

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES – DECEMBER 21, 2021**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners convened at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised. Commissioners in attendance were President Thomas J Hauser and Randy Kleaving. A media representative from the Perry County News was present along with County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and Sheriff Alan Malone. Attorney Chris Goffinet was not present for the meeting.

**AGENDA:**

There were a couple of items to be added to the agenda:

1. Amendment to Bridge Inspection Contract
2. Claim and Allowance docket for Payroll Benefits

Randy made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

**PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:**

Randy made the motion to approve the payroll distributed to county employees on December 6, 2021 in the amount of \$145,480.45, Holiday Pay in the amount of \$20,349.52 and Comp Time for Health Department in the amount of \$4,081.18, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0. Randy made the motion to approve the docket for Payroll Benefits in the amount of \$253,290.65. Tom made the second. Motion carried 2-0.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2022**

Auditor Pam Goffinet presented the Commissioners with the next year holiday schedule. The Commissioners have to decide on the new Federal holiday of Juneteenth, which is on June 19<sup>th</sup> of every year. Auditor Goffinet informed them that it has not been added at this time to the schedule until they decide on it. If it is a yes, then the personnel policy will also have to be changed to add it on. She also stated that the 2022 New Years Day will be honored on Monday, January 3, 2022. Randy commented that he thinks most companies are doing the new holiday of June 19<sup>th</sup>. Auditor Goffinet asked them if they wanted to act on this at this meeting or wait until some other personnel issues will come before them before the end of the year. They decided to wait on this until Gregg is present and do at the December 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. The rest of the schedule was approved without the decision of June 19<sup>th</sup> at this point.

**CONTRACTS – IV-D CONSULTING SERVICES WITH DOSSETT CONSULTING**

Auditor Goffinet informed the Commissioners that they had signed new three year contracts last year with Maximus Consulting. She said things have changed with Maximus recently. Pam said herself, Clerk Rachel Roark, and Circuit Court Reporter Kim Myers had a meeting and with things changing with Maximus, they have not been pleased with the way they have been doing some things and trying to get our information they need. Pam said the three of them have met and talked with Jeff Dossett, President of Dossett Consulting, that we would like to do a switch of our contract to change to them. They have agreed to keep the pricing the same as we are with Maximus. Jeff Kemper with Dossett Consulting Services attended the meeting to help with any questions on the contracts. Jeff said they are one of three companies in the State that does reimbursements for IV-D Child Support expenses. They are contracted with 47 counties now. Jeff Dossett started the business 12 years ago. Their primary work is with Auditors, Clerks, Prosecutors and Circuit Court. There are two types of reimbursements they do and they are:

1. Auditor – Responsible for Cost Allocation plan that goes to the State for Indirect Costs that are related to child support
2. Clerk & Circuit Court – Responsible for monthly direct claiming costs related to child support

He said this is an old law that the child support issue got so out of control years ago with people not paying back child support that one of the previous administrations said any of the counties that would actively go after the ones not paying the child support could be reimbursed for expenses. Jeff said this can be a significant amount of money that comes back to the county. He said Jeff Dossett specializes in a hands on approach. They look

forward to working with Perry County. Jeff said there are three contracts to sign. The Commissioners said they would like to look at the contract before signing and the attorney needs to review it. Randy made the motion to table until the next meeting until the Commissioners and the County Attorney can review the contracts, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

**CONTRACT – PERRY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PCDC)**

Erin Emerson, Director of PCDC, came before the Commissioners with the 2022 contract between the County and the Perry County Development Corporation. She said they are to receive 20% of the EDIT funds and for 2022, that amount is not to exceed \$228,494.00. Erin said this includes assisting the County in economic development activities including attraction, retention, expansion, infrastructure, development, community and workforce development. Erin said the county is billed monthly by the hours worked. Randy made the motion to approve the contract, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

**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 - \$4,800.00, for Project 2: Riverview Stream Mitigation. This will be paid from 2021 Bond from TIF #3. Randy made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

