

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. at Perry Central Junior Senior High School as was duly advertised. Commissioners Larry R James, Bill Amos and Randy Kleaving were in attendance. Also in attendance was County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg. A media representative from the “Perry County News” attended the meeting.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PAYROLL CLAIMS

Bill made a motion to approve the payroll claim for pay that was issued on February 17, 2017 and Randy seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners signed claim docket in the amount of \$130,106.49.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting of January 17, 2017 and February 6, 2017 were mailed to the Commissioners for their review. Randy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Jim Heck and Angie Sheppard, Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce, attended the Commissioners meeting to give them an update. By law, every 3 years they are to do an update on the agreement as to who serves on the Committee, which this new agreement starts in 2017 thru 2020. Their actual program year is from July 1 to June 30 each year. Jim also invited the Commissioners to a breakfast meeting on April 28, 2017 at Fort Branch, Indiana where they will give an update on the workforce development initiatives in Region 11. Jim commented that Mayor Jim Adams currently is serving on the board. Perry County’s appointment can be one of the 3 Commissioners or the Mayor of the largest city in the County which is Tell City. The committee has 2 elected official meetings a year by law. Randy made the motion to appoint Jim Adams as Perry County delegate, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners signed the agreement.

WELLNESS AGREEMENT

Auditor Pamela Goffinet informed the Commissioners that the Trustees of the Health Insurance, Commissioner Larry R James, Councilman Steve Goodson, Auditor Pamela Goffinet, and Agent Pete Franzman along with Perry County Memorial Hospital recommended to continue with the wellness program for all County employees and spouses that are covered by the insurance. This is the second year for the program for the County and the Hospital and we hope to expand on the program more. The advantage for the employees to participate is \$250.00 reimbursement toward their deductible for them and their spouse. They have to spend this much in claims before receiving the reimbursement. The Commissioners had before them an agreement with the Hospital for the wellness program with amounts same as 2016 plus Lunch and Learn presentations, Onsite Wellness Coach with Check-Ins, and Follow up Phone Calls. Attorney Chris Goffinet reviewed the agreement and found it to be in order. Randy made the motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENT – PCDC

Alvin Evans with the Perry County Development Corporation presented the Commissioners with an affidavit to authorize Old National Bank to make certain payments from a Construction Fund established by the Trust Indenture dated December 1, 2014 between the County and the Trustee. It was explained that these invoices will be paid from bond proceeds and that the projects were already approved by the Redevelopment Commission. The invoices for payment are: Exhibit A - \$3,183.25 to the Perry County Treasurer for Lochmueller Group. Randy made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

VACATION – PORTION OF GERMAN STREET IN TOWN OF LEOPOLD

Since the last meeting, February 6, 2017, Nate Mogan was to check the area to put a roadway in where he is purchasing land from Sturgeon's. Nate says he has no conflict where this vacation is being asked for but still sees no reason to close that portion of German Street. He said it was put there for a reason. Jean Haney commented saying this ground will stay in the family and the road will stay closed all the time. They want to build a building there and put horses on the land. Commissioners had some discussion on this. Bill made the motion to approve the vacation of a portion of German Street as indicated, second made by Randy. Motion carried 3-0. Attorney Chris Goffinet will have the ordinance to sign at the March meeting.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, presented the Commissioners with an additional appropriation in the amount of \$49,250.00 from the Cumulative Bridge Fund for emergency bridge repair. He commented that this bridge is high priority because the beams are failing and there is rebar exposed in middle of the bridge. This bridge #99 is located on Carlisle road. Randy made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell also presented the Commissioners with a transfer of \$7,000.00 from Salt to New Road Equipment. He stated they haven't used much salt this year due to the weather is why he is transferring from this account. Steve is planning on purchasing 2 pieces of equipment to attach to their bobcat to work on bridges. Randy made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY ANNUAL REPORT

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, submitted the Highway Annual Report for 2016 to the Commissioners at their February 6th meeting and they tabled it to review before signing the report. All Commissioners found it to be in order. Randy made the motion to sign the Annual report, second made by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, reported to the Commissioners about a 1989 Gradall that they have stripped for parts. He said this piece of equipment has been junked for several years. He would like the Commissioners to declare it surplus to sell for scrap. Randy made the motion to declare the gradall surplus, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

UPDATE ON IMPROVEMENTS

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, reported to the Commissioners that they have placed siding on the salt building. It was wood before and now is metal siding. Also they have replaced all the lighting inside and outside of the multipurpose building. They replaced all with LED lighting and will receive a reimbursement from Southern Indiana Power.

UPDATE TO ELECTION PRECINCTS

Clerk Mandi Mogan approached the Commissioners of her plan on combining some of the election precincts. She would like to combine Cannelton 1 and Cannelton 2 into one, Clark 1 and Clark 2 into one and move the affected residents into the Town of Troy from the last annexation. This would reduce the precincts to 19 instead of 21. She said she will have to wait on Cannelton until fall because they do have an election this year. Mandi said she talked to the State about these changes and they advised to wait until after the legislative session is over because there's some changes that could come about and they will be sending out information to her.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – HB 1002

The Commissioners tabled signing the resolution of support letter – funding Indiana’s transportation infrastructure at their last meeting because of concerns with local businesses that we border with another State that has lower gas prices. Larry mentioned the State is proposing 10 cents a gallon increase for gas for road funding and they need this additional funding for roadways. Larry also said we want extended funding for our roads to keep them maintained. Randy made the motion in support of the letter, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. All three Commissioners signed the resolution of support letter.

MISCELLANEOUS

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg informed the Commissioners of an income survey that was sent to 150 households in the German Ridge area from Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission. This survey is to help get grant funding from OCRA for a water study to get water to the residents. Teresa said the area did not qualify because of the income base. They will go to other avenues for funding.

Teresa Kanneberg, Administrator, also informed the Commissioners of a conflict of interest with the State they need to consider. This deals with vendors taking officials out to lunch or dinner at conferences where no decisions are made at these meetings. This conflict of interest statement protects us under law to allow vendors to continue to take officials out. Randy commented that you learn more from others on communicating on topics at these outings. The Commissioners need to decide on the amount of threshold per person for the outings. Randy mentioned \$200.00 for the amount. Teresa said she will have Chris to look at the resolution and have for the March meeting.

Jim Carter appeared before the Commissioners concerning an incident in Rome, IN with the first County Courthouse in the County. He stated that the Courthouse is deteriorating and the roof is failing. Jim said the Rome Committee needs help. It will take \$20,000.00 for roof repair to preserve our history. The Courthouse is on the national registry. Jim even asked the school if the art department would like to make signs to save the courthouse.

Teresa announced the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Perry County Courthouse.

The meeting ended in open session at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes approved this 6th day of March, 2017.

Randy Kleaving
President

Bill Amos

Larry R James

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