal is to reduce overall liability exposure. He spoke with Sheriff Malone and his staff on their lighting challenges. The facility's infrastructure has old technology (fluorescent bulbs, ballasts and metal halides) and harder to maintain. With this older technology you pay a higher cost of energy and maintenance. He said there are options:

1. Continue with the old technology
2. Buy new fixtures
3. Find a program that works

He said they had a no commitment, no obligation audit done three weeks ago of all the facility. Wayne said he wanted to share those results. With the audit, they took inventory of all the light fixtures that were there. They were able to capture what the current rate of energy paid to the power company by the facility and take inventory of all the burning hours for the lights. From that, they were able to figure out exactly what the jail is currently paying for lighting. With that, he said they currently fund and maintain all the sites they service meaning that because the site has qualified for our program, FES

will come in and provide the lighting fixtures at zero capital cost to the county. They will also install the lights at zero capital cost to the county. They are proposing to use local contractors so as to keep all the funding within the county. If the project is approved, they will engage with Casey Electric or Weyer Electric. We also have our own contractor who is based in Indianapolis. He said they would also maintain the lighting facility for fifteen years for parts and 100% labor. He said what makes them unique is they are the only company in the United States that will fund and maintain a lighting system for 15 years on parts and labor.

Wayne said the way they get compensated back is from the savings and from the savings only that we generate which is the reason why we did the audit. They had to ensure they were able to generate savings from the project so they get compensated. The County doesn't write a check and the compensation back to FES is not a new budget the county needs to account for back to us. Over and above the compensation back to FES, is not all the savings, we actually give the county back a portion of the savings. So the savings that is captured, FES recoups 75% and on day one, the county gets to retain 25% of those savings. In addition to that, all future maintenance obligations that the county has been experiencing since the inception of the facility now goes away because that obligation and burden shifts to FES. Wayne said from the audit, the county is projected to save over \$130,000 throughout the lifetime of the term and that is without buying anything up front. He said they have done this with other county jails. Gregg commented that they did this in the school with a contract and in house. Gregg asked several questions and one is if the savings is checked. Wayne said yes it is. He said after one month verification, it is fixed thereafter. Randy asked once the county gets the savings, the county cuts FES a check every month. Wayne said once approved, then they will do a hard audit for both of their protection. Administrator Teresa Kanneberg asked how many light fixtures replacing. There are 474 light fixtures. The county has the option to hold onto them, get rid of or use somewhere else. Tom asked about any future expansion. Wayne said to ask for lighting schedule and we add it to the contract. Cindy Taylor asked who pays the local contractor. Wayne said FES does and gets reimbursed through the cost savings. If the customer changes out bulbs, he invoices the company himself. Gregg said he would like to see the audit report and do we as Commissioners need to bid this. Tom said this is a professional service. He will have Chris to look at. Wayne said again their biggest difference is for 15 years and no cost.

ROAD – CATBIRD IN CLARK TOWNSHIP

Paul Brockman came before the Commissioners about Catbird Road which becomes Chickadee Road and then goes to Ferdinand Forest Road. He said he is building a house there and there are also some other residents on this road. He is asking the Commissioners down the road to consider chip and sealing or black topping this road. Paul talked with Superintendent Steve Howell and he said they have a lot of gravel roads in Perry County. Tom said they have about 250 miles of gravel road and it cost between \$90,000 and \$100,000 a mile to black top. Tom said he wished the county could black top all the roads. Steve commented that they have 239.19 miles of gravel and it cost \$110,000 now a mile to black top. He said they have a county road assessment that they go by. The Community Crossings grant has no gravel roads on these grants because they won't get awarded is what he was told from other counties. Steve said we have LIT money of four to seven hundred thousand of our own money to use for paving, but with \$110,000 a mile that doesn't go far. You also have to check and replace culverts if you are going to do a gravel road and put a base down to black top. There is no need to put pavement down if you don't have a decent base. Steve counted the residents on this road and there is 3.54 miles of road. Other areas that they have done have a lot more residents living there. He said it is hard to spend the money when there isn't a lot of residents for the usage of the road. That is something they have to look at. Steve also said he doesn't have a traffic count on this road either. Paul just said he is asking for consideration. Tom said the maintenance of a gravel road is less compared to a paved road. A paved road has to be repaved every 5 to 10 years depending on the traffic. He said after an analysis that was done it costs 5 to 10 times more to maintain paved road to gravel road which eats up a lot of years of gravel and grading.

