

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 8:00 a.m. for the budget work sessions of the 2020 budgets as had been duly advertised. Council members present were President David A Etienne, Luke Thomas, Danny Bolin, Lynn Fulkerson, Charles Baumeister, Earla Williams, and Steve Goodson. Assisting from the auditor's office staff were Auditor Pamela Goffinet, Chief Deputy Connie Berger, Deputy Susan Harpenau, and Deputy Denise Peter and from the Commissioner's office the County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg. There was a representative from the News present also. Representatives from several county departments were present at various times during the day-long session.

DAY 1, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET EXPLANATION

Perry County Auditor welcomed the Council to the County budget work days especially the new members. She informed the Council members they had proposed budgets from County departments before them, of which budget requests exceeded the estimated maximum levy by approximately \$228,489 for those funds within the state's maximum levy guidelines (being the County General, Health, Property Reassessment, and Cumulative Bridge funds). The estimated levy was calculated at approximately \$3,891,146 with the published dollars to be raised at approximately \$4,119,635. County Auditor Pamela Goffinet explained that for 2020 the max levy could only be increased by 3.5% which is the amount of tax dollars that could be raised from 2019 to 2020 within the 4 levied funds totaling \$126,845 new dollars.

Also again this year, the State was required to give each taxing unit an estimated Property Tax Cap loss report. Instead of waiting until budget orders and 1782 Notices come in to get our Property Tax Cap loss, it is now included in our budget request. We felt the estimated loss amount of \$503,081 for the levied funds was too high, so we did an average of the last 3 years and used \$425,000 when working the budgets. The last couple of years by doing this the actual amount came in less than the estimate.

In the past, you could take the previous year Southern Hills Mental Health figure times the next year's growth quotient to get the budget amount for the upcoming budget. For this year, the State has a new formula to figure the amount for 2020 and they provided the amount for the counties to use.

Charlie Baumeister wanted to make the statement before the meeting begins that all decisions will be made at these budget sessions and not outside the meetings.

SALARIES

Auditor Goffinet spoke first informing the Council that before them is a Salary Increase Option worksheet that she prepared giving several different options for raises if they were looking to give one to the county employees. David said he went back a couple of years to see how raises were given. He said for years 2015 & 2016, there was no raise given, for years 2017 & 2018, there was a 3% raise for each year, and for year 2019, there was no raise given again. David then commented that he is favor of a raise. Steve and Charlie also commented that they are in favor of flat amount for a raise to be given. Danny said he would like to see a 3% raise for employees. Steve said he is favor of the flat rate to help increase the lower positions. He would like to start with giving a \$600.00 flat amount to full time employees.

Charlie made the motion to give a \$600.00 flat amount raise to full time employees, \$300.00 to salaried part time employees, and an hourly cent raise to part time with exceptions. Earla made the second to the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Steve said he would like to start with adding one new Sheriff Deputy into the budget and then see where we are at with our cuts. Charlie added that the Sheriff said he will make it happen with the car if we can provide for the deputy. There was much discussion among the members.

BUDGETS - SECOND READING

In order to meet the necessary requirements of the second reading of the budgets, all budgets were read individually for the second time by the Council President as each budget was addressed throughout the meeting.

BUDGET CUT SUGGESTIONS

The following department within the levied funds asked for a new position within their budgets:

- Sheriff – 8th and 9th Deputies \$ 86,040
- County Extension - Summer Student \$ 3,465

The following departments have moved positions from outside the levied funds to the levied funds:

- Prosecuting Attorney - Administrative Assistant- For 2019, this position was paid from County General Prosecutor budget and Pretrial Diversion fund. For 2020, the Prosecutor is asking to pay the full salary amount in the County General fund.
- IV-D Child Support – Part time Administrative Assistant- For 2019, the position was paid part from the County General IV-D Child Support budget and part from Prosecutor IV-D Incentive fund. For 2020, the Prosecutor is asking to pay the full salary amount in the County General fund.

BUDGET APPROVALS

Auditor Goffinet made a proposal to the Council to start with the LIT-Public Safety budget first. She informed that as the same as last year, there are cuts that need to be made in the LIT fund. When figuring the budget, we are \$126,935 more in expenses than what revenue will be brought in. This budget has to be balanced before you can adopt it on September 26, 2019. Auditor Goffinet suggested they cut approximately \$150,000 in order to have an operating balance for next year.