**READI GRANT UPDATE**

Alvin informed the Commissioners that the READI grant application has been submitted and approved for Perry County. He said 17 regions in the State submitted and all were funded. We are part of the Indiana 1<sup>st</sup> region which includes Spencer, Perry, Knox, Pike and Harrison counties. The region was awarded \$15 million dollars. He said there is a 20% match for local funds. We have six months to get details worked out and to get a final plan. Tom said this was a lot of work which included a lot of paperwork and red tape. Alvin said it took five months to do. Tom said PCDC is a great resource. The applications went through the Perry County Southwest Alliance group. They submitted the application and the funds will go through them. Tom said he hoped we get our share.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT- COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, asked for a letter of support from the Commissioners for the 2022 Community Crossings grant. He said they have to apply in January 2022. Tom read the letter. It says that Perry County will have the matching funds available for the Community Crossings projects that Perry County will apply for. Perry County commits to its local matching funds equal to not less than 25% of the estimated project costs. Tom stated we committed our EDIT plan to fund this and the Highway has other funding also to help with this. It is money well spent. Steve said the projects are:

1. Rd #72 Troy Ridge Road from Troy City limits to #11 Brushy Fork Road. 2.86 miles
2. Rd #101 Athens Road from Rd #28 Sulphur Valley Road to State Road 145 near Bristow. 3.21 miles
3. Rd #147a South Oak Ridge Road from Rd #154 Bristow Road to Rd #30 Huffman Road. 1.78 miles
4. Rd #182 Onido Road from State Road 66 to Crawford County line. 3.02 miles
5. Rd #16 Aspen Road from Rd #118 Abbott Road to Rd #18 Locust Road. 1.67 miles
6. Rd #122 St. Joe Cemetery Road from State Road 145 to Rd #124 Liberty Road. 1.33 miles
7. Rd #34 Leopold Road from Old State Road 37 to Rd #23 South Leopold Road. 1.28 miles

Total mileage of 15.15 miles.

Steve said part of Leopold Road is not under the Federal system and some is. That part will apply under the Distressed Road fund. Tom commended the State for this grant. It makes us able to fund our projects. Randy said we have really good roads and it is the hard work of the Highway department also. Randy made a motion to approve the support the letter, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

**BRIDGE INSPECTION AMENDED**

Steve also had an amendment to the contract for bridge inspections for the Commissioners to approve. He said he receive the contract, the federal highway system didn't agree with the formula used to load rate some of the bridges that INDOT was using so they are having to do this amendment according to the federal highway system. He said we have nine bridges this affects and it is an additional \$2,700.00 which we will get 80% of that back after we pay for it. Chris has reviewed it and agreed with it. Randy made the motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND SHELTER INFORMATION**

Jim Carter said he had a couple of things to go over with the Commissioners. First he thanked Herbie and Debbie Landers with the issue of the cats they helped with. Harrison County and Vanderburgh County also helped. He said there are other cases out there. Jim said Vanderburgh County reached out when they took these cats and he stated the overall cost to take care of them is estimating around \$17,000.00. He is asking the county to match the Humane Society's amount of \$2,000.00 from fund #1180, non-reverting fund to send to Vanderburgh County to help with taking care of the cats. He would like for Chris to review to make sure we can use this. Jim would like for the Commissioners to approve an appropriation of the \$2,000.00 from that fund.

Tom said before Jim presented any proposals, he would like to see this go through the Animal Control Board first. Jim said he is going to do that at their meeting tonight. He handed the Commissioners a flow chart. He said his proposal has been modified since we have temporary program. When preparing this, he said one of the main problems is when an officer gets to a location, there is no actual police protocol set up to get that animal and where does it go. He said he is going to present a new proposal to the board. He told the Commissioners it is time to get the shelter open and for the Commissioners to do something. Something needs to be done about the ferrel cat problem in the county. He is hoping he can show the Animal Control Board how this can be corrected.

