

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES –November 18, 2021**

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Luke said there were several items that need to be added to the agenda:

1. #10 – LOW programs financing
2. #11 – Upcoming appointments
3. #12 – Updates - Detention Bonds, 1782 Notices, Property Tax Rates and Home Rule Funds
4. #13 – Town Hall meeting – Mental Health
5. #14 – December meeting change

Charlie made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by David. Motion carried 4-0

MINUTES

Minutes from the meetings of September 15, 2021 and September 23, 2021 were mailed to the Council members for their review. There was a change to the September 23rd minutes that on the agenda line, it should say the agenda was approved. The minutes were approved with the amendment by Luke, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Carter came before the Council stating he met with County Attorney Chris Goffinet and presented a plan on the animal shelter. He gave the Council a summary cost of what it would take to get it running. He said his plan would be half of the cost. Possibly \$90,000 or less. He informed them that this would get the animal shelter back and an animal control officer. He said he is personally looking for a single person for this job. It could save the county \$9,000. Jim said there is no state law when hiring for marital status. You can discriminate. Indiana does not have statement on marital status.

TRANSFERS

Perry County Treasurer, Amanda Lasher, requested a transfer of \$769.09 from Tax Statement Mailing Contract and \$600.00 from Equipment Repair to Office Supplies in the amount of \$699.09 and \$670.00 to Office Equipment within the Treasurer's budget in the County General fund. Amanda informed that she has an old printer. She plans on getting a new printer, copier and scanner in one and other supplies. Earla made the motion to approve the transfers, seconded by David. Motion carried 3-0 with Charlie abstaining.

The Perry County Council requested a transfer of \$51.00 from Travel to Council Attorney within the County General fund. This is to make up for the rest of the Council Attorney contract. Charlie made the motion to approve the request, seconded by David. Motion carried 4-0.

The Perry County Commissioners requested \$5,000.00 to be transferred from Social Security, \$7,064.00 from Retirement, \$3,000.00 from Travel, \$1,000.00 from Official Bonds, and \$5,000.00 from Workers Compensation to Liability Insurance in the amount of \$21,064.00 within the Commissioners budget in the County General fund. Auditor Goffinet explained that the liability insurance increased due to added equipment, vehicles and Multi Factor Authentication on computers. This line item should not be in the red. Earla made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 4-0.

A transfer request from the Commissioner was made in the Animal Shelter budget in County General for \$7,500.00 from Animal Shelter Contract to Outdoor Kennels &

Supplies and \$15,000.00 from Animal Shelter Contract to Animal Control Services. Charlie made the motion to approve the transfers, seconded by David. Motion carried 4-0.

The Commissioners also requested \$3,600 to be transferred from Courthouse Utilities to Janitorial Cleaning Supplies in the amount of \$1,600.00 and \$2,000.00 to Janitorial Services within the Courthouse budget in the County General fund. It was stated that the cleaning service recently implemented a new quarterly stocking method which left us with a bill that exceeded our budget. This should level out going into the new year. Need to do yearly carpet cleaning for half of the Courthouse and yearly strip/wax at the Armory Annex building. Charlie made the motion to approve the request, seconded by David. Motion carried 4-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested \$1,000.00 from Part Time Jail Officer Salary and \$728.00 from Assistant/Jail Commander Salary to Part Time Matron Salary. Also requested \$1,000.00 from Uniforms Jail Officers to Repair-Appliances & Equipment within the County Jail budget in the County General fund. Earla made the motion to approve the transfers, seconded by David. Motion carried 4-0

County Commissioners requested \$73.00 from Copy Machine Maintenance to Codification of Ordinances within the Courthouse budget in the Cumulative Capital Development fund. Luke asked if the County has ever looked at going with anybody else for codification of the ordinances. Auditor Pam Goffinet said it has not been brought up before at this point. David made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 4-0.

The County Commissioners also requested \$25,000.00 from Ambulance Lease to Ambulance Service in the LIT-Public Safety fund within the Commissioners budget. Administrator Teresa Kanneberg said that \$25,839.54 remains in County General Ambulance Service line item. We are paid up through August. September loss was \$27,025.00. We need \$1,185.46 to cover September plus October loss which we haven't received yet. David made the motion to approve, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 4-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-21-09

