

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES – February 27, 2020

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. at the Perry County Courthouse as was advertised. Council members in attendance were: President David Etienne, Luke Thomas, Charles Baumeister, Danny Bolin and Steve Goodson. Lynn Fulkerson came in late. Earla Williams was absent. Council Attorney, S. Rod Acchiardo, Sheriff Alan Malone and a *news representative* were also present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes from the meetings of December 19, 2019, January 2, 2020 and January 23, 2020 were mailed to the Council members for them to review. Charlie made the motion to approve all three sets of minutes, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0 except for the December meeting, Steve abstained so the vote was 4-1.

NEW HIRES – CIRCUIT COURT, TREASURER, CLERK and PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Judge Lucy Goffinet approached the Council to ask to replace the magistrate reporter position in the Circuit Court office. Her current employee, Heather Cooper, accepted a position at the Tell City Dispatch for more money. She said she needs this position replaced. Charlie made the motion to allow the position, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Amanda Lasher came before the Council to ask to replace the second deputy position in the Treasurer's office. She said that Paul Alvey took first deputy position when she became Treasurer, and now he has resigned as of February 28, 2020. So she is moving Dawn Baumeister, current second deputy, to the first deputy position as of April 2, 2020. This will now open the second deputy position to be replaced. She stated to the Council that she is officially asking to replace this position with a full time employee. Danny made the motion to approve this request, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 4-0 with Charlie abstaining.

Next, Mandi Mogan, County Clerk, came back to the Council on the temporary part time position that they made back in October of last year. They said to give it three months try and come back to them for a request. She is now formally asking for the full time position that they made part time to go back to a full time position. She commented the hours they have put in for training and they don't have enough time for it. She said this person works 29 hours a week with no benefits. David said this is saving the County money on insurance. Mandi asked why the Treasurer wasn't asked to go part time for her position. She said election is coming up and two people from the office will be working on that mostly. David commented that other offices are making sacrifices. Mandi asked "Why" her office? David said there are always people looking for part time and Lynn said there are some good people out there. Dot Steen, Clerk Deputy, spoke up and said no one came and talkd to the office about how critical this decision is. You don't realize the impact it will put on us. She said there is not enough time to get things done. Another Clerk Deputy, Teresa Clemens, said this will be difficult for us. Mandi came back and said the money is already there. Luke said we want to make cuts to hopefully give back to the employees. We can't continue going down the same road we have been. Mary Kay Elder, Election Worker, spoke up saying that the Council needs to see what the Clerk's office does especially during an election year. She said you will have a mess if you start cutting people.

Steve made a motion to table this until the Council visits the Clerk's office, seconded by Lynn.

Auditor Pam Goffinet said she would like to talk so she excused herself from being the secretary to the Council and stepped down to the floor as an elected official. Pam spoke up saying that yes she reduced her staff without the Council asking because she knew it would come to it one day. Pam said it is definitely harder without the other person there all day but her office is getting the job done. She said when she lost her last employee, she shared an employee with the Assessor. This person works less than a part time for each department. It is very difficult at times, but her staff is willing to put the work in to make this work.

Charlie commented that we had this discussion at budget time. We said when the next person leaves in the Clerk's office, we would go to a part time position because we would not do it then. We need to make a decision. He said are we going with what we said or are we changing our minds. Mandi said my workload is more now. David said a motion and second were on the floor, motion carried 6-0.

Prosecutor Jason Hoch also came before the Council requesting to fill a part time position. He has an administrative assistant retiring and he is moving an employee up internally. So this leaves a part time position open in the 4D-Child Support office. Luke made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFERS

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, requested a transfer of \$31,000.00 from Rental of Equipment to Bridge Inspection within the Cumulative Bridge fund. Steve commented this is to pay bills for March and April.

The Commissioners requested a transfer from Computer System Maintenance to Email Licenses in the amount of \$550.00 within the Cumulative Capital Development fund. Administrator Teresa Kanneberg said this is for county email addresses for the Council and the Commissioners. She said we have some licenses left but need to purchase 5 additional licenses. We have to buy in groups. She said we feel comfortable taking from this account.

The Highway Department also requested a transfer in the amount of \$77,103.63 from Bituminous to Local Rd/Br Matching Grant Share-2019. This is to get the money ready to do the roads.

Luke made the motion to approve all three transfers, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-20-01

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION IN THE FOLLOWING NAMED BUDGET; NOW THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING MADE BUDGET:

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND

TRANSFER \$ 31,000.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1135-531-3000.61 RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT \$31,000.00
TO: ACCOUNT #1135-531-3000.12 BRIDGE INSPECTION
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGET

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL FUND

TRANSFER \$ 550.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1138-161-3000.69 COMPUTER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE \$ 550.00
TO: ACCOUNT #1138-161-4000.74 EMAIL LICENSES
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE BUDGET

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY RESTICTED FUND

TRANSFER \$ 77,103.63
FROM: ACCOUNT #1173-531-2000.33 BITUMINOUS \$77,103.63
TO: LOCAL RD/BR MATCHING GRANT SHARE 2019-2
ACCOUNT #9141-000-6410
LOCAL RD/BRIDGE MATCHING GRANT SHARE-2019
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGE

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

NAY

AYE

DAVID A ETIENNE /S/
LUKE THOMAS /S/
STEVE GOODSON /S/
CHARLES BAUMEISTER /S/
LYNN FULKERSON /S/
DANNY BOLIN /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Commissioners requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$226,903.80 for the Perry County Development Corporation contract within the EDIT fund. The PCDC contract is funded by 20% of the EDIT money through the EDIT plan of the County. Todd Mosby, President of the PCDC, informed the Council that some of this money goes out to the community. He said their board consists of six elected officials and nine business leaders. Todd went on about all the work they do and the businesses brought in to expand. He also said they are working with Cannelton on the Can-Clay property. He said they work a lot with education. They helped Ivy Tech to raise \$500,000.00 for students to go to classes while in High School and when they graduate, they go straight to the workforce. Luke made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 5-0 with Steve abstaining.