**BID OPENING – COUNTY SUPPLIES FOR 2022**

County Auditor Pam Goffinet received sealed bids up to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021. Tom opened and read through the pricing on all bids received for the county's highway supplies and sheriff's and county's gasoline items outlined below as had been duly advertised:

**ITEM #1      PREMIUM DIESEL FUEL – ON ROAD – 25,000 gallons more or less as needed**

**PREMIUM DIESEL FUEL – OFF ROAD – 15,000 gallons more or less as needed**

One bid received:

1. From Synenergy Partners LLC

Premium Diesel "On Road"    \$2.689    Firm Price or \$2.6154    Flex Price  
Premium Diesel "Off Road"    \$2.694    Firm Price or \$2.6184    Flex Price

Prices do not include any applicable taxes  
Firm price will be locked in at time of acceptance & is subject to market price at that time  
Add .02 cent for winter formulations

**ITEM #2      Crushed Stone – #2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 23, 53, 73, 92, sand, and rip rap, 18,000 tons more or less as needed**

One bid received:

1. From Mulzer Crushed Stone, Inc.:

18,000 tons +/- crushed stone of quality to meet specifications of INDOT in the following sizes as needed for 2022, FOB Perry County Highway Trucks:

Size #53 & 73

Tower Quarry \$ 9.40  
Tell City Yard \$17.65

Size #2, 5 &7

Tower Quarry \$10.70  
Tell City Yard \$19.65

Size #9

Tower Quarry \$12.15  
Tell City Yard \$20.85

Size #11

Tower Quarry \$12.45  
Tell City Yard \$21.85

Size #11CAPP

Tower Quarry \$13.25  
Tell City Yard \$22.95

Size #12

Tower Quarry \$13.00  
Tell City Yard no bid

Rip Rap

Tower Quarry \$11.40  
Tell City Yard \$22.00

Washed Pea Gravel

Tell City Yard \$22.05

Regular Pea Gravel

Tell City Yard \$18.90

The following sizes stockpiled or spread in the following townships:

Sizes #53, #73

Anderson \$16.25  
Clark \$15.25  
Leopold \$15.00  
Oil \$14.45  
Tobin \$23.25  
Troy \$18.70  
Union \$15.05

Size #2, #5, #7

Anderson \$17.55  
Clark \$16.55  
Leopold \$16.30  
Oil \$15.75  
Tobin \$24.55  
Troy \$20.00  
Union \$16.35

Size #9

Anderson \$19.00  
Clark \$18.00

Leopold	\$17.75
Oil	\$17.20
Tobin	\$26.00
Troy	\$21.45
Union	\$17.80

Size #11

Anderson	\$19.30
Clark	\$18.30
Leopold	\$18.05
Oil	\$17.50
Tobin	\$26.30
Troy	\$21.75
Union	\$18.10

Size #11 CAPP

Anderson	\$20.10
Clark	\$19.10
Leopold	\$18.85
Oil	\$18.30
Tobin	\$27.10
Troy	\$22.55
Union	\$18.90

Size #12

Anderson	\$19.85
Clark	\$18.85
Leopold	\$18.60
Oil	\$18.05
Tobin	\$26.85
Troy	\$22.30
Union	\$18.65

Rip Rap

Anderson	\$19.25
Clark	\$18.25
Leopold	\$19.10
Oil	\$17.45
Tobin	\$26.25
Troy	\$21.70
Union	\$18.05

**ITEM #3 Culvert Supplies – as needed**

Four bids received

1. From E3 Bridge – bid contains thick booklet of pricing, see actual bid for detailed pricing.
2. From Civilcon Inc. – bid contains thick booklet of pricing, see actual bid for detailed pricing.
3. From 37 Pipe & Supply – bid contains thick booklet of pricing, see actual bid for detailed pricing.
4. Kanaflex Corp. – bid contains thick booklet of pricing, see actual bid for detailed pricing.

**ITEM #4 Bituminous – 12,000 gallons more or less of heated AE90 seal coat delivered to the Perry County Highway Department Garage tank to meet INDOT specifications**

*No bids received.*

**ITEM #5 Unleaded Gasoline** – 30,000 gallons more or less as needed - to be furnished daily at retail stations for use in county police vehicles

One bid received:

1. From C & S, Inc

Unleaded Gasoline – five cents (.05 cents) per gallon discount off posted retail price at the time of fueling vehicle. See bid for fueling stations.

**ITEM #6 Unleaded Gasoline** – 15,000 gallons more or less as needed – to be furnished daily at retail stations for use in county owned vehicles

One bid received:

1. From C & S, Inc.

Unleaded Gasoline – five cents (.05 cents) per gallon discount off posted retail price at the time of fueling vehicle. See bid for fueling stations.

