

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 24, 2017

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, John Taylor, Jody French, Danny Bolin, J.R. Flynn, David Etienne, and Tom Hauser. A media representative from the Perry County News and Attorney James Tyler were in attendance also.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SHERIFF PENSION

Stan Brown, One America, and Elaine Beatty, Morgan Stanley, appeared before the County Council to discuss a Sheriff Pension for our Sheriff Merit Employees. Elaine stated that 91 of the 92 counties do have some type of benefit system. Elaine commented saying things are different now than when the plan was first enacted around the state. We have drugs, violence, terrorism and etc. now. Having a pension plan is a way to get qualified employees and also to keep them. The nature of the job that the deputies do affects not only them but their families also. In 1989, we were 1 out of 6 that did not go on the pension plan when it was offered.

There are 3 different plans, 20 year, 26 year and 32 year. All Council members were given an actuarial study that spells out the plan and different options available. The majority of the counties in the state are at the 26 year plan. This is a county option; there is no mandate from the state on not having a separate pension plan.

There was discussion on funding a pension plan. Right now, the Sheriff and deputies County Share of Perf is appropriated. Based on 2017 figures, it is \$44,126.54. The Clerk collects a Sheriff's service fee that goes to County General now, but if a plan is in place it will go to the Sheriff Pension plan according to state law. That is around \$12,000. The fees on this have increased as of July 1, 2017 from \$25.00 to \$28.00. Also, there is \$859.00 life insurance that we would remove from our current carrier because the new pension plan offers a life insurance to the deputies and sheriff. In the Public Safety-County Share budget, the Council has budgeted \$30,000 already for a Sheriff Pension plan. So the only new money to appropriate is with a minimum amount for a 20 year plan - \$3,019.00, 26 year plan - \$11,006.00, and 32 year plan - \$12,939.00. The Sheriff and deputies have agreed to help also by increasing their contribution by 1% each paycheck from 3% to 4% based on their salaries.

One question asked is there a charge for an annual study for amount to be budgeted for the next year. Stan replied saying there is and it can be paid from the plan.

Stan commented saying the Council is always a part of the decision making when any amendments are done to the plan. He said by implementing one of the plans, you are doing this for the retention of your employees.

The Council said they would review the plans. They thanked Stan and Elaine for coming to the meeting to explain the pension plan.

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

Copies of the Estimated Maximum Levy for Budget Year 2018 and the 2018 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. The votes are:

- Anderson Twp. – recommend no changes J.R./Jody 7-0
- Clark Twp. – recommend no changes Jody/Danny 7-0
- Leopold Twp. – recommend no changes Tom/J.R. 7-0
- Oil Twp. – recommend no changes Danny/John 7-0
- Tobin Twp. – recommend no changes Jody/J.R. 7-0

- Troy Twp. – recommend no changes Jody/Danny 7-0
- Union Twp. – recommend no changes Jody/John 7-0
- City of Tell City – recommend no changes David/John 7-0
- City of Cannelton – recommend no changes John/Jody 7-0
- Town of Troy – recommend no changes J.R./Danny 7-0
- Perry Central School – recommend no changes Danny/David 7-0
- Cannelton School – recommend no changes Jody/Danny 7-0
- Tell City School – recommend no changes Danny/John 7-0
- Tell City Public Library – recommend no changes Jody/ J.R. 7-0

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

TRANSFERS

Perry County Sheriff, Alan Malone, requested a transfer within the Sheriff department from Official Records to Part Time Police Officer in the amount of \$300.00 within the County General Fund.

Perry County Commissioners requested a transfer within LIT Public Safety-County Share in the amount of \$4,800.00 from Ambulance Service to Ambulance Engine Repair.

Jody. made the motion to approve all the transfer requests, seconded by J.R. Motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Randy Kleaving spoke up saying that the Commissioners have been working with the EMS to bump up the cycle of ambulances instead of getting one every 3 years. He commented saying that for 2018 they have put in the LIT Public Safety-County Share budget for an emergency vehicle (ambulance). They are asking the Council for a motion of intent to go ahead and approve the request in the 2018 budget before they meet in September so they can purchase a demo ambulance they are looking at. Randy said the cost is \$149,500 for the truck and box only. It will be put on a 3 year lease with first payment in 2018. The equipment needed is planned to be paid from this year’s subsidy in the Ambulance Service line item. Jody made the motion of intent to purchase the demo ambulance, second made by John. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-17-8

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 \$ 300.00

FROM:	ACCOUNT #1000-005-2000.21	
	OFFICIAL RECORDS	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1000-005-1000.21	
	PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS	\$ 300.00
WITHIN:	SHERIFF’S BUDGET	

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY – CO SHARE

TRANSFER \$ 4,800.00

**FROM: ACCOUNT #1170-068-3000.87
AMBULANCE SERVICE**
**TO: ACCOUNT #1170-068-3000.61
AMBULANCE ENGINE REPAIR \$ 4,800.00**
WITHIN: COMMISSIONERS BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.

NAY

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JOHN J TAYLOR /S/
DAVID A ETIENNE /S/
DANNY BOLIN /S/
J.R. FLYNN /S/
THOMAS J HAUSER /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mendy Lassaline, Assessor, requested an additional for Travel in the amount of \$350.00 within the County General Fund. Danny made the motion to allow the request, second made by J.R. Motion carried 7-0.

