

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 4:30 p.m. as was duly advertised for the public hearing on the 2017 proposed budgets. Council members in attendance were: President Steve Goodson, Pro-tem Ron Crawford Sr., John Taylor, J.R. Flynn, Jody French and Danny Bolin. Absent from the meeting was Dianne Rudolph. A media representative from the Perry County News was also present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS

Several elected officials, department heads, and representatives of other various agencies receiving county tax dollars were present. They spoke concerning their 2017 budget requests in the following order:

TREASURER

County Treasurer, Judy Pund, explained that she asked for a 3% raise for herself and her employees, and nothing else changed from the 2016 budget. She did mention that the \$2500.00 appropriation for ONB lock box will be needed. She stated that she has spent over half of the appropriation for the Spring tax collections and may need to do a transfer later in the year after Fall collections.

PERRY COUNTY RECYCLING MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Ken Smith with the Perry County Recycling Management District stated that the board had not asked for a raise for Solid Waste employees and that some amounts were moved within the budget but the request is similar to the 2016 budget.

RECORDER

Recorder Mary Lee Smith stated that she asked for a 3% salary increase for her office and then explained what the office does and the money that they bring in to help for expenses.

RIDE SOLUTIONS

Beth Browning of Ride Solutions spoke for Becky Guthrie, Director of Ride Solutions. She thanked the Council for the past funding they have received and hope to continue to receive. Beth explained that they have 2 full time drivers in Perry County that help with taking individuals to employment, dialysis, medical appointments and many more things. They also work with the Council on Aging. .

SHERIFF

Sheriff Alan Malone thanked the Council for the support of hiring a new Sheriff Deputy and new Jailer from the Public Safety Tax Fund. He explained that he did ask for a raise for his deputies along with 2 police cars. He said it is hard to keep up with the upkeep of the older cars. They would use the older cars for transport only. Sheriff Malone also informed the Council that the Sheriff pension needs to be done. Other agencies are taking our employees because of better benefits and salaries. We need to be comparable with other Sheriff Deputies in the State.

JAIL

Sheriff Malone asked for a raise for his full time jailers from \$12.30 per hour to \$14.00 per hour. He stated they have updated equipment and a facility that is on computer and that it is hard to get people to work for \$12.30 an hour especially when the inmate count keeps going up. He would like the pay to be comparable with Branchville Training Center salaries. Alan also state he would like to hire good quality people to keep the liability down.

JAIL OPERATIONS

Sheriff Alan Malone explained that there is no change in the medical contract for 2017. This could change if our count on inmates keeps increasing.

HIGHWAY, LOCAL ROAD AND STREET AND CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, explained that the 2017 requested budget remained about the same as the 2016 budget. There were increases put in for liability and workers compensation based on this year's rate, vehicle repair because of things getting older, and equipment lease for 5 years on 2 dump trucks, and part time Temporary/Seasonal for summer mowing. He also stated that he put in a 5% salary increase for employees. He stated they have a tough job and any raise would be nice. Steve explained that within the Cumulative Bridge Fund they lowered some items. The equipment lease is on the mini track loader. Steve informed the Council that within the Local Road and Street fund they put in for a 5 year lease for a grader. The transmission went out of the other one and is not worth replacing.

PERRY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

4-H Junior Leaders, Madelyn Peter (2016 Senior Ambassador for 4-H) and Jace French (2016 Junior Ambassador for 4-H) discussed some of the many things that 4-H has taught them over the years and the many activities that they have taken part in. Madelyn stated how it has helped her with public speaking such as being at this meeting and helped her to get what she wants. Jace shared how great 4-H was and that it is teamwork. It has taught him leadership skills and valuable communication skills. He asked the Council to support their program. Cathy Boerste, Extension Educator, commented that there are 300 4-Hers that are good kids and they learn life skills to be successful. It is an investment in our community. They do fundraisers and grants to make up the loss but would like to have the continued support of the County.

PERRY COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

Jenny Kunkler, President of the 4-H Fairgrounds, explained that they not only host the Perry County 4-H Fair each year, but the fairgrounds are used by many other organizations along with schools, voting site, Southern Ind. Power and rental of the facilities which can bring people to Perry County. She said there are 18 volunteer members and they work with each separate committee. She thanked the Council for the funding they have been receiving.

