

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 26, 2016

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TIF REPORTS

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, appeared before the Council to give an annual report on the current TIF districts. He informed them of the TIF districts we have, what is outstanding on them and the usages of them. They are:

1. TIF Allocation – it was established in the early 1990's when building the Courthouse, there are no outstanding bonds and this area expires in the year 2025. The intent of future funding of this TIF area is for any repairs or renovations on the Courthouse and Detention Center, and funding of the Old National Guard Armory for county offices.
2. Waupaca – this area received \$1,800,000.00 in 2015. There are two bonds outstanding for this area which are 2014 series A and series B. These bonds did not extend the time so this area expires in November 2025. The projects being funded by these bonds are: relocation of Squirrel Road and construction of Switzer Road for another entrance, waterline work, developing a pad for another industry to use, work on the Tell City Industrial Park, and rail spur and improvements for the Port Authority.
3. Webb Wheel - it was formed in 2004 and received \$253,000.00 in 2015. There were two series of bonds issued for this area for infrastructure into Webb Wheel, one is paid off and one is outstanding. The intent of this area is to pay bonds and allocation to Tell City-Troy Twp. School Corp in the amount of \$120,000.00 for the next 10 years. This area expires in the year 2034.

Ron asked several questions of Chris and Alvin Evans, Perry County Development Corporation, about the different TIF areas including buying spec homes and homes for employees, and Port Authority, which they were able to answer. Chris did inform the Council that the railroad is owned by the Port Authority and they are a separate legal entity. They were formed by the Commissioners in 1989 and have no monetary ties to the County. They do not receive TIF dollars directly only for projects. The Port Authority was developed to help get Waupaca here because they needed a rail. Ron asked and Chris answered that the Port Authority purchased the former Swiss Plywood building and that PCDC was not building a new office.

J.R. asked questions to both Chris and Alvin also concerning the PCDC. He was questioning the money that PCDC receives and Chris informed him that the County pays a fee for their services, which is 20% of the EDIT money. They also receive funds from Tell City and Town of Troy. J.R. also questioned that they receive approximately \$330,000.00 from tax collection entities and spend \$2,300,000.00 and this is not costing the taxpayers a dime. He asked if the Council could see their books, and Chris informed him that PCDC is a private, not for profit organization. Their records are not open to the County. Next he asked about ending a TIF district early and the benefits to the County. Chris said this could be done if bonds are paid off and there is no further use of the area, and then the Redevelopment Commission could turn the tax base over to the County.

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST- ATTC

Jeff Jones with ATTC presented the Council with three requests for 10-year tax abatements with 10% declining like in the past. Jeff explained that ATTC is requesting a \$1 million abatement to install a new manufacturing line to produce the Toyota Highlander Front rotor and a \$1 million abatement request to increase production of the 440A Carrier supplied to Toyota and a \$7.5 million abatement that was discussed last month for Toyota project. To meet this increase in demand, ATTC will need to add additional manufacturing lines. He informed the Council that they will add approximately 2 new members to each new line. Jim Tyler, Council Attorney, explained that he has resolutions ready for the Council to sign allowing ATTC the tax abatements.

Jim informed the Council that there was a fourth abatement but it was withdrawn because the starting date on the project is before asking for the abatement and he had already informed Jeff of this. Jim read the resolution prepared to the Council. Danny made the motion to approve the tax abatements and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. (See Attachment A - Resolution No. R-CC-16-2 & Attachment B- Resolution No. R-CC-16-3 & Attachment C – Resolution No. R-CC-16-4)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Clerk Mandi Mogan requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,421.00 within the Clerk’s Record Perpetuation Fund. She informed the Council that she was in need of a new copier for her office because the other one is getting worn out. She will still use it for the abstractors. Danny made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 6-0.

The County Commissioners requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$9,500.00 within the COIT – County Distribution Share Fund for the increase in amount in the County’s workman’s compensation for 2016. Jody made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

The County Commissioners also requested an additional appropriation from the Rainy Day fund in the amount of \$125,000.00. This request was asked to send extra money to our third party administrator for health insurance, Dunn and Associates, to help pay invoices of county employees. Jody made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by John. Motion carried 6-0.