Tom said bids need to reviewed by County Attorney Chris Goffinet for required documents and Highway Superintendent Steve Howell goes over his also. Steve explained how it works with pricing with Bid #1 Synenergy. He informed the Commissioners the way diesel is now it might be better to go with the Flex amount for 2022. The Commissioners decided to wait on approval of bids until the next meeting on December 29, 2021. Randy made the motion to table all bids until 12-29-21, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

**APPROVAL OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT COUNTY PLAN (ARP)**

Tom said they have been discussing this with the ARP Advisory Committee. He stated at this point there has been no money spent from this fund and we cannot spend any money allocated to us until there is a plan in place. The County received in the first round \$1,861,677.00. Tom said the plan that was approved by the ARP Committee was an application process that we have solicited the Community Alliance Foundation to manage for us because we don't have the resources. They have the resources to make sure everything is viable. Tom said the proposed plan can be amended. He said it probably will be amended once the applications are in to spend the money designated. Tom read the summary of proposed uses of funding:

Category 1 – To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such a tourism, travel and hospitality.

- a. The county will establish a grant program to nonprofits in certain areas as approved by the county.  
\$1,200,000.00 estimated
- b. The county will contract with Perry County Community Foundation to provide an internet portal and other assistance in coordinating the grants to nonprofits as detailed above.
- c. \$6,000.00 estimated

Category 2 – To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers.

- a. None as of December 2021

Category 3 – For the provisions of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID -19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency.

- a. The county will purchase LOW Associates Financial Suite and LOW Associates Property Tax Software  
\$124,000.00 Payroll Financial Suite  
\$231,000.00 Property Tax Software

Category 4 – To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

- a. None as of December 2021

Tom said this is the first step in spending the money. Next is the appropriation and approval by the County Council. Randy approved the plan, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0. Gregg approved as an ARP Committee member.

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTED POSITIONS – ADMINISTRATOR, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, AND VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

The Commissioners had the appointed positions of the Administrator, Highway Superintendent, and the Veterans Service Officer to approve.

1. Administrator- Teresa Kanneberg : Randy made the motion to appoint Teresa for another year, Tom strongly seconded it. He said she has done a wonderful job above and beyond. The county is fortunate to have her. Motion carried 2-0.
2. Highway Superintendent – Steve Howell : Randy and Tom both said Steve has done a great job. Randy made the motion to appoint Steve for another year, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.
3. Veterans Service Officer – Kevin Herp : Tom asked Kevin to speak about what he does and what he has accomplished since he has been in this position. He said in 2020 he started this, he was able to get Perry County Memorial Hospital in the Veteran Affairs (VA) network. The vets can go here locally instead of to Evansville or Louisville for their care. This means less travel and they can transfer care here such as medical, vision, and chiropractic doctors. He said he has done 113 claims for veterans for disability, receiving exemptions, for nursing home aid and for attendance claims. Kevin said he was active in the community to help veterans in the beginning with taking them to appointments and hospital when the Courthouse was shut down. Then COVID happened. He has helped with homeless veterans. He is also trying to put together a PTSD group to talk and have awareness about it. It has been a good year. He wants to get dental for vets also. There is none now. Also wants to do a veterans court. Kevin has talked to Judge Lucy Goffinet about this. Tom commented this all takes work. He is glad that PCMH is working with him. Randy asked if they can go both to PCMH and VA Hospital. Kevin said yes. Tom said it is hard to understand the issues unless you are a veteran. Kevin did inform them that this year he received a credit with the American Legion as a service officer, the IDVA (Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs, VSO in Perry County, and the VFW. This opened access for him to go to a VBMS system here in Perry County in which he has accessed to veteran medical files for anything they have done in the military before and after. This will help out greatly when filing for disability. Randy made the motion to approve Kevin for another year, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

**REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR 2022**

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg informed the Commissioners that they generally have their reorganizational meeting the first meeting in January. She said the meeting will be on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 since we are closed on Monday in observance of the New Year holiday. The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. Tom made the motion to approve the meeting, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 2-0.