COUNTY EXTENSION

Cathy Boerste, Extension Educator CED, explained that Purdue is the umbrella that supports 4-H with the variety of services. They are expanding their programs at the new facility. She stated that there is no control on the contractual service of a 1% increase from last year. Cathy also asked the Council to consider increasing the secretary (Rhonda Hauenstein) salary equal to that of a first deputy position. She stated she is more of an office manager than a secretary and should be treated as the level of her work. Also, they were asking for a Summer Assistant position to help in the summer with the 4-H Fair. She explained that in the past when this position was funded it was a local college student that was hired.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, IV-D CHILD SUPPORT, PRETRIAL DIVERSION, & CHECK COLLECTION

Prosecuting Attorney, Jason Hoch, explained that he manages 4 different funds. He asked for a 3% increase in salary for all positions in these funds. For the IV-D Child Support budget, it is 66% reimbursable from the state for the expenses. In the Pretrial Diversion fund, he told the Council that the revenues are down, so he moved 2 positions from Pretrial to County General fund and moved the half year position in Prosecutor, County General, to the Pretrial Diversion fund. He is going to try and build up the cash in the Pretrial Diversion over the next couple of years.

PERRY COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Jeff Schneider with the Perry County Animal Shelter explained that in their revenues they are going to be short around \$7500.00 because they will no longer receive income from the Court on fines paid according to the State. Also, the \$5000.00 from the County several years back has never been made up. They would appreciate the County's support.

SIRS - SOUTHERN INDIANA RESOURCE SOLUTIONS

Mary James and Rhonda Carter from SIRS thanked the Council for the years of support they have received and their continued support.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Michael Elaman with the Airport Authority explained that they have two funds: the Authority fund and the Cumulative Building fund. They did ask for a 3% increase in the Authority fund and the Cumulative Building they are looking to do changes in the building and runway.

EMS – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Brian Minton, EMS Director, thanked the Council for the expansion of the EMS at the North Station. He state there are no additional requests besides what the Commissioners submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUDGETS

There were no other comments on the 2017 budget requests.

FIRST READING OF 2017 BUDGET REQUESTS

President Steve Goodson conducted the first reading of all 2017 departmental budget requests as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Total Budget Request</u>
Clerk of Circuit Court	\$ 195,675
County Auditor	\$ 184,845
Treasurer	\$ 114,239
Recorder	\$ 98,116
County Sheriff	\$ 450,592
County Surveyor	\$ 6,180
County Coroner	\$ 29,953
County Assessor	\$ 128,996
Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 60,259
Extension Service	\$ 128,032
Veterans Service	\$ 28,341
County Council	\$ 40,535
Election Board	\$ 20,440
Commissioners	\$1,873,224
Animal Shelter	\$ 30,000
Planning & Zoning	\$ 15,860
Courthouse	\$ 147,952
Circuit Court	\$ 434,326
Emergency Management	\$ 133,441
Jail	\$ 523,495
4-D Child Support	\$ 121,768
Soil Conservation	\$ 33,967
Parks and Recreation	\$ 87,327
County General Total	\$4,887,563
Health Department Fund	\$ 228,721
Cumulative Bridge Fund	\$ 334,803
Property Reassessment – 2015	\$ 109,942

Cumulative Capital Development	\$ 183,010
Clerks Record Perpetuation	\$ 5,150
Sales Disclosure-Co Share	\$ 2,200
Emergency Planning/Right to Know	\$ 4,167
Enhanced Access	\$ 9,704
Identification Security Program	\$ 2,655
Local Road & Street	\$ 46,000
LOIT Public Safety – County Share	
Sheriff	\$ 94,690
Commissioners	\$ 50,000
Jail	\$ 446,081
Highway Administration	\$ 164,255
Highway Maintenance & Repair	\$ 982,433
Highway General & Undistributed	\$1,090,528
Park & Rec Non-Reverting Fund	\$ 1,500
Plat Book Fund	\$ 4,200
Riverboat – County Share	
Courthouse	\$ 20,000
Sex & Violent Offender-Sheriff	\$ 1,500
Supplemental Public Defender	\$ 4,000
Corner Perpetuation – Surveyor	\$ 2,000
Co Election Official Training-Clerk	\$ 500
Co Election Official Training-Auditor	\$ 500
Co Election Official Training-Treasurer	\$ 500
Co Election Official Training-Recorder	\$ 500
Statewide 911	\$ 300,425
Supplemental Adult Probation	\$ 74,813
Jury Fee	\$ 3,000
Pretrial Diversion	\$ 38,759
Debt Service-Detention Center	\$ 871,000
Check Collection Fee	\$ 4,382
Surplus Surtax & Wheel Tax	\$ 350,000
Jail Operations	\$ 203,750
Perry County Recycling Management	\$ 468,590
Airport Authority	\$ 53,562
Airport Authority – Cumulative Building	\$ 41,178

The next meeting will be the all day budget preparation on Wednesday, September 14th and Thursday, September 15th at 8:00 a.m. both days.

There being no further business, Danny made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0, with adjournment at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes approved this 27th day of October, 2016.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
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