

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – JULY 19, 2016**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised at the Perry County Courthouse. All three commissioners were in attendance: President Randy Kleaving, Bill Amos and Larry James. A representative of the *Perry County News* was present along with County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg.

The meeting opened with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PAYROLL

The payroll docket was approved in the amount of \$123,431.47 for the payroll distributed on July 11, 2016. Bill made a motion to approve the docket, and Larry seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of July 5, 2016 were mailed to the Commissioners for their review. Larry made the motion to approve the minutes as written, second made by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERRY CO ZONING ORDINANCE

Attorney Jim Tyler, representing Barry Stiles and Mike Simon, approached the Commissioners with rezoning property from light industrial to business district. Jim reported that the application had been filed, fees paid, and notified the surrounding land owners. The Perry County Plan Commission met on July 7, 2016 and approved the change to construct a building for general country store. Mr. Stiles informed the Commissioners that they plan to sell gas, grocery supplies, camping and fishing supplies. Mr. Stiles said they have been lifelong residents and are moving back here from Nashville Tenn. They are property owners in Derby, Indiana and thought this area was in need of a market, a community gathering spot. Their building will be built in the old Mulzer Quarry next to Simon and Harris Construction. Randy thanked them for investing in the County and Larry commented about the progress in Derby. Larry made the motion to approve the rezoning, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. (See Attached Exhibit "A" – O-C-16-3)

SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY PERRY CO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Perry County Memorial Hospital new CEO, Brian Herwig, informed the Commissioners that there are 3 houses by the old hospital site that they would like to sell. The Commissioners were informed that under Indiana law, even though the hospital owns the real estate, it is a county owned hospital and, as such, must get approval from the Commissioners to sell the real estate. The hospital many years ago, purchased several homes next to the old hospital property which it used for offices and overflow work areas. So since they no longer use the old hospital, they don't have any use for the homes either. Brian said they are working with realtor Tony Hollinden to sell the homes. Perry Co Hospital board approved the offer on the first home and hope to get the other two sold also. Brian explained he would like to get their approval on all three of the homes to get them sold. Assessor Mendy Lassaline was in attendance and informed the board that the value of the homes will have to be converted back to residential use. Bill made the motion to approve selling all 3 homes, seconded by Larry. Motion carried 3-0.

FORMER NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY NEW NAME

Randy stated at the last meeting it was brought up about renaming the former National Guard Armory since it will be housing County Offices in it. The Commissioners were to think about the names that were brought up. Randy said a new name has been mentioned – Perry County Armory Annex Center. The Commissioners decided to take under advisement until the August 1, 2016 meeting and the new name will be given.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Airport Authority - County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg, announced that a letter had been received from Kenneth Eugene Borders asking to be reappointed to the Airport Authority Board for another 4-year term. Mr. Borders term ended on June 30, 2016. The Commissioners decided to wait until the August 16th meeting for the appointment which will give 4 weeks for any other interested persons to submit letters. This position is politically affiliated being a Republican position.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jim Carter addressed the Commissioners about a new program starting in 2017 for all police officers. He said there is a lack of training in officers all over for animal control. This program is optional now and at no cost to the County. Jim informed the Commissioners that by having the officers go through this program, it will save the County 80% cost to having an animal control officer. Randy commented that Perry County is maxed out on work load for the deputies. Sheriff Malone stated that they do address animals but the focus needs to be on how to catch these animals. Sheriff also commented that he attended this program and it is more geared toward investigation. He also stated that he doesn't have the equipment for handling these animals.

Kathy Kleeman with the Animal Control Board commented that there are several things to modify in the current Animal Control Ordinance. One thing is the 10-day hold rule for lost or stray animals. As of now, the dogs are held 10 days before being checked out or treated. Kathy said they would like this to change to 3 days especially if it is a lost dog. This would benefit the animal for treatment. It would also mean quicker time to move the animals for adoption or rescue. The 10-day rule needs to stay for bites by dogs in case of rabies. The second is water for dogs. Right now the officers can't do anything if the water is fowl, dirty, or green as long as they have water. Kathy said they would like to change the ordinance to read from just water to potable water. Randy said they would have to take this under advisement and talk to Chris Goffinet, County Attorney.

Another issue is the wording on dog bites. The animal control board is to have the say if the animal is to be placed in quarantine and it should be done at the shelter. The bites are to be reported to Jermie Farmer, County Sanitarian, from the hospital or the police. Kathy said the board voted that all dog bites would be quarantined at the shelter and all agreed and so did Jermie. If housed at the home, there are strict qualifications. It is not Jermie's responsibility about quarantining the animals. State statute says 10-day hold for bites and they need to do so. The process is that Jermie gets the reports and sends it to the state, then the board takes care of the animal from there. Randy said the Commissioners before him worked hard on the Ordinance. It may need to be tweaked a little bit. He stated that it seems there is a communication problem that needs worked on. Randy said they will work with Chris and Jermie as to what changes need to be done.

Teresa announced that the next regular Board of Commissioners meeting will be on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's room.

The meeting ended in open session at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes approved this 1st day of August, 2016.

Randy Kleaving
President

Bill Amos

Larry R. James

*Minutes prepared by:
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