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	<u>\$ 1,369.09</u>	
FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-003-3000.12	\$ 769.09
	TAX STATEMENT MAILING CONTRACT	
FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-003-3000.62	\$ 600.00
	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1000-003-2000.11	\$ 699.09
	OFFICE SUPPLIES	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1000-003-4000.41	\$ 670.00
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	
WITHIN:	PERRY COUNTY TREASURER'S BUDGET	
TRANSFER	<u>\$ 51.00</u>	
FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-061-3000.22	\$ 51.00
	TRAVEL	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1000-061-3000.11	
	COUNCIL ATTORNEY	
WITHIN:	PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET	

TRANSFER \$ 21,064.00

FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-068-1000.21	\$ 5,000.00
	SOCIAL SECURITY	
FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-068-1000.22	\$ 7,064.00
	RETIREMENT	
FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-068-3000.22	\$ 3,000.00
	TRAVEL	
FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-068-3000.41	\$ 1,000.00
	OFFICIAL BONDS	
FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-068-3000.43	\$ 5,000.00
	WORKERS COMPENSATION	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1000-068-3000.42	\$ 21,064.00
WITHIN:	PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET	

TRANSFER \$ 22,500.00

FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-069-3000.96	\$ 7,500.00
	ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1000-069-2000.30	
	OUTDOOR KENNELS & SUPPLIES	
FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-069-3000.96	\$ 15,000.00
	ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1000-069-3000.97	
	ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES	
WITHIN:	ANIMAL SHELTER BUDGET	

TRANSFER \$ 3,600.00

FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-161-3000.51	\$ 3,600.00
	COURTHOUSE UTILITIES	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1000-161-2000.24	\$ 1,600.00
	JANITORIAL CLEANING SUPPLIES	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1000-161-3000.14	\$ 2,000.00
	JANITORIAL SERVICES	
WITHIN:	PERRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE BUDGET	

TRANSFER \$ 1,728.00

FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-380-1000.17	\$ 1,000.00
	PART TIME JAIL OFFICER SALARY	
FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-380-1000.28	\$ 728.00
	ASST. JAIL COMMANDER'S SALARY	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1000-380-1000.18	\$ 1,728.00
	PART TIME MATRON SALARY	

TRANSFER \$ 1,000.00

FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-380-2000.42	\$ 1,000.00
	UNIFORMS FOR JAIL OFFICERS	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1000-380-3000.62	
	REPAIR-APPLIANCES & EQUIPMENT	
WITHIN:	PERRY COUNTY JAIL BUDGET	

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL FUND

TRANSFER \$ 73.00

FROM:	ACCOUNT #1138-161-3000.83	\$ 73.00
	COPY MACHINE MAINTENANCE	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1138-161-3000.14	
	CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES	
WITHIN:	PERRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE BUDGET	

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY – CO SHARE

TRANSFER \$ 25,000.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1170-068-4000.46 \$ 25,000.00
AMBULANCE LEASE
TO: ACCOUNT #1170-068-3000.87
AMBULANCE SERVICE
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

NAY

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LUKE A THOMAS /S/
 DAVID A ETIENNE /S/
 EARLA J WILLIAMS /S/
 CHARLES BAUMEISTER /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/
 PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Sheriff Alan Malone requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for Meals for Prisoners within the County General fund. Alan informed them that the population at the jail went down in 2020 due to COVID. For this year, the prices of food have gone up and so has his population. To get cheaper prices, he said you have to buy in bulk. Kelli Harding spoke up about the inmates we get from Vanderburgh County Jail. She asked how much they cost us. Are we breaking even with them? Alan answered yes. Alan stated that there is no easy way to do the breakdown of cost per inmate. Gregg Jarboe asked if we had to get any extra staff because of this. Alan said no. Alan said it may have raised the utilities some but they would be on anyway. Vanderburgh County pays all medical for their inmates and they do all the transportation. Alan said he brought in over \$400,000 from Evansville in the last 4 years. Gregg commented that we use them to bring down the overhead cost. Charlie stated that the Council is happy, this does not come from County General. Charlie made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorder Jane James requested an additional from the Enhanced Access fund for Laredo Usage Fee in the amount of \$1,000.00. She commented that she has several more remote users than what was budgeted. David made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 4-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 21-CC-11

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>COUNTY GENERAL</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>PERRY COUNTY JAIL</u> #1000-380-3000.91 MEALS FOR PRISONERS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	4	0

COUNTY GENERAL

FUND TOTAL: \$ 20,000.00 \$ 20,000.00

ENHANCED ACCESS FUND

PERRY COUNTY RECORDER

#1154-004-3000.13 \$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,000.00 4 0
LAREDO USAGE FEE