The Sheriff department within the LIT-Public Safety fund was the first department to look at and there was a lot of discussion between the members on this. Auditor Goffinet commented that there could be \$5,000 cut from the Sheriff Pension line to help. Steve made the motion to approve the Sheriff’s budget in the amount of \$114,038 as amended, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg gave the Council a brief history on the Ambulance Service and how the County pays if there is a loss in their operating costs. The Council decided to fund \$200,000 for the Ambulance Service line item. Then there was much discussion regarding the Ambulance Equipment which was for 3 cots for the ambulances. The Council was deciding on how many cots to allow at this time. They decided to allow \$35,000 for one cot and try to fund the other two cots in the upcoming years maybe even on a lease option. Charlie made the motion to allow the Commissioner’s budget in the amount of \$333,172 as amended, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 6-1 with Earla abstaining.

Lynn made the motion to allow the Jail department in the amount of \$215,249 as amended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

The total budget for LIT-Public Safety was allowed in the amount of \$662,459. Lynn made the motion to allow as amended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

Charlie then made a motion to change the Ambulance Service in the Commissioners budget to \$185,000 knowing what cuts that need to be made, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 6-1 with Earla abstaining. Charlie made the motion again to allow the budget in the amount of \$318,172 as amended, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 6-1 with Earla abstaining.

Charlie made the motion to allow the total budget in the amount of \$647,459 as amended the second time, seconded was made by Luke. Motion carried 7-0. Total cuts to the budget were \$149,761.

The Council took a short break.

The County Council proceeded with County General with reviewing, discussing, cutting and approving each individual departmental budget with most budgets being approved with some amendments, as follows:

Steve made the motion to approve the Clerk’s budget in the amount of \$195,188 as amended. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Auditor Goffinet spoke to the Council about her request at the public hearing on sharing a deputy with the Assessor’s office. She would then still have someone 3 ½ hours a day for the office. This position would replace when her Chief Deputy leaves the first of the year. Charlie made the motion to approve the Auditor’s budget in the amount of \$179,610 as amended. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Auditor Goffinet thanked the Council for working with her and the Assessor.

The Council remembered that Treasurer Paul Alvey wanted to increase some line items from what he turned in at the public hearing. He wanted to increase the Office Supplies by \$400, the Tax Statement Mailing Contract by \$1,000, Travel by \$400 and Equipment Repair by \$1,100. Charlie made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s budget in the amount of \$119,123 as amended. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1 with Lynn abstaining.

Lynn made the motion to approve the Recorder's budget in the amount of \$97,907 as amended. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. There is only salaries budgeted in County General, the Supplies and Other Services and Charges categories are to be taken from the Recorder's Perpetuation fund for next year.

Danny made the motion to approve one new deputy for the Sheriff department, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 7-0. Then they will relook at it if need to once they know where they are in cuts. Lynn made the motion to approve the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$520,695 as amended. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made a motion to approve the Surveyor's budget in the amount of \$9,848 as amended. Steve seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the Coroner's budget in the amount of \$31,990 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. There was discussion on the amount of deputies for the office. Charlie said there is a 5th deputy because the Coroner before took part of his salary to create this position.

Charlie made the motion to approve the County Assessor's budget in the amount of \$120,528 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. The shared deputy position was created just like in the Auditor's office.

Luke made the motion to approve the Prosecuting Attorney's budget in the amount of \$68,582 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. There was discussion on the office rent difference from last year. It was explained that after they were audited on their IV-D budget, we were not paying enough rent from this budget and too much from the IV-D Child Support budget.

Charlie made the motion to approve the County Extension Service budget in the amount of \$129,645 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. It was decided to add in the summer assistant for now until they see where are in their cuts.

Earla made the motion to approve the Veteran's Service budget in the amount of \$30,382 as amended. Steve seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Lynn made the motion to approve the County Council budget in the amount of \$40,725 as amended. Charlie seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. The Council decided not to raise their salaries and also not the Commissioners.

County Auditor, Pam Goffinet, stated that the Election budget is higher because we have the Presidential race next year. Mandi mentioned at the public hearing that the increase in the Absent Voter Board Members is because she is looking at adding two more people to help with the mail ins and early voting. Charlie made the motion to approve the Election Board budget in the amount of \$107,543 as amended. The second was made by Lynn, motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Commissioner's budget in the amount of \$1,845,325, as amended. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. There was discussion among the Council about the Health Insurance line item. Auditor Goffinet commented that the Health Insurance account is in the black as of now but we still need to add money to it to obtain a surplus. This surplus is needed in case we have a bad year or can't fund our anticipated expenses one year. The Council discussed several other items in the Commissioner's budget.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Animal Shelter budget in the amount of \$0 as amended. The motion was seconded by Lynn, motion carried 7-0.