**APPOINTMENTS TO PSAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Teresa informed the Commissioners that their upcoming board appointments were announced at an earlier meeting and they are advertised on the website. She said they also have board appointments to be made for the newly formed PSAP Advisory Committee. This board is to be formed from the PSAP Dispatch agreement. The Commissioners are to make two appointments with two year terms. According to the agreement, they are to meet once quarterly at a minimum. The members shall either be active or retired public safety employees of a public safety agency located in Perry County that routinely receives calls from dispatch. It cannot be an elected official. The agreement lists the duties of the members. She said this needs to be added to their list of appointments. She said if we do the normal six weeks of getting letters of interest, it will put this in the middle of February. Tom said we normally do six weeks notice for appointments. He said he doesn't see any urgency in this. There are no issues with dispatch that need to be resolved. Randy said they probably won't meet until March 2022. Randy said the first meeting in February. The public should be aware of this when we were going through the dispatch agreement.

**LETTER OF INTEREST/SUPPORT – SMART COMMUNITY PORTAL APPLICATION - ANISLAND**

Teresa informed the Commissioners that AnIsland is looking for a letter of interest/support for a Smart Community Portal to implement in Perry County. This was also discussed with the County Council at their meeting on December 16, 2021. This would be an app that county people can download on a smart device where they have internet access. It is a way to get information out throughout the county instead of through social media. This also can be used by county departments to get messages or information out to county employees. Alerts are sent out through this app but not meant to get an overload of alerts (notifications) for individuals. The idea is to have one platform that the community as a whole can access to receive advertisements, specials, and job openings to name a few. Teresa said several departments were open to the idea of this. The cost is the issue. The startup fees is \$35,000 for one year. AnIsland said there were some businesses willing to help out with the startup fee to offset the cost to the county. To approach these businesses, they are wanting a letter of interest or support from the County to show we are interested in this portal that they can take to them. There is no commitment at this time from either party. Randy said he is okay with the letter as long as there is no funding at this time. AnIsland is proposing that Perry County, their home county, to be the first county to use this Smart Community Portal. Betty Cash spoke up and said AnIsland helped their business out a lot. Tom commented that they are local and websites are not the answer. He said it would be nice for the departments to keep things up to date for their offices. Katy Wilborn with the News said this would be a great advantage for the newspaper. It would be a way to search things than the way she does now.

Sheriff Alan Malone commented that he is ready to launch a Perry County Sheriff App to find more information regarding the Sheriff and Jail departments such as sheriff sales and other vital information. He said the funding is waived for the first year.

Teresa said if the county is interested, it will take several months to get set up. Teresa read the letter of support to the Commissioners. Randy said he doesn't want it put on a shelf that we only use for one year. Randy made the motion to approve the letter, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Sheriff Alan Malone spoke to the Commissioners about the proposed new lighting for the Detention Center. From a previous meeting of the proposal given for the lighting, Alan feels this would be a good deal. It will save money for the taxpayer. It will also help with the condition at the jail. He said Ron Gibson did a good job reaching out on this and he would like to move forward. Tom said he asked Ron to send information to Attorney Chris Goffinet and Ron said they are waiting on a response from Attorney Chris Goffinet on the contract. Tom informed everyone that the company will put all new LED lights in, they receive 75% of cost saving and the county will receive 25%. The company will also maintain them for 100% for 15 years at no cost to the county. That is a big thing is there is no upfront money from the county. Alan said he feels this is a good deal for the county. Ron commented that all he can find is a sample copy from another county. They thought this would work. Tom said we need an actual contract for Perry County for Chris to review. Tom said they can't agree on something if they don't know what it is. Randy asked if they can get it and get to Chris and have before the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Randy said if there are any legal questions then Chris would be there. Randy did say it was brought up at the last meeting whether we should bid this out. Ron said there is no other company out there with the same specs.

Herbie Landers informed the Commissioners that they are waiting for the roof to be put on the outside pens at the animal shelter. The materials are inside the building. He also said the equipment he was going to purchase for the law enforcement agencies was all in. They will be able to use these in several situations with animals and help them not to get bit or injured. Herbie talked about several cases that they have had with cats in the county. He also gave the Commissioners proposals to look at that he has done in 2018 and 2021 to set up an Animal Control Officer with all other aspects involved.

Teresa announced that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.



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Thomas J Hauser  
President

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Randy Kleaving

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Gregg Jarboe

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