

**SPECIAL PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – MAY 21, 2020
VIA WEBEX (AUDIO ONLY)**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. VIA WebEx. Council members in attendance were: President David A Etienne, Luke Thomas, Charles Baumeister, Earla Williams, and Danny Bolin. Steve Goodson and Lynn Fulkerson were absent. Council Attorney S. Rod Acchiardo was present for the meeting also. No news media or Sheriff Alan Malone were present.

RECORDER – NEW HIRE – DEPUTY POSITION

Recorder Jane James explained to the Council that she would like to replace her second deputy position that will become vacant. Her current deputy has accepted a shared position with the Auditor and Assessor. David asked Jane if this position could be part time. He is asking because of looking for ways to cut in places instead of waiting. He was looking at no insurance for part time and also he knows revenues are going to be down because of COVID-19. Jane responded no not with their heavy workload in the office and they could use part time also to get done what is required of them. She said she had to turn the Surveyor, David Lynch, down on partnering for a job to help all surveyors. They just don't have the time. She also said they constantly get calls from surveyors and title searchers to see where they are on back indexing their records. They are trying hard to get it done. Jane said that others come to look at our records and how good they are and they want to continue on what they have accomplished. David commented that with part time they would only lose 6 hours of work. There was discussion on how other counties are with this department. Charlie spoke saying he contacted Spencer County Recorder, Vicky Braun, saying she has 2 part time because the county wouldn't give her full time. She said she needs more help to get the work done. Charlie said he knows the money situation is bad but he would hate to cut a 3 employee office.

Jane said that given in the past, Council asked her to pay for computers and software from other funds. She is only asking for salary from County General for this year. She said the office has given a lot already. Danny asked if they had someone in mind. Jane said she is going through the hiring process. She needs to hire as soon as possible to start training the new employee. With the personnel policy, she should be able to have someone start on June 8, 2020.

Charlie made the motion to allow to hire a full time person, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

Charlie brought up county cell phones that was mentioned at last year's budget session. He was nominated to call surrounding counties to see what their procedures are and if they have a resolution in place.

There being no further business, Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0, with adjournment at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes approved this 25th day of June, 2020.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
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