

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 26, 2021

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted as presented.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Jim Carter commented to the Council of some things to be concerned about. He said there are new terms in the State law. He mentioned the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) program, if the county was receiving any of this. It was stated that the county does receive payments from this at this time. He also talked about UAZ, Urban Agriculture Zone. He said there are 67% agriculture zones in Perry County. It is tax exempt. Any farmer can apply for this. He also asked if the county files TIF Neutralization forms. Auditor Pam Goffinet said that the firm of Baker Tilly helps to file this for the Redevelopment Commission every year.

Luke did say that the State is increasing the business personal property tax exemption basically every session. It has been increased from 20,000 to 40,000 and now looking to go to 60,000 or 80,000. He said we will be taking a hit on business personal property tax on which will affect our taxes. Luke also said in speaking of Payment in Lieu of Taxes, there is a provision in the ARP, a tribal fund, that a certain amount of dollars that public land counties will be receiving and Perry County qualifies as one. It will be administered by the Treasury but it hasn't been put out there yet.

Celia Ferrand said in light of recent events concerning a house in Tell City referred to itself as a sober living house, she wanted to make it clear as to what her idea of a sober house would be. She was called upon by friends of that house to help in their effort to keep it open. She called Mayor Cail to explain the cease-and-desist order against the home. As details began to surface, she recognized the concerns of the community. It is her opinion that this not be listed as a sober living house rather something quite different. In her new beginnings' proposal, a functioning house would be welcomed by our citizens.

She said she would have the house fully staffed 24/7 by recovering alcoholics and addicts with lengthy sobriety and monitored by staff employers and law enforcement. The newly recovered would be working and living among us. The tools of the 360 program from Sheriff Malone would be better for them to integrate back into society when walking out of jail. They need to be detoxed before going to the house. The sober house with Sheriff Malone's program increases the odds that recovery will take hold.

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

Copies of the Estimated Maximum Levy for Budget Year 2022 and the 2022 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. Luke 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

David 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.

TRANSFERS

Coroner Warren Taylor requested a transfer of \$750.00 from Lab & X-Ray Fees to Autopsy Room within the County General fund. He said he received money from the State in a grant for SIDS that has to be spent in the autopsy room. He commented that he has to spend the money first and then get reimbursed for it. Paul made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested \$3,711.13 in a transfer from Overtime Deputies & Jailers to Jailers Supplement Wage in the amount of \$3,229.12, \$232.65 to Social Security and \$249.36 to Retirement within the Inmate Housing fund. Auditor Goffinet helped to explain this. She said this transfer needs to be done because we did not get the additional in for this month and we have already started the supplemental pay that was approved for the jailers. This is to cover the pays for now. Next month, there will be an additional to put the money back in the overtime line and also for the remainder of the supplemental wage. Charlie made the motion to approve the transfer request, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CC-21-06

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 \$ 750.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-007-3000.16 \$ 750.00
LAB & X-RAY FEES
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-007-2000.48
AUTOPSY ROOM EQUIPMENT
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY CORONER'S BUDGET

INMATE HOUSING FUND

TRANSFER \$ 3,711.13
FROM: ACCOUNT #4929-005-1000.19 \$ 3,711.13
OVERTIME DEPUTIES & JAILERS

TO: ACCOUNT #4929-380-1000.11 \$ 3,229.12
JAILERS SUPPLEMENT WAGE
TO: ACCOUNT #4929-380-1000.21 \$ 232.65
SOCIAL SECURITY
TO: ACCOUNT #4929-380-1000.22 \$ 249.36
RETIREMENT
WITHIN: PERRY CO DETENTION BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

