

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 27, 2020

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW OF TAX LEVIES & CIRCUIT BREAKER CREDITS – NON BINDING UNITS

Copies of the Estimated Maximum Levy for Budget Year 2021 and the 2021 Estimated Property Tax Cap Impact Report had been mailed to each Council member for their review. According to IC 6-1.1-17-3.6, at their first meeting in August, the County Council is to review these documents and either make recommendations, or not, to the taxing units about any changes. The taxing units include the seven townships, three school corporations, three cities and towns, and the public library. Luke said he would like to go with what was said last year that you should not increase your levy by any more than what your assessed value (AV) increases. If you continue by the average growth quotient, the circuit breaker will grow also.

Luke said we would like to see the units adopt at their AV growth so to not increase their circuit breaker growth. If we continue to grow the way we are, the County will be in trouble. David read all units of their tax levies and estimated circuit breaker credit amounts.

The votes are:

- Anderson Township
- Clark Township
- Leopold Township
- Oil Township
- Tobin Township
- Troy Township
- Union Township
- City of Tell City
- City of Cannelton
- Town of Troy
- Perry Central School
- Cannelton School
- Tell City School
- Tell City Public Library

Luke made the motion for all units to not increase by their levy by anymore than what their assessed value increases, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0.

Auditor Pam Goffinet will send notice to the units of the Council's decision.

MINUTES

The minutes from the June 25, 2020 meeting had been mailed to the Council for their review. Luke made the motion to approve the minutes with no changes, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 5-0 with Steve abstaining. The minutes from the July 16, 2020 meeting had been mailed to the Council for their review. Charlie made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 3-0 with Lynn, Steve and Earla abstaining. The minutes from the meeting of July 23, 2020 had been mailed to the Council for their review. Luke made the motion to approve the minutes with no changes, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 5-0 with Steve abstaining.

TRANSFERS

Treasurer Amanda Lasher requested \$165.00 from Tax Statement Mailing to Postage with the County General fund. First Deputy Dawn Baumeister said they ran out of stamps. Due to COVID, they mailed out more statements. Earla made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 5-0 with Charlie abstaining.

The Extension office requested \$65.00 from Travel to Summer Assistant within the County General fund. Agent Cathy Boerste said she overlooked the amount of hour worked compared to the budget. Earla made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0.

The Veterans Service Officer, Wayne Hubert, requested a transfer of \$6,650.00 within County General from Full Time Veterans Officer Salary to Part Time Veterans Officer Salary. The position was changed by the County Council at their last meeting. Earla made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0.

The Perry County Commissioners requested \$500.00 from Workers Compensation Insurance to Unemployment Compensation within the County General fund. This is to cover the claims that have been submitted. Earla made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0.

Prosecutor Jason Hoch requested a transfer of \$600.00 within the County General fund from Travel to Office Supplies. Earla made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0.

The Park and Recreation Department requested \$100.00 from Office Supplies to Shop Supplies within the County General fund. Earla made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested a transfer of \$2,700.00 from Sheriff’s Van to Furniture and Fixtures within the LIT- Special Legislation fund. Charlie made the motion to approve the transfer. The second was made by Lynn. Motion carried 6-0.

Clerk Rachel East requested \$200.00 from Equipment Repair and \$575.00 from Rebinding Records to Computers and Installation within the Clerk’s Record Perpetuation fund. Steve made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-20-08

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:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND

TRANSFER \$ 165.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-003-3000.12
TAX STATEMENT MAILING CONTRACT \$ 165.00
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-003-3000.21
POSTAGE
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY TREASURER’S BUDGET

TRANSFER \$ 65.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-011-3000.22 \$ 65.00
TRAVEL
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-011-1000.19
SUMMER ASSISTANT
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

TRANSFER \$ 6,650.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-012-1000.11 \$ 6,650.00
FULL TIME VETERAN'S OFFICER SALARY
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-012-1000.12
PART TIME VETERAN'S SVC OFFICER SALARY
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY VETERAN'S
OFFICER SALARY

TRANSFER \$ 500.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-068-3000.43 \$ 500.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-068-1000.24
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET

TRANSFER \$ 600.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-660-3000.22 \$ 600.00
TRAVEL
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-660-2000.11
OFFICE SUPPLIES
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY PROSECUTOR / IV-D BUDGET

