

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – March 24, 2016**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 4:30 p.m. as was duly advertised at the Perry County Courthouse. Council members in attendance were: Steve Goodson, J.R. Flynn, Dianne Rudolph, Jody French, Ron Crawford Sr, Danny Bolin and John Taylor. A media representative from the *Perry County News* was also present along with Council Attorney, James Tyler.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of February 25th, 2016 had been emailed to council members for their review. Danny made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and John seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Perry County Commissioners requested \$197,059.00 for Contract Payment – PCDC within the CEDIT – County Share Fund. This is their annual 20% payment set by the 3 year EDIT plan. Jody made the motion to allow the request, seconded by Dianne. Motion carried 7-0.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, requested \$524,349.94 for County Road Improvements within the CEDIT- County Share Fund. This is from the Highway's 50% share of the EDIT money according to the 3 year EDIT plan. Dianne made the motion to approve the request, second made by Jody. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, requested \$24,999.00 for Repair of Bridge #142 on County Road #247 and \$40,000.00 for Approaches on Bridge #142 on County Road #247 in Oil Township within the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Steve commented that there is a crack on one of the beams that needs to be replaced. He informed the Council that the bridge will be shut down for one week but one lane will remain open. Farmers with equipment will still be able to get through and this closing should not affect the two businesses much in the area. Ron made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by J.R. Motion carried 7-0.

Auditor Pamela Goffinet requested \$3200.00 for Transfer Books and \$2,000.00 for Software Program/Excise within the Plat Book Fund. She explained to the Council that the Transfer books were last printed in 2010 and is at maximum capacity for doing transfers. Pam also commented that the Abstractors still use these books constantly even though the information is on the computer. Next, Pam explained about the excise software program from Data Pit Stop, Inc. This program is more efficient, less time consuming and user friendly. This program will save the payroll deputy hours of work time since she audits the payroll biweekly also. Jody made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 7-0.

Pamela Goffinet, Auditor, also requested \$2,000.00 for Software Program/Excise within the Auditor's Ineligible Deduction Fund. The total for the program is \$4,000.00 with half coming from this fund and the Plat Book Fund. Dianne made the motion to approve the request, second made by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Emergency Director, Steve Hauser, requested \$65,000.00 for Emergency Equipment within the Statewide 911 Fund. He commented that this request is for a generator and transfer switch for the Old Armory Building. This is for the backup for the 911 system when moved to the Old Armory Building. Ron made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Jody. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 16-CC-03

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>CREDIT-COUNTY SHARE FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>				
#1112-068-3000.10 CONTRACT PAYMENT/PCDC	\$197,059.00	\$ 197,059.00	7	0
<u>PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY</u>				
#1112-534-4000.45 COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	\$524,349.94	\$ 524,349.94	7	0
CREDIT – COUNTY SHARE				
FUND TOTAL:	\$721,408.94	\$ 721,408.94		
<u>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY</u>				
#1135-531-3000.52 REPAIR OF BRIDGE #142 ON COUNTY ROAD #247	\$24,999.00	\$ 24,999.00	7	0
#1135-531-3000.53 APPROACHES ON BRIDGE #142 ON COUNTY ROAD #247	\$40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	7	0
FUND TOTAL:	\$64,999.00	\$ 64,999.00		
<u>PLAT BOOK FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY COUNT AUDITOR</u>				
#1181-002-3000.13 TRANSFER BOOKS	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	7	0
#1181-002-3000.90 SOFTWARE PROGRAM/EXCISE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	7	0
FUND TOTAL:	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00		
<u>AUDITOR’S INELIGIBLE DEDUTION FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR</u>				
#1216-002-3000.90 SOFTWARE PROGRAM/EXCISE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	7	0
DEDUCTION FUND TOTAL:	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		
<u>STATEWIDE 911 FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY CO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>				
#1222-320-4000.43 EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	\$65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	7	0
FUND TOTAL:	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00		

ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2016

NAY

AYE

STEVE GOODSON

/S/

RON CRAWFORD SR /S/
DIANNE G RUDOLPH /S/
JOHN J TAYLOR /S/
JODY FRENCH /S/
DANNY BOLIN /S/
J.R. FLYNN /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

DISCUSSION ON PERSONAL PROPERTY ORDINANCE

Mendy Lassaline, Assessor, came before the Council to give them more information on whether to move forward on preparing an Ordinance due to loss of personal property assessment and dollars. There was much discussion among the Council members on the acquisition cost of the property that is under 20,000.00 to be exempt according to the State. J.R. stated that if the State is giving small businesses and farmers a break on paying no taxes for this property, then he agrees with the State. Mendy stated that she is looking at this ordinance proposal from a budget standpoint to recoup some of our loss. Jody commented that maybe we should hold off on this for now because we are not sure where we are at for budgets this year. The Council decided they are not going to act on this at this time.

DISCUSSION ON FINANCIAL PLANNING

Council members were discussing the options of the two different companies that gave presentations on the financial planning for the County. There was much concern about the cost of hiring H.J. Umbaugh for their services. Several Council members were interested in Data Pit Stop with the different reports that can be offered to the county. After much discussion, Ron stated that the Council did a good job for the 2016 budgets and according to legislation we should have some extra money coming in for this year. He knows how the reports can benefit the Auditor and she does a good job now. Steve said we need to get a plan together and see then whether or not we need to move forward. The Council decided to research more before spending \$6,000.00 (Data Pit Stop's price) at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jody brought up to the Council about an Economic Development 101 class that will be held on April 5th at the Depot by PCDC. She informed the other members that this would be a good thing to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ron made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Jody seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes approved this 28th day of April, 2016.

President, Perry County Council

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