Steve made a motion to approve the Planning & Zoning budget in the amount of \$13,010 as amended. Danny seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0. It was mentioned that the office will need a new computer.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Courthouse budget in the amount of \$131,128 as amended. Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. There was some discussion on the maintenance employee. It was mentioned how there is no presence at the Courthouse. We have a ticket system, see it, write it down, and do the job. We need to have a checklist for each week of what needs to be done. They said maybe someone needs to talk with Greg Hendershot to get more hours at the Courthouse.

Steve made the motion to approve the Circuit Court budget in the amount of \$511,809 as amended. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. Lucy came before the Council to explain the Compensation Pauper Attorney line item. Every year it is unpredictable on how much will be spent in this line item. She stated that they no longer have any contracts with the lawyers. It is all according to how many trials they may have also. The Council took this into matter and allowed \$240,000 to start off with in the Compensation Pauper Attorney line item.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$138,923 as amended. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. The Council had some questions for Steve Hauser, Director of EMA, such as who is covered under the Membership Insurance line item. Steve said this is coverage for the rescue volunteers. It depends on the number of calls. They also asked about the Radio and Rescue Equipment. Steve mentioned that the Radio Equipment is to replace the pagers for the rescue workers. For the Rescue Equipment, it is to replace cutter tips on the rescue cutter. The Council had lots of discussion on the reimbursement of cell phones for County employees.

Steve made the motion to approve the Jail budget in the amount of \$481,257 as amended, Charlie seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0. Auditor Goffinet did mention that the \$10,000 can be cut from the Repairs-Building & Fixtures line item. This can come out of the LIT-Special Legislation fund for next year.

Charlie made the motion to adjourn for the day, second was made by Luke. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.

DAY 2, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m. and opened up with the Pledge to the Allegiance and a moment of silence for the tragedy that happened 18 years ago on this date, 9-11-01. All members were present except for Lynn. There were also representatives from County Departments present. No news media was present.

Steve made the motion to approve the 4-D Child Support budget in the amount of \$101,506 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. There was talk among the Council members concerning the Part Time Assistant salary. It has always been paid half from County General and half from 4D Incentive fund, now it has been 2/3 County and 1/3 Incentive. For 2020, the Prosecutor has put the full amount to be paid from County General. The Council reviewed their revenue verses the expenses. The Council decided to fund 1/3 from the Incentive fund as it has been in the past.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Soil Conservation budget in the amount of \$32,629 as amended. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. There was discussion on the Deer Lake Expense line item on it being a high hazard dam. The Council decided to put \$4,000 into the line item.

Earla made the motion to approve the Parks and Recreation budget in the amount of \$146,412 as amended. Luke seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. It was mentioned to keep the cell phone line item in mind for later to discuss.

The total for County General is at \$5,053,765 with a cut of \$257,734.

Luke made the motion to approve the Health Dept. budget in the amount of \$243,915 as amended. Charlie seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. The total cut for the Health department is \$2,002.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Cumulative Bridge Fund in the amount of \$306,701 as requested, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0. The total cut for Cumulative Bridge is \$0. This budget is set by a Cumulative rate from the State.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Reassessment – 2015 budget in the amount of \$116,097 as amended. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. The total cut for Property Reassessment is \$147.00.

Once the Levy funds were finished, the Council took a 45 minute break for the Auditor's office to work on the figures.

The Council decided to go back to the Levy funds and make a few more cuts. The first thing they looked at was the boards in various departments such as the Sheriff, Planning and Zoning, and Park and Recreation. The Council decided to cut the amount per meeting for each board to \$25.00 instead of \$30.00 that was currently allowed.

In the Sheriff department, the Merit Board line item was reduced to \$750 from \$900. Charlie made the motion to approve the new amended amount of \$520,545 for the Sheriff department, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 6-0.

Planning and Zoning budget was left alone because the cut was already made.

In the Park and Recreation budget, the Board Members line item was reduced to \$1,500 from \$1,800. Earla made the motion to approve the new amended amount of \$146,112 for the Park and Recreation department, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0.

