

**SPECIAL PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – JULY 16, 2020**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 3:00 p.m. at the County Courthouse. Council members in attendance were: President David A Etienne, Luke Thomas, Charles Baumeister, and Danny Bolin. Steve Goodson, Lynn Fulkerson and Earla Williams were absent. Sheriff Alan Malone was also present.

ABATEMENT – INDIANA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY (IMPA)

David commented saying that IMPA’s abatement was tabled at their June 25th Council meeting until they submitted a corrected form. He said he doesn’t know if they actually addressed what they said in their letter to them about the SB-1 and the CF-1 forms. He said they calculated it out by percentages. David said the problem was that the SB-1 form cost and the assessed value were the same amount. He commented that this was confusing to the Council. Luke said they did amend the form with the true value increasing from 460,000 to 490,000 in assessed value. Luke made the motion to approve the abatement, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 4-0.

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The minutes from the May 28, 2020 meeting were mailed to the Council for their review. Charlie made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 4-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Charlie mentioned about a meeting with Enterprise and the Sheriff Office on leasing vehicles. He said they also met with Sternberg from Jasper. He said they could lease four vehicles for the price of one with a lease program. Sheriff Malone said he would save on leasing vehicles. He said now he budgets \$5,000.00 for repairs on one vehicle. He said they all would be under warranty. The cost would be \$40,000.00 a year and get four vehicles and limited to 25,000 miles per year. All vehicles would be equipped and turn key to the Sheriff Office. Charlie said they want to come and give a presentation. It would be around 90 minutes and probably a special meeting. He said he would like to talk about this at their work session.

Sheriff Alan Malone talked to the Council members present about the COPS grant he was awarded. He said there is a deadline to accept it or we could lose it. We have 45 days from July 1, 2020. Once approved by the Council, he said they have 90 days to submit approval on line. Sheriff Malone said the numbers he sent them for the grant are estimated high especially on insurance. He stated this is a competitive grant and if they turn it down they won’t get it again. He said the grant is for 3 years and the County is to support one year and then see where we are after that. He said in the past, the employee stayed with the County once hired. Chief Deputy, Eric Dickenson, said this way the grant gives a municipality an out if in dire straits. Sheriff Malone did mention that he would take care of equipment for the deputy. He said they may already have some of it in stock.

The Council said they would put the COPS grant on agenda for July 23rd and work session in August.

There being no further business, Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0, with adjournment at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes approved this 27th day of August, 2020.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
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