Steve Hauser, Emergency Management Director, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,000.00 for a used radio tower to be put up at the old Armory building from the Statewide 911 fund. Steve was granted a motion of intent from the last council meeting. Ron made the motion to approve the additional, second was made by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 16-CC-05

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:

CLERK’S RECORD PERPETUATION SHARE FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	AYE	NAY
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<u>PERRY COUNTY CLERK</u>				
#1119-001-4000.43	\$ 3,421.00	\$ 3,421.00	6	0
EQUIPMNET AND FURNITURE				

CLERK’S RECORD PERPETUATION SHARE FUND:	\$ 3,421.00	\$ 3,421.00		
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COIT-COUNTY DISTRIBUTION SHARE FUND

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#1121-068-3000.43 \$ 9,500.00 \$ 9,500.00 6 0
WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION

**COIT-COUNTY
DISTRIBUTION SHARE**

FUND TOTAL: \$9,500.00 \$ 9,500.00

RAINY DAY FUND

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#1186-068-1000.23 \$125,000.00 \$125,000.00 6 0
HEALTH INSURANCE

RAINY DAY

FUND TOTAL: \$125,000.00 \$125,000.00

STATEWIDE 911 FUND

E-911

#1222-320-4000.42 \$ 4,000.00 \$ 4,000.00 6 0
RADIO EQUIPMENT

STATEWIDE 911

FUND TOTAL: \$ 4,000.00 \$ 4,000.00

ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF MAY, 2016

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STEVE GOODSON /S/
JODY FRENCH /S/
DANNY BOLIN /S/
J.R. FLYNN /S/
JOHN J TAYLOR /S/
RON CRAWFORD, SR. /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

HIGHWAY – INTENT FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, appeared before the Council asking for their intent to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$200,103.00 at their June 23, 2016 meeting. Steve informed them that there are nine bridges from the Bridge Inspection Report that have been recommended that improvements be made before they get too bad. He said their department will be able to do most of the work themselves. The other part of the additional is for a lease payment on equipment, a track loader and excavator, needed to work on the bridges. Danny made the motion for intent on the additional, seconded by John. Motion carried 6-0.

BUDGETING SERVICE – GFC, LLC

Rueben Cummings and Kaye Schwade, GFC Consulting Services, came before the Council to introduce their guidance and assistance in any or all budget processes. Rueben and Kaye informed the Council that they are financial consultants for counties and three things they provide are: 1. Budget below revenue numbers 2. Goal is to flat line, grow, cash balances over time. 3. Save time. GFC provides variety of consulting services to local government units including total preparation of the annual budget ready for publication, giving recommendations on every fund, legal advertising, filing with the DLGF, and reviewing 1782 notices. They will also make sure all State requirements are

met in conjunction with the Auditor. Rueben stated that they will give accurate and honest information on budgets. Rueben also commented on allowing additional appropriations that they should be for emergency purposes. Their charge for this service is \$12,000.00 with no extra for phone calls through the process. Price could go down for the next year. At this time, they do work for Switzerland and Dearborn Counties. Jody asked if too late to help us out this year, and they said no because you don't want to start until after June to get end of month balances. At this time, the Council took this under consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ron asked Jim Tyler, Council Attorney, if he found out anything about the Deer Lake issue from last month's meeting. Jim informed them that he spoke with Darlene Fischer, Soil and Water secretary, about this issue. He gave the Council a quick rundown on the issue of this dam with a permit being issued and a house being built which should have never been. Darlene informed him that because it is a high hazard dam, the inspection fee is \$5,500.00 and \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 to mow twice a year. Soil and Water is putting money away each year in anticipation of repairs or replacing parts of the dam. One year Branchville inmates weedeated the grounds, but no longer can because of security issues. Randy Kleaving, Commissioner, said the problem is that the flood area is looked at from the river back and not from the lake on down. The Council thanked Jim for looking into this matter.

Jim Carter stated that he would like to have the County Auditor to find out what the county paid for health insurance for the Commissioners and Council for year 2015 and first quarter 2016.

There being no further business to come before the council, Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0, with adjournment at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes approved this 28th day of July, 2016.

President, Perry County Council

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