ENHANCED ACCESS

FUND TOTAL: \$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,000.00

ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

NAY

AYE

LUKE A THOMAS /S/
DAVID A ETIENNE /S/
EARLA J WILLIAMS /S/
CHARLES BAUMEISTER /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

PART TIME SHERIFF DEPUTIES AND JAILERS' SALARIES

Sheriff Alan Malone came before the Council to discuss an increase in the per hour amount for the Part Time Sheriff Deputies and Part Time Jailers. The current correctional officers make \$12.00 per hour and wants to raise this to \$14.00 per hour. He said he has one that is very dependable. When he has a full time on isolation, he needs part time to come to work. Luke asked where do we finance this from. Charlie commented Inmate Housing fund. This will require an amendment to the 2022 Salary Ordinance. For the Sheriff Deputies part time, Tell City and Cannelton are paying their employees \$25.00 per hour and we are currently paying \$20.00 per hour. Alan said he is going to be short on deputies next year for a few months and he plans on using his unpaid salary amount to help fund this. Alan would like to see this per hour increase to \$27.50. Luke said we need to take this under advisement.

SHERIFF PENSION – AMENDMENT

Auditor Pam Goffinet and Sheriff Alan Malone explained the first amendment to the Perry County Police Benefit Plan. This plan (Sheriff Pension) was established by the Perry County Sheriff’s Department effective as of January 1, 2018. This amendment says each eligible employee shall be insured by a life insurance contract in the face amount of \$50,000 with a matching amount of accidental death insurance. The original plan was for \$25,000. It also allows for in the line of duty benefit for an additional \$50,000. This was done to make the deputies even with the other county employees whose life insurance was also increased from \$15,000 to \$50,000 starting January 1, 2022 with a new life insurance carrier. Luke read the amendment out loud to the Council members. David made the motion to read second time by title only, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 4-0. Luke read the title only. Charlie made the motion to approve the amendment, seconded by David. Motion carried 4-0.

RESOLUTION - GRANT PROCEDURES

Luke commented that the Council talked about a grant resolution at the beginning of the year and then it got dropped. He has prepared a draft resolution for grant procedures. He said he took a combination of other grants he referred to. Charlie stated the State Board of Accounts is pushing for us to do this. They said we didn’t have a resolution on file and that we needed one. Sheriff Malone asked if this is for every grant such as if only for equipment. Luke said you need to let the Council aware of the grant. Luke said we need to look at the extended cost after a grant and hoped the departments would look into when applying for grants. The Council need to review the draft.

LOW ASSOCIATES – NEW TAX, FINANCIAL AND PAYROLL PROGRAMS

Luke mentioned that the Commissioners signed the contract with LOW Associates for a new tax, financial, and payroll programs for the Auditor and the Treasurer pending on the Council and the ARP committee will approve the financing.

Gregg Jarboe said he made the motion for this. The Council requested this and he knows this is a need. He said the Council knows the budget and supplement the funding with ARP money. Charlie said he was concerned taking money from County General when it is so tight on funds. Charlie said we could use the ARP money of the County's loss. We could ask for it in two payments. This time and when we get the second half of the money in 2022. Gregg commented that there is a \$10,000 discount if pay all at once. Luke said we have to make a payment in January 2022 already. Charlie said we need to ask from the ARP money. Charlie said he wants to amend what he said about paying 50% this year and 50% next year minus the \$20,000 budgeted to paying the total amount minus the \$20,000 and the \$10,000 discount and ask from the ARP money. David seconded the motion. Luke said this needs to happen. Auditor Goffinet explained the current system they are on now to Kelli Harding and Amanda Lasher explained her side as well. They are just not efficient anymore. Motion carried 4-0.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Charlie informed the board he would be resigning from the Perry County Recycling Board and asked to be replaced.

UPDATE – DETENTION CENTER BOND- INCOME CHANGE & HOME RULE FUNDS

Luke brought up about paying the Detention Center bond that comes from LIT Special Legislation income tax off early. He explained that there would be money in the fund when the bond is paid off. He said Baker Tilly Consultants figured if the bonds were paid off August of 2022, there would be approximately \$1.3 million to operate. If paid off on January 2, 2023, there would be 2.4 million to operate.

Luke said the County received their 1782 Notices from the State to match up to what was done at budget time and to make sure they are correct. He said there was a 1.18% drop in the rates.

Auditor Goffinet explained to the Council about Home Rule funds. The State Board of Accounts informed her that all funds should go before the Council unless they have an ordinance established on how they should be paid out.

With no other business before the Council, Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0, with adjournment at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes approved this 27th day of January, 2022.

President, Perry County Council

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