There was more discussion on various cuts to be made and they were:

In the Coroner budget, it was decided to change the Assistant salary to \$1,500, which set a pay of \$75.00 per run, from \$2,995 salary position. Luke made the motion for the new amended amount of \$30,495, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

In the Prosecutor budget, the Council changed the Office Manager Salary to the same as a First Deputy salary because the Administrative Assistant was making more with the Pretrial Diversion fund wages added. Earla made the motion to approve the new amended amount of \$70,352, seconded by Steve. Motion carried 5-0.

County Clerk, Mandi Mogan, came before the Council to discuss some cuts that were made the previous day in the Absent Voter Board Members and Meals for Precinct Workers line items. The Council decided to allow what was requested. Earla made the motion to approve the new amended amount of \$109,843, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0.

In the Commissioners budget, the line items for Social Security and Retirement needed to be increased because of the raises that were allowed. Steve made the motion to approve the new amended budget in the amount of \$1,859,829, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0.

In the Emergency Management budget, the Council decided to reduce the Mobile Phone line item by \$500. Charlie made the motion to approve the new amended amount of \$138,423, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0.

The Auditor's office refigured the Levy funds after all the last changes made. She informed the Council that they needed to add \$20,641 back onto the budgets to get closer to the Maximum Levy amount from the State. She informed them that she wants them to be a few thousand over the Maximum amount. If cut under, then it could reduce the Levy amount for next year. There was a lot of discussion among the members as where to add the extra money back on such as in salaries or creating a surplus line item. The Council decided to go on with the other funds and come back to this later.

Highway Superintendent Steve Howell and Operations Manager Jared Hedinger were present at the meeting so the Council decided to work on their budgets at this time. Steve explained the Restricted and Non-Restricted Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) budgets for the Highway Department. The Restricted budget is where the Highway is to show that 50% of their budget is being spent on roads. He informed them how they divided their budget up between the two accounts. Luke made the motion to approve the Administration budget in the amount of \$117,724 and the Maintenance & Repair budget in the amount of \$364,188 as amended, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 6-0. There was a lot of discussion among the Council members concerning the Health Insurance line item. The Highway budgeted \$259,092 and \$150,000 for the Health Insurance, which was approved by the Commissioners. This was approximately an 8 1/2 % increase over last year. Charlie made the motion to adjust the Highway Health Insurance to 17% like the other departments. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Earla made the motion to approve the General and Undistributed budget in the amount of \$970,808 as amended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0. The total budget for the Non-Restricted MVH budget is \$1,452,720.

In the Restricted MVH Administration budget, Luke made the motion to approve the budget as submitted in the amount of \$54,152, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0. Danny made the motion to approve the Restricted Maintenance & Repair budget as amended in the amount of \$683,707, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0. Charlie made the motion to approve the Restricted General and Undistributed budget in the amount of \$284,615 as amended, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0. The total budget for the Restricted MVH is \$1,022,474. The overall total budget for the Highway Department is \$2,475,194. Earla made the motion to approve this amount, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

The Council broke for lunch.

Luke made the motion to approve the Cumulative Capital Development budget in the amount of \$193,652 as requested. Steve seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. This budget is set by a Cumulative rate from the State.

Danny made the motion to approve the LIT-Special Legislation budget in the amount of \$903,000 as requested, seconded by Luke. Motion carried. Motion carried 6-0.

Steve made the motion to approve the Clerk's Record Perpetuation budget in the amount of \$4,400 as requested. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Sales Disclosure budget in the amount of \$400 as requested. Luke seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the Emergency Planning/Right to Know budget in the amount of \$3,817 as amended. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Enhanced Access budget in the amount of \$12,329 as amended. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Identification Security Protection budget in the amount of \$2,700 as requested. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Local Road and Street budget in the amount of \$443,767 as requested. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Danny made a motion to approve the Park & Rec Non-Reverting Fund budget in the amount of \$1,500 as requested. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Plat Book Fund budget in the amount of \$14,800 as requested. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Luke questioned about the \$10,000 for computers. Auditor Goffinet said she plans on getting new computers because the ones in the office now will no longer be updated the first of the year.

Danny made the motion to approve the Riverboat - County Share Fund budget for the Commissioners department in the amount of \$4,900 as amended. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Earla made the motion to approve the Courthouse department in the amount of \$20,000 as requested. The second was made by Steve. Motion carried 6-0. The total budget for the Riverboat-County Share fund is \$24,900.

Danny made the motion to approve the Sex and Violent Offender Fund in the amount of \$1,750 as requested. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Supplemental Public Defender budget in the amount of \$3,950 as requested. Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$5,000 as requested. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Clerk Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Auditor Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Treasurer Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Recorder Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Surveyor Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The total budget for County Elected Official Training fund is \$3,000.

