

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 4, 2021

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. County Council members in attendance were David Etienne, Danny Bolin, Charles Baumeister, Luke Thomas, Earla Williams, Lynn Fulkerson and Paul Malone. Council Attorney S. Rod Acchiardo and Chief Deputy Eric Dickenson were present for the meeting. A media representative from the *Perry County New* was not in attendance.

REORGANIZATION

The first order of business was to reorganize the council by electing the President and Pro-Tem for 2021.

Charlie made a motion to elect Luke as President, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 6-0 with Luke abstaining. Lynn made the motion to elect David as Pro-Tem, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 6-0 with David abstaining.

Luke is the 2021 President and David is the 2021 Pro-Tem.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021

Lynn made a motion for the meetings to continue on the 4th Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. with exceptions during the holidays. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting of November 24, 2020 had been mailed to the Council for their review. No one had any changes or exceptions from the minutes. Luke said according to Roberts Rules of Order, the minutes can be approved if no changes or additions. They were adopted as is.

LETTER – AMENDING STATUE OF LIT-SPECIAL LEGISLATION INCOME TAX

Luke presented a presentation to the Council on the LIT-Special Legislation fund on what would happen if the bonds for this fund were paid off early. Looking to pay off in the year of 2023. The problem with paying it off early, the way the statute is stated now the remaining money in the fund would go to the Highway Department. This is where it was defaulted if no action was taken to where to put the money when the tax was adopted. He wants to get it changed to the money left over would go to the Detention Center which is why the tax was there to begin with. We need a way to fund the jail in years to come. Luke thinks this is a Council decision because of the issue with tax rates. We can start with us and talk to Commissioners about it. The first thing is to amend the language before any of this can happen. Luke prepared a letter to change the funding to Representative Stephen Bartels. David made the motion to approve the letter, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0. A copy of the letter will be in the bond file.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Alcohol Beverage Board:** 1 appt. – 1 year term. There was one letter of interest: Randall L. McBrayer (current) Charlie made the motion to reappoint Randy McBrayer, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Community Corrections Advisory Board:** 1 appt. – Council member. David made the motion to reappoint Danny, second made by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Economic Development Commission:** ongoing term. Charlie made the motion to table this appointment to get more information and to who can be appointed until the next meeting. The second was made by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.
- **EMA Advisory Council:** 1 appt. – Council member. Charlie made the motion to reappoint David, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.
- **In 15 Regional Planning Commission:** 1 appt. – Council member. Danny made the motion to reappoint David, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0 with Luke abstaining.
- **Perry County Development Corporation – Delegate:** Council appt. – 1 year term. Lynn made the motion to appoint Earla, seconded by David. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Personnel Policy Committee:** 2 Council appts. – 1 year term. Charlie made the motion to reappoint David and Lynn, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Public Library Board:** 1 appt. – 4 year term. Colleen Smith turned in a resignation letter and her term ends 12-31-23. No letters of interest at this time. Charlie made the to postpone this appointment until the regular January meeting. The second was made by David. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Redevelopment Commission:** 2 appts – 1 year term. 6 letters of interest. The letters were from: Jon Scheer, Bill Dickerson, Carol Hagedorn, Keith Huck, Randall Cole and James R. Flynn. Charlie made the motion to reappoint Jon Scheer and appoint Bill Dickerson, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 6-0 with Paul abstaining.
- **Solid Waste Management District Board:** Council appt – 1 year term. David made the motion to reappoint Charlie, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0 with Charlie abstaining.
- **Zoning Appeals:** 1 appt – 4 year term. 1 letter of interest. David made the motion to reappoint Donald (Orville) Newell, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg informed the Council that the County was chosen to do an interview on the new Steel Road project. It will be virtual on Wednesday morning.

Danny welcomed Paul Malone to the Council. All the members agreed.

Luke filed a “Conflict of Interest” form to the State because as of January 1, he is working at Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission office.

It was also mentioned that Luke was going to send an email out to the Council members to sign up to be a liaison for offices. They can sign up for the ones they want. This way the office holder will contact their liaison for what they need and the liaison will pass on to the other members.

Also, at the next Council meeting, possibly adopt a resolution on how to conduct virtual meetings on muting individuals. Luke said there are Delaware County rules to go by.

There being no other business before the council, Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Danny seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

Minutes approved this 25th day of February, 2021.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
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