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LUKE A THOMAS /S/
 DAVID A ETIENNE /S/
 EARLA WILLIAMS /S/
 PAUL J MALONE /S/
 CHARLES BAUMEISTER /S/
 DANNY BOLIN /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/
 PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Sheriff Alan Malone requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000.00 for Repairs Building and Fixtures and \$20,000.00 for Repairs Appliances and Equipment within the LIT-Special Legislation fund. Alan informed the Council that the amount they owe on bills at this time is \$27,775.50. He said there is \$22,000.00 not accounted for at this point, but if it is not spent, it will go back into the fund. Charlie said the amounts actually add up to \$24,772.50. Sheriff commented that he didn't want to keep coming back each month asking for an additional. Charlie said he knows that he hates to come back asking each month. Alan said he knows the money can only be used for certain things, no wages, vehicles or for overtime. He said he is down a washer now and Greg is good about fixing things. He just doesn't want to keep coming back to them for the same thing. David said that is why we are here. Auditor Goffinet said that appropriation only goes until the end of the year. Charlie made the motion to approve \$24,772.50 for the bills owed, seconded by David. Motion declined 2-3 with Luke abstaining. Paul commented to let him have the whole amount. Danny agreed. Paul made the motion to approve the \$50,000.00, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 3-2 with Luke abstaining.

Sheriff Malone requested \$6,973.70 for an additional appropriation for Janitorial Maintenance Supplies. This is the amount of funds left from last year. Also \$13,628.17 was requested for Meals for Prisoners within the Misdemeanant fund. The numbers are reported to the State and the State sends the money. David made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Paul. Motion carried 6-0.

Lucy Goffinet, Perry Circuit Court Judge, requests an additional from the Riverboat fund in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a Recording System and \$2,500.00 for I-Pads. Luke read from their request that the recording system is outdated and this is for two systems. They need the I-Pads to conduct meetings and check ins from probationers. Luke said he hoped to get this from the ARP money but the timing is not right. Charlie made the motion to approve the requests, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0 with Paul abstaining.

Judge Goffinet also requested \$15,000.00 for Chemical Test Supplies within the Supplemental Adult Probation fund. Charlie said that they made cuts in the budget for

this year in this line item. David made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0 with Paul abstaining.

Highway Superintendent Steve Howell requested \$874,126.95 for County Road Improvements within the Community Crossing fund. Steve said this is INDOT's share of the matching grant. Paul made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 21-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:

LIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	APPROPRIATED	AYE	NAY
<u>PERRY COUNTY</u>				
<u>DETENTION CENTER</u>				
#1114-381-3000.61 REPAIRS BUILDING AND FIXTURES	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	3	2
#1114-381-3000.62 REPAIRS APPLIANCES & EQUIPMENT	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	3	2
			w/ 1 abstaining	
LIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION FUND TOTAL:	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		
<u>COUNTY MISDEMEANANT FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY COUNTY</u>				
<u>DETENTION CENTER</u>				
#1175-380-2000.31 JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	\$ 6,973.70	\$ 6,973.70	6	0
#1175-380-3000.91 MEALS FOR PRISONERS	\$ 13,628.17	\$ 13,628.17	6	0
CO MISDEMEANANT FUND TOTAL		\$ 20,601.87		
<u>RIVERBOAT FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY CIRCUIT COURT</u>				
#1191-232-4000.40 RECORDING SYSTEM	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	5	0
#1191-232-4000.41 I-PADS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	5	0
			w/ 1 abstaining	
RIVERBOAT FUND TOTAL:	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00		
<u>SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY CIRCUIT COURT</u>				
#2100-232-2000.13 CHEMICAL TEST SUPPLIES	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	5	0
			w/ 1 abstaining	

**SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT
PROBATION**

FUND TOTAL: \$ 15,000.00 \$ 15,000.00

COMMUNITY CROSSING FUND

PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY

#9141-534-4000.46 \$ 874,126.95 \$ 874,126.95 6 0
COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

COMMUNITY CROSSING

FUND TOTAL: \$ 874,126.95 \$ 874,126.95

ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

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**MOTION OF INTENT – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OVERTIME**

Auditor Goffinet explained to the Council that the last \$10,000.00 they appropriated is just about gone. We are down very low and we have overtime to pay out the first of September and she said she knows this will not be enough. We have not received a budget on the \$39,000.00 grant that was talked about yesterday to be able to use it for overtime at this point. Charlie made the motion of intent for \$10,000.00 appropriation in September for Health Department Overtime, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

WORK SESSION

Luke made mention of the work session that took place yesterday, August 25th at The Depot. The topics discussed were Dispatch fund and numbers and Health Department Overtime.

There being no further business, Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0, with adjournment at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes approved this 28th day of October, 2021.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
Pamela L Goffinet, Auditor*