Judge Lucy Goffinet requested in the amount of \$100,000.00 from County General Fund for Compensation Pauper Attorney. J.R. made the motion to allow the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

The Commissioners are requesting an additional for Computer System Maintenance for the Courthouse Department in the amount of \$5,000.00. Jody made the motion to approve the request, seconded by John. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$383.00 for Social Security and \$5,000.00 for Part Time Police Officer in the LIT Public Safety- County Share fund for the Sheriff Department. J.R. made the motion to approve the request, second made by Danny. Motion carried 7-0. He also requested \$7,300.00 for Health Insurance from the LIT Public Safety-County Share fund for the Jail Department. Jody made the motion to approve the request, seconded by John. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Malone requested additional in the County Misdemeanant Fund for Janitorial/Maint/Supplies in the amount of \$5,000.00, \$5,000.00 for Repairs-Building and Fixtures, and \$3,790.30 for Meals for Prisoners. Jody made the motion to approve the requests, second made by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, requested an additional for \$22,000.00 for Road Equipment within the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund. J.R. made the motion to allow the request, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 7-0.

Assessor Mendy Lassaline requested an addition appropriation in the amount of \$400.00 for Travel within the Reassessment-2015 Fund. Danny made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Jody. Motion carried 7-0.

Jason Hoch, Prosecutor, requested an additional appropriation within the Pretrial Diversion Fund for Trial Expenses in the amount of \$15,000.00. Jody made the motion to approve the request, second made by J.R. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested a reduction in appropriation within the LIT Public Safety-County Share fund for Part Time Jail Officers in the amount of \$5,000.00, and for Social Security in the amount of \$383.00. Jody made the motion to approve the reduction, seconded by J.R. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 17-CC-09

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 FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>PERRY COUNTY ASSESSOR</u>				
#1000-008-3000.22 TRAVEL	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	7	0
<u>PERRY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT</u>				
#1000-232-3000.11 COMPENSATION PAUPER ATTORNEY	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	7	0
COUNTY GENERAL FUND TOTAL:	\$100,350.00	\$ 100,350.00		
<u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>				
<u>PERRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE</u>				
#1138-161-3000.69 COMPUTER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	7	0
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND TOTAL:	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		
<u>LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-CO SHARE FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF</u>				
#1170-005-1000.21 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 383.00	\$ 383.00	7	0
#1170-005-1000.29 PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	7	0

<u>PERRY COUNTY JAIL</u>				
#1170-380-1000.23	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00	7	0
HEALTH INSURANCE				

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY
CO-SHARE FUND TOTAL: \$12,683.00 **\$ 12,683.00**

COUNTY MISDEMEANANT FUND

<u>PERRY COUNTY JAIL</u>				
#1175-380-2000.31	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	7	0
JANITORIAL/MAINT/SUPPLIES				

#1175-380-3000.61	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	7	0
REPAIRS-BUILDING & FIXTURES				

#1175-380-3000.91	\$ 3,790.30	\$ 3,790.30	7	0
MEALS FOR PRISONERS				

COUNTY MISDEMEANANT
FUND TOTAL: \$13,790.00 **\$ 3,790.30**

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND

<u>PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY</u>				
#1176-533-4000.41	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	7	0
ROAD EQUIPMENT				

MOTOR VEHICLE
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL: \$22,000.00 **\$ 22,000.00**

REASSESSMENT FUND

<u>PERRY COUNTY ASSESSOR</u>				
#1188-008-3000.22	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	7	0
TRAVEL				

REASSESSMENT
FUND TOTAL: \$ 400.00 **\$ 400.00**

PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND

<u>PERRY COUNTY PROSECUTOR</u>				
#2502-009-3000.96	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	7	0
TRIAL EXPENSES				

PRETRIAL DIVERSION
FUND TOTAL: \$ 15,000.00 **\$ 15,000.00**

SEC. 2 WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN SHOWN THAT CERTAIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS NOW HAVE UNOBLIGATED BALANCES THAT WILL NOT BE NEEDED FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH APPROPRIATED, IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED (RESOLVED) THAT THE FOLLOWING EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS BE REDUCED IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS.

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY – COUNTY SHARE

PERRY COUNT JAIL

#1170-380-1000.17 \$ 5,000.00 \$ 5,000.00 7 0
PART-TIME JAIL OFFICERS

#1170-380-1000.21 \$ 383.00 \$ 383.00 7 0
SOCIAL SECURITY

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-COUNTY SHARE

FUND TOTAL \$ 5,383.00 \$ 5,383.00

ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST, 2017

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MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. William Marcum, President of the Sheriff Merit Board, spoke up saying how he was in support of the new Sheriff Pension plan for the Sheriff and the deputies. After listening to the information, he would love to see the 32 year plan for them, but would like the 26 year plan. He asked the Council to support this and not take a chance to lose any deputies. He would like to hold on to the employees we have.

There were several interested individuals in the crowd wanting the Council to consider funding an Animal Control Officer for the County. They say there are people interested in the job. They need someone to transport the animals to the shelter. Jim Carter commented saying that there was a Comp plan done in 2015 with County Codes and Ordinances to abide by. He says it is not being followed on hiring an Animal Control Officer. He also commented saying for the past 5 years there has been zero funding for the officer. He told the Council it is time to seriously consider funding this position. He said you always find the money when needed for other things.

Several other concerned citizens talked about how they are worried about the animals in the cities and around their own homes. They just want the Council to help.

Steve asked the Finance Committee if they had anything to report at this time. They said they plan on meeting again and comparing their information.

There being no further business, Jody made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes approved this 26th day of October, 2017.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
Pamela L Goffinet, Auditor*