Earla made the motion to approve the Statewide 911 budget in the amount of \$282,163 as amended. Luke seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Supplemental Adult Probation budget in the amount of \$100,734 as amended. Steve seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Circuit Court - Jury Fee Fund budget in the amount of \$3,000 as requested. Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Pretrial Diversion budget in the amount of \$71,383 as amended. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. There was discussion on the Administrative Asst-Prosecutor salary. It was noted that the salary of the Administrative Asst.-Prosecutor salary was higher with the additional salary in Pretrial Diversion than the Office Manager salary in the Prosecutor budget in County General. The Council changed the Office Manager Salary in County General to the same as a First Deputy salary.

Charlie left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Luke made the motion to approve the Prosecutor's Check Collection Fee Fund budget in the amount of \$0 as requested. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. There is not enough revenue coming in to do a budget.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Surplus Surtax and Wheel budget in the amount of \$200,000 as requested. Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Jail Operations budget in the amount of \$272,750 as requested. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Auditor Pam Goffinet explained to the Council about the revenues for the Jail Operations fund. She told them that at this point 30% of the EDIT goes toward Economic Development. The plan is written that so much money needs to be put aside for bond payments and the remainder goes to Jail Operations fund. In 2017, the bond payment was paid off. In 2018, the 3 year EDIT plan was written again. As of now, 23 ½% of the Economic Development share goes toward Jail Operations and 6 ½% goes to County General to fund the security officer.

Danny made the motion to approve the Inmate Housing budget in the amount of \$18,000 as requested, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 5-0. There was discussion about only budgeting for the overtime of Deputies. It was noted that the Sheriff will ask for Additional Appropriations as he needs something. It is undetermined how much revenue he may bring in next year to this fund.

PERRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

County Auditor, Pamela Goffinet reminded Council members that the Solid Waste District receives no funding from the county. The reason that the Council has to approve their budget is because their board is not an elected board, they are appointed. It was noted that the Solid Waste District had asked for no increase in salaries for 2020.

After reviewing the budget request, Danny made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Management District budget in the amount of \$497,666 as requested. Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

PERRY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Danny made the motion to approve the Perry County Airport Authority budget in the amount of \$52,905 as requested. Luke seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the Perry County Airport Authority – Cumulative Airport Building budget in the amount of \$40,650 as requested. Earla seconded the motion, and motion carried 5-0.

The Council is to think about the extra appropriation to put back in the budget and where it should go. This is where they will start on Thursday morning.

Danny made the motion to adjourn for the day at 5:00 p.m., seconded by Earla. Motion carried 5-0.

DAY 3, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m. and opened up with the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members of the Council were present. Also County department representatives were present. There was no media present.

Auditor reminded the Council that they are \$20,641 over the levy and need to put some back on the budgets. This doesn't happen very often to be in this position. Luke commented that he would like to look at funding for the 2nd Deputy requested by the Sheriff. He said the Auditor worked and dropped hours on a replacing a deputy and he would like to see if something can be done in the Clerk's office as well. Luke worked up some scenarios to possibly move a deputy to part time to save some money with the salary and benefit changes. All Council members discussed the different options presented by Luke. Charlie said he was all for getting the second deputy but also said it would be hard to take a full time to part time. Steve said he felt the same. He would like to look at adding an additional \$100 to full time employees, \$50 to part time and put the rest toward 4H, Council on Aging or Ride Solutions. Danny commented that he felt the same. Earla said she would like to see the 2nd Deputy added. Lynn said they need to look when someone leaves an office to possibly make reductions at that time. After much more discussion, several were reluctant on changing a current position to part time.

Clerk Mandi Mogan came to the meeting at 8:30 a.m. after being called. Luke commented to Mandi that the Council is looking for a way to fund a 2nd Deputy for the County. He said the Auditor dropped one of her deputies down on hours and he was inquiring if the same can be done in the Clerk's office. Mandi said she had tried and it was too overwhelming. There was too much stress on the others with the extra work. She also commented that she would hate to see someone lose a full time job that they have been working at. Mandi asked the Council if her office is the only one they are looking at to make a change. The Council said they were looking at numbers compared to other counties. There was more discussion. The consensus of the Council was not to change any positions now. When an opening arises, they will look to changing then.