TRANSFER \$ 100.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-803-2000.11 \$ 100.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-803-2000.13
SHOP SUPPLIES
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY PARK AND
RECREATION BUDGET

LIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION FUND

TRANSFER \$ 2,700.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1114-381-4000.83 \$ 2,700.00
SHERIFF'S VAN
TO: ACCOUNT #1114-381-4000.45
FURNITURE & FIXTURES
WITHIN: LIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION-
DETENTION CENTER BUDGET

CLERK'S RECORDS PERPETUATION FUND

TRANSFER \$ 775.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1119-001-4000.43 \$ 200.00
EQUIPMENT & REPAIR
FROM: ACCOUNT #1119-001-3000.64 \$ 575.00
REBINDING RECORDS
TO: ACCOUNT #1119-001-4000.40 \$ 775.00
COMPUTERS & INSTALLATION
WITHIN: CLERK'S RECORDS PERPETUATION BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

NAY

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DAVID A ETIENNE /S/
LUKE THOMAS /S/
STEVE GOODSON /S/
EARLA WILLIAMS /S/
CHARLES BAUMEISTER /S/
LYNN FULKERSON /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Coroner Warren Taylor requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,000.00 for Autopsy within the County General fund. Warren informed the Council that this line item is already in red by \$3000.00 and he has two more coming. He said he will probably be back again next month asking for an additional. It costs around \$1700.00 to \$2000.00 an autopsy. Luke made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 6-0.

Perry County Sheriff, Alan Malone, requested \$6,000.00 for an additional appropriation within the Inmate Housing fund for Equipment & Maintenance Police Cars. He said he already went through the appropriation in his budget in County General. Alan sad his total amount on maintenance on five older police cars has been around \$18,000.00 and this is not counting oil changes. Charlie said the Council needs to look at this at budget time. We are spending a lot on maintenance of old vehicles. Charlie made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 6-0.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, requested \$996,179.45 for an additional appropriation for County Road Improvements within the Community Crossings Local Rd/Br Matching Grant fund. Steve said this is the State and County share. We have to pay before completing the paving. He said he has received this grant money every year and plans to apply again in 2021 for more. Lynn made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 20-CC-8

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:

COUNTY	GENERAL FUND	REQUESTED	APPROPRIATED	AYE	NAY
<u>PERRY COUNTY CORONER</u>					
#1000-007-3000.17		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	6	0
AUTOPSY					

COUNTY GENERAL

FUND TOTAL: \$ 7,000.00 \$ 7,000.00

INMATE HOUSING FUND

PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF

#4929-005-3000.62 \$ 6,000.00 \$ 6,000.00 6 0
EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE
POLICE CARS

INMATE HOUSING

FUND TOTAL: \$ 6,000.00 \$ 6,000.00

COMMUNITY CROSSING LOCAL RD/BR MATCHING GRANT

PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY

#9141-534-4000.46 \$996,179.45 \$ 996,179.45 6 0
COUNTY ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS

COMMUNITY CROSSING LOCAL RD/BR

MATCHING GRANT TOTAL: \$ 996,179.45

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CORONER – APPROVAL TO FILL POSITION OF DEPUTY CORONER

Coroner Warren Taylor, came before the Council informing them that a current deputy, Gary Hines, resigned on August 25th and Joe Adkins is on medical leave. He said that leaves himself and Kim Robertson to do most of the calls. Warren said he would like to fill this deputy position and also allow two volunteers who are certified to get them through the crisis. He said he checked with Attorney Chris Goffinet on the volunteers and he said it was okay. Warren commented that it takes more than one person to move a body most times. The County will have to report to the Insurance company on allowing the volunteers. Luke made the motion to approve filling the vacant position, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0. Lynn made the motion to approve on allowing volunteers, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0. Auditor will check on the liability coverage.