The Highway Department requested an additional appropriation for County Road Improvements in the amount of \$700,000.00 within the EDIT fund also. Highway Superintendent Steve Howell said this is 50% of the EDIT money. When the EDIT tax was passed, it was said 50% goes for road improvement. No money comes from the County General fund. Luke made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$9,000.00 for Stipend, \$700.00 for Social Security, and \$1,000.00 for Retirement within the Inmate Housing fund for jailers. He said he is asking for this money to give the jailers encouragement. This money is from housing inmates from other counties. Charlie made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 20-CC-2

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAN WAS APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE TAXING UNIT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY ARE

HEREBY APPROPRIATED OUT OF THE FUNDS NAMED AND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED, SUBJECT TO LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME:

<u>EDIT FUND</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>				
#1112-068-3000.10	\$ 226,903.80	\$ 226,903.80	5	0
<u>PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY</u>				
#1112-534-4000.45	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 700,000.00	6	0
COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS				
EDIT FUND TOTAL:	\$926,903.80	\$ 926,903.80		

INMATE HOUSING FUND

<u>PERRY COUNTY JAIL</u>				
#4929-380-1000.10	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	6	0
STIPEND				
#4929-380-1000.21	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	6	0
SOCIAL SECURITY				
#4929-380-1000.22	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	6	0
INMATE HOUSING FUND TOTAL:	\$10,700.00	\$ 10,700.00		

ADOPTED THIS 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

NAY

AYE

DAVID A ETIENNE /S/
 LUKE THOMAS /S/
 STEVE GOODSON /S/
 CHARLES BAUMEISTER /S/
 LYNN FULKERSON /S/
 DANNY BOLIN /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L GOFFINET /S/
 PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

MISCELLANEOUS

Cathy Boerste, Extension Agent, came to the meeting to introduce the new Health and Human Science Educator, Megan Jaspersen, who will work in Perry and Spencer Counties.

Steve Hauser, EMA Director, informed the Council that at the last Redevelopment Commission meeting, the board opened bids for the storage building at the Armory Annex. There was only one bid submitted and it was for \$148,830.00 and the RDC committed \$120,000.00 for the building. He said we are short around \$33,000.00. He stated that he receives reimbursement from an Emergency Management Performance Grant every year that goes into the County General fund. He would like for the Council to consider this revenue to go toward the building. Auditor Goffinet said she used this revenue to figure in as revenue already coming into County General. Charlie made the motion to table until the next meeting, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Tom Hauser spoke up about the Cannelton Annex building. He said when the building was vacated, they moved the county offices. He said we would like to do what is best for Cannelton. Tom commented that there is interest from a private individual in the building. This would put it back on the tax rolls for Cannelton. He is asking the Council for their opinion. Tom said they have been petitioned to give the building back to the City of Cannelton. Commissioners are deciding whether to put out bids, sell it or continue with grant to tear it down. He said if they sell it, the proceeds would go into the Rainy Day fund. It is not suitable for a public building anymore. It

could be renovated for a commercial building. Charlie said to sell the building and get it back on the tax rolls. This would benefit Cannelton and the money would help our budget. Luke and Danny agreed with this.

Cannelton Mayor Ralph Terry spoke up saying he wants it written in the sale about no non-profit organization. It takes away from economic development. He said this happened to the Cotton Mill Apartments. He also is concerned about the price. Tom said they can refuse any and all bids. It will have to meet the appraisal amount.

The Council was reminded about the Southwest District AIC meeting in Huntingburg on April 1, 2020. They need to let Teresa know if they are interested in going.

The Commissioners asked for a motion of intent for \$200.00 needed for the County's part on a billboard sign advertising the 2020 Census. Residents will receive their Census data in the mail. There is a group of people trying to promote the Census. We can transfer from the Publication of Legal Notices in the Commissioners budget for this.

Herbie Landers also attended the meeting. David said that you are asking for a lot of money for the new animal shelter. Herbie said this is providing a lot of services. He said there are two current issues going on and nowhere to put the animals. They have to go someplace outside the County. The Council said we need to renegotiate the amount. Luke stated that the budget needs to be more realistic. It needs to be worked on more. Herbie said there is no room to work on. It would be the best for the County if the Council could find the money. Herbie said he won't start until he knows it is a go.

Charlie said he would like to look at having a work day before the next Council meeting.

There being no further business to come before the council, Luke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0, with adjournment at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes approved this 23rd day of April, 2020.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
Pamela L Goffinet, Perry County Auditor*