Charlie said he would like to go back and look at salaries and put money back in some of the agencies line items. Charlie then made the motion to put an extra \$100 to full time salaries, \$50 to part time full time positions, and put any extra in agencies line items. The second was made by Luke. Motion carried 7-0. The Council then started back and went through all the budgets with salaries to make the changes.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Clerk's budget in the amount of \$195,788 as re-amended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Auditor's budget in the amount of \$180,160 as re-amended, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

Danny made the motion to approve \$119,423 as re-amended for the Treasurer's budget, second was made by Charlie. Motion carried 6-1 with Lynn abstaining.

Earla made the motion to approve the Recorder's budget in the amount of \$98,207 as re-amended, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 7-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$521,393 as re-amended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve made the motion to approve \$9,898 as re-amended for the Surveyor's budget, second was made by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Coroner's budget in the amount of \$30,695 as re-amended, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 7-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Assessor's budget in the amount of \$120,878 as re-amended, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Prosecuting Attorney's budget in the amount of \$70,502 as re-amended, second was made by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

Earla made the motion to approve \$129,745 as re-amended for the Extension's budget, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Lynn made the motion to approve the Veteran's budget in the amount of \$30,482 as re-amended, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Commissioner's budget in the amount of \$1,862,929 as re-amended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0. After an extra \$1,000 was added to Ride Solutions, \$1,000 added to 4H Building Operations & Maintenance, \$1,000 to 4H Premiums & Expenses and \$1,000 to Council on Aging, Lynn made the motion to approve the Commissioner's budget in the new amount of \$1,866,929 as the final amendment, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Planning & Zoning's budget in the amount of \$13,054 as re-amended, seconded by Steve. Motion carried 7-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the Circuit Court's budget in the amount of \$512,209 as re-amended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0. After an extra \$4,490 was added to Compensation Pauper Attorney, Danny made the motion to approve the Circuit Court's budget in the new amount of \$517,109 as the final amendment, second was made by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

Lynn made the motion to approve the Emergency Management's budget in the amount of \$138,623 as re-amended, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Jail's budget in the amount of \$482,421 as re-amended, seconded by Steve. Motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the 4D Child Support's budget in the amount of \$101,765 as re-amended, second was made by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

Luke made the motion to approve \$32,709 as re-amended for the Soil & Water's budget, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Parks & Recreation's budget in the amount of \$146,348 as re-amended, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

County General budget's new amount after final amendments is \$5,087,845.

Lynn made the motion to approve the Health's budget in the amount of \$244,445 as re-amended, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the LIT-Public Safety fund for the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$114,154 as re-amended and the Jail's budget in the amount of \$648,061 as re-amended, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 7-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Highway-Administration's budget in the amount of \$118,124 as re-amended, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0. Charlie made the motion to approve the Highway-Maintenance & Repair's budget in the amount of \$364,894 as re-amended, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0. Danny made the motion to approve the Highway-General & Undistributed's budget in the amount of \$971,215 as re-amended, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 7-0. The total overall budget for the Highway Non-Restricted Department is \$1,454,233.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Highway – Restricted Maintenance & Repair's budget in the amount of \$684,413, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0. Earla

made the motion to approve the Highway – Restricted General & Undistributed’s budget in the amount of \$284,735, second was made by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0. The overall total for the Highway – Restricted budget is \$1,023,300. Luke made the motion to approve the grand total Highway budget at \$2,477,533, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0

Luke made the motion to approve the Supplemental Adult Probation’s budget in the amount of \$100,849 as re-amended, seconded by David. Motion carried 7-0.

Lynn made the motion to approve the Pretrial Diversion’s budget in the amount of \$71,505 as re-amended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

The Council broke for lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Auditor Goffinet gave the final numbers to the Council after all the re-amendments for the Levy funds, LIT-Public Safety and the Highway funds. The Levy funds ended up \$3,218 over the maximum levy where is exactly we need to be. The final cuts for the LIT-Public Safety fund is \$149,159, leaving a \$22,224 operating balance. Auditor Goffinet did inform them that they need to cut \$22.00 in the Highway budget to get it to balance. Charlie made the motion to cut \$22.00 from the Travel line item, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0. Luke made the motion to approve the overall total for the Highway Restricted and Non-Restricted in the amount of \$2,477,511 after the final amendment, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

Auditor Goffinet thanked the Council for their time on giving a raise to employees and getting a balanced budget to work with. She informed the Council that the figures are not totally final until the State issues the County’s budget orders at the end of the year.

It was announced that the next regular meeting of the County Council and adoption of the 2020 budget will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes approved this 24th day of October, 2019.

President, Perry County Council

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