LETTER – DECLARATION OF FISCAL BODY

Under new law, IC 6-1.1-17, the Perry County Public Library has to submit a Declaration of Fiscal Body to the County Council. Normally they are a non-binding unit and the County Council submits and adopts their budget. In case of triggering event and become a binding unit, then the Library does all the filing on their own. Charlie made the motion to approve and sign the letter once the Library Board President, Patsy Alvey, signs, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCES – GRANTS AND MILEAGE

David brought up to the Council about two different draft ordinances that the Council has been reviewing and would like to make changes to. David read from a list of possible changes to be made. Some of them are:

MILEAGE

- Setting limits on times to turn the mileage claim in
- Changed the word attendees to employees in the ordinance
- Updated the current policy, it should have been reviewed annually and has not been since 2006
- For daily travel, anything less than 25 miles will not be reimbursed, encourage to use county owned vehicles

Sara Gehlhausen commented that they visit people in their homes and go to doctors' offices which will be less than 25 miles. Luke said they are pennies in the budgets. It is \$2.00 per gallon of gas versus \$9.00 for 25 miles reimbursement. Sara said all their mileage is paid from grant funds and not County General. Charlie spoke up saying that the County is purchasing more vehicles so there should be more to use. Sara said if we use the county car, who pays for the maintenance on it. Commissioner Randy Kleaving asked if it was legal to not to pay someone for mileage in using their own vehicle. Luke said they were introducing these ordinances tonight for discussion. Commissioner President Tom Hauser asked if this was for only Council approval or for both boards. Charlie commented it will be both boards like it was before.

GRANTS

David read the draft of the grant ordinance. He said this is to establish policy and procedures on grants that the County has never had. He commented that lots of Counties have one similar to this one. It was said that at budget time, the Council is looking at all salaries no matter where it comes from. Luke said they need to see all sources of where employees come from. Coroner Warren Taylor said what if it is a private corporation like United Way and they have a certain deadline on them and we miss filing for them because of timing to come to the boards. Sheriff Alan Malone said some grants only give 7 to 14 days to respond. The consensus of elected officials and department heads is that they don't want to miss out on these types of grants that can help to supplement the budgets. The Council said these are some issues that need to be talked about.

Commissioner Randy Kleaving spoke up and said he wanted to make it clear that the Commissioners did not know anything about this. It was said that by this draft, there are too many hoops to go through and they won't do the grants anymore. Randy said we need to make it easier for offices to do grants. Tom said that through the Governor's Executive Order, he can approve things first and the Commissioners actually approve later. He doesn't know if this can qualify for doing this. Attorney Rod Acchiardo said he would have to look into it. Tom said the Council does need to know all sources of income for employees. If they don't know, it is hard to be fiscally sound. Tom said he is not against the ordinance; it just needs to be looked at. Luke said the Council doesn't want to make this harder for offices, they just want to know where all the money is coming from. Tom said we need to take time and get more input on this ordinance. Several other employees commented on the timing of certain grants and the possible restrictions to apply for a grant making it difficult for them to do. Tara Lucas talked about the Health Immunization Grant they apply for every year and also asked what is the gain of the County knowing what the grant is, what it is for and payment amount. As said before, the Council needs to be aware of all revenue coming into the county. Randy asked what is driving this because this money is not coming out of County budgets. We want departments to be aggressive to find money to help. It was mentioned that the ordinance may need to be torn apart and start over.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Charlie said it would be good to have a work session this year on the budgets. It was said to be on September 2, 2020 at the Armory Annex from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Auditor Pam Goffinet will give a 48-hour notice for advertisement.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AT PUBLIC MEETING

There was discussion about how to social distance at the budget public hearing on September 16, 2020. There was concern on how many department heads and agencies would be attending. Administrator Teresa Kanneberg said she sent a letter to the agencies that they could call in if they did not want to attend in person. It was said to send out a notice to all departments and agencies on who wants to attend and set up a schedule for them to talk to the Council members about their budgets. There also may not be many to attend so this may not be an issue either.

MISCELLANEOUS

Charlie brought up that he went through this month's county claims and said it was very interesting. He said the bad person on questioning payments is always the Auditor making it look like it's her fault. He would like to see a vote of support for her to question claims if need to be. There are some claims that are very vague on what they are spent on. Charlie made the motion to support, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 5-1 with Steve Goodson voting against. Charlie said he brought this up at the last Commissioners meeting also. Randy said the Commissioners didn't vote on it. Tom commented that they couldn't give or take any power away.

David thanked Wayne Hubert, Veterans Service Officer, on his years of service to the County.

Luke thanked everyone for their input at tonight's meeting.

There being no further business, Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0, with adjournment at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes approved this 13th day of October, 2020.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
Pamela L Goffinet, Auditor*