ANIMAL CONTROL SUPPLIES

Herbie Landers said he had three items to bring before the Commissioners:

- I. Cannelton Cats Confiscated under Warrant – The animal board assisted the Cannelton Police department. Cats were captured and

rescued from an abandoned residence in Cannelton. The animal board got assistance from the Pet Services of Indiana or the bill would have been higher. An invoice was turned in for \$416.91 to handle an incident with abandoned animals. Herbie wants to pay this out of the budgeted \$5,000. Administrator Teresa Kanneberg said he needed to bring this invoice to them to reimburse him. Tom said to keep transparency he preferred to do it this way. Gregg commented on the work Herbie has been doing. Randy questioned what funds do we pull this out of. Tom asked about the budgeted \$5,000 in the Commissioners budget. Auditor Pam Goffinet said that amount was budgeted for education purposes. That was the way the letter was submitted to the Council. Tom said he didn't think they needed to reappropriate the money, maybe just redirect it. Gregg said he wanted to make sure it came out of the right fund. There was more discussion on this between every one of the different funds available to possibly pay out of. Gregg said he would rather not touch the \$40,000 that was left from the previous shelter board because it will go into the next year if not used. Pam explained how the \$35,000 was set up and to pay the bills, they would need to transfer from the animal shelter contract line item to a new line item. Gregg said the intention of the \$35,000 was to take care of animal issues. Gregg also said we need to keep in mind to pay Harrison County over the next month and a half. We could label the new line-item animal control services to cover all.

2. Budget – The Perry County Animal Welfare, Control & Education board are asking the Commissioners to consider using the remaining funds in 2021 budget to purchase equipment to help protect the officers when they respond to animal calls in the towns and county. The startup cost would be \$4,396.33.
3. Supplies – The board provided prices and input for outdoor supplies for the shelter outdoor pens. This amount would be \$1,452.31.

Gregg made the motion to approve \$15,000 for Animal Control Services as a transfer from the Animal Shelter Contract line item in County General to cover the invoice and cost presented. Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ANIMAL SHELTER, ANIMAL CONTROL

Jim Carter came before the Commissioners and gave them a history about the animal control ordinance, animal shelter and the dog tax. He commented that as of now, we have no operating shelter, no animal control officer and deleted portion of the ordinance from 2011. Jim said in May of this year, Tom offered anyone to come up with a plan to operate the facility. He said this is what he is doing. He stated he can open the shelter and have an officer for half the cost. The only offer that was given was by Herbie Landers of \$70,000. Herbie said this was no offer, it was the budgeted amount from the different entities. Tom said no one actually has proposed just a budget. It was said that you will need \$158,000 to run the shelter. Jim's proposal was for \$82,506 for the shelter and the officer. He also said you can lower the pay for the officer and if he stays there, he also could become the manager. He said you also want to add in security system for around \$7,000 and training programs for \$5,000. Jim went on with a lot more discussion on this.

Jim sent out letters on getting an officer. He would like to have an Indiana person. He asked the Commissioners to think about his plan. Auditor Goffinet questioned the County's cost besides Health Insurance if all was figured in to make sure all are aware of this. Tom asked Jim to put his figures and budget into a spreadsheet to give to the Commissioners to review. Gregg said he appreciated the work Jim put into this. He wants to see it on paper and the services provided. Still need to get a vet to spay and neuter the animals. Tom said there have been active efforts on this search. There was more discussion on this between both parties.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg presented the Commissioners with several different transfers that her and Pam got together to see where they are at year end. One was to move \$21,064.00 for Liability Insurance from several different line items in County General from the Commissioners budget. The expenses were exceeding the

budget and this will bring it back to zero. The next one was for \$3,600 from Courthouse Utilities to Janitorial Cleaning Supplies and Janitorial Services in County General from the Courthouse budget for more stock and extra carpet cleaning. The third transfer was for \$73.00 from Copy Machine Maintenance to Codification of Ordinances in the Cumulative Capital Development fund. The last one is \$25,000 from Ambulance Lease to Ambulance Service in the LIT-Public Safety fund from the Commissioners budget. This is to cover the last months of losses. Randy made the motion to approve the transfers, seconded by Gregg. Motion carried 3-0.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Teresa read off the board appointments that the Commissioners need to fill beginning January 1, 2022 for several boards and internal positions that need filled. It was decided to do the appointments at their first meeting in January 2022.

Clerk Rachel Roark informed the Commissioners that Steve Shamoo from the Election board can be here at the December 2, 2021 meeting at any time to demonstrate the e-poll books that were talked about. It was decided to have the demonstration at 5:00 p.m. on that day.

Teresa announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, December 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes approved this 7th day of February, 2022.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

Gregg Jarboe

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