

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. President Larry R. James, Randy Kleaving, and Bill Amos were in attendance. Also present for the meeting were County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, and County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg. A news representative was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

Bill made a motion to approve claims dated for September 5, 2017 and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The claims dockets were approved in the amounts of \$204,586.86 for County General; \$168,280.02 for Highway claims; and advances of \$165,000.00, \$125.00, \$2231.73, and \$80.98 for a total of \$540,304.59.

Randy made the motion to approve the payroll dated August 21, 2017 in the amount of \$135,786.24 and September 1, 2017 in the amount of \$136,131.05 and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**AGREEMENT WITH COMBINED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION- VIDEO  
CONFERENCING**

Sheriff Alan Malone came before the Commissioners wanting to change their video conferencing at the Jail at no cost to the County. He stated they have had several problems with the system of Renovo Video Visit which is now called Global Tel Link. People often times come in to schedule visits on the computer in the lobby and the system is down. This is a huge problem when someone cannot set up a visit with their loved one. It is also hard to arrange scheduled maintenance issues and report problems. Sheriff Malone commented saying that their inmate phone system is through Combined Public Communication and they now have their own Video Visitation System. He said they have great customer service and always “on it” to take care of the problems. He stated he would only have to sign a new contract with them for our inmate phone system. He was told visitors could still get online to schedule a visit as well as call the call center to schedule a visit. There would be no computer in the lobby. Randy made the motion to go with CPC, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENTS**

Alvin Evans with the Perry County Development Corporation presented an affidavit to authorize Old National Bank to make certain payments from a Construction Fund established by the Trustee Indenture dated December 1, 2014 between the County and the Trustee. Alvin 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 - \$12,193.30 to Perry County Treasurer for Lochmueller Group; Exhibit B - \$7,597.00 to PCDC for Project #6, clearing for rail spur; Exhibit C - \$40,829.72 to PCDC for several projects and legal fees. Bill made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

Alvin also commented saying that there has been positive feedback on the grant application for Economic Development. Phase I and II of the Courthouse Annex application goes in in December and awarded after the first of the year. There may be a grant also to tear the building down.

**FINANCE QUOTES – 3 DUMP TRUCKS & 2 SETS OF EQUIPMENT FOR TRUCKS-  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

The Commissioners received sealed quotes for financing of three dump trucks and two sets of equipment for the dump trucks for the Highway Department. The total for the financing is \$270,766.92. County Attorney, Chris Goffinet opened the quotes. They are:

- Hoosier Hills Credit Union – 5 payments starting 12-1-17 at 2.56% interest rate with a \$13.50 fee
- German American Bank – 5 payments starting 12-1-17 at 2.23% interest rate with no fee
- Old National Bank – 5 payments starting 12-1-17 at 2.10% interest rate with \$100.00 processing fee

Chris Goffinet, County Attorney, made comment that the fixed rate with ONB needs to be confirmed. Auditor Pam Goffinet will check into it before the next meeting. Randy made the motion to take the quotes under advisement to check the rates, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners will relook at them at the middle of month meeting.

**RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENTS – SWITZER ROAD**

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, explained to the Commissioners that this agreement is the beginning Right of Way phase in the Switzer Road project. The agreement for Right of Way services is with Lochmueller Group and not to exceed \$56,000.00. Chris also said the agreement was approved by him and Indiana Department of Transportation and Lochmueller Group also did the design engineering. This is the format to keep the project going. Randy made the motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**DEED OF CAN CLAY CORPORATION PROPERTY**

Chris Goffinet, County Attorney, informed the Commissioners that the Commissioners will be transferring the Can Clay Corporation property to the Perry County Redevelopment Commission with a Quit Claim deed all except for the piece deeded to the City of Cannelton. He said next the Redevelopment Commission will advertise for bids to do business on the property. If Can Clay is awarded, then they will abide by the agreement already set. The County Commissioners cannot be in the lease agreement business, only the Redevelopment Commission. Randy made the motion to transfer the property, second made by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Chris also said he was contacted by a property owner about property that was purchased from Can Clay in 2013. They said the roadway, .103 acres, for the property got left off the original deed. Chris informed the Commissioners that the law allows the County to deed the missing portion to the original landowner. It is part of their property. Bill made the motion to prepare the deed for the .103 acres, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0. Chris will prepare the deed.

**CONTRACT- HOOSIER FIRE EQUIPMENT – EMERGENCY VEHICLE**

Brian Minton, Director of EMS, informed the Commissioners that he has the agreement to sign with Hoosier Fire Equipment, Inc. for the new ambulance purchased. At the last meeting, the proposal of around \$170,000.00 is actually for \$166,933.00 with discounts, the Ambulance being \$149,500.00 with Hoosier Fire and the graphics, striping and cot being \$19,561.00 minus sales tax with DMC Graphics. Also at the last meeting, the financing with Community Leasing Partners was agreed on and the interest rate dropped for the ambulance and the charge to DMC Graphics will be paid from the surplus in the Ambulance Service line item. Randy made the motion to approve the ambulance agreement with the equipment, second made by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**TRANSFER – COMMISSIONER – AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT**

Randy made the motion to approve and sign a transfer of \$19,561.00 from Ambulance Service to Ambulance Equipment within the LIT-Public Safety-County Share fund. Bill seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg presented the Commissioners with several different additional appropriations for additional expenses. They are:

- Armory Annex Utilities for \$5,000.00 in County General. It was previously budgeted with EMA and we are short on funds till the end of year. Averaging around \$1300.00 per month. Randy made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.
- Care of Patients in Institutions for \$10,000.00 in County General. The line item is depleted and expecting one more bill. Bill made the motion to approve the request, second made by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.
- Drug Free Community Fund for \$4,896.61 to Prevention and Education, \$4,896.61 to Treatment and Intervention, \$4,896.61 to Law Enforcement Justice and \$4,896.63 to Administrative. These are the fees, total of \$19,486.46, that were collected in 2016 from Court fees of Alcohol and Drug charges. Per IC 5-2-11-5, a county drug free community fund is established to promote comprehensive local alcohol and drug abuse prevention initiatives. 25% of funds collected are used to provide services in each of the first 3 listed areas above and remaining 25% is to provide services and activities under each of those 3 subdivisions. The Substance Abuse Committee will use this money to give out awards to agencies that is done annually. Randy made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR RIGHT OF WAY SERVICES & ACQUISITIONS**

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg informed the Commissioners that she has letters asking for the request for Federal Authorization (FMIS) and Project End Date for two purchase orders from the State. One is for \$44,800.00 which is 80% reimbursement of \$56,000.00 for right of way services. The second is for \$88,000.00 which is 80% reimbursement of \$110,000.00 for right of way acquisitions. Teresa said this was built into the project from the start. Letters need to have Teresa's signature as the ERC and Larry's as President of Commissioners.

CHILLER AND CONDENSER UPDATE

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg gave an update on the chiller and condenser for the Courthouse to the Commissioners. She stated as of August 22, 2017 a condenser fan blew up, broke braces and fan blades. We do have one working fan with a garden hose running on it to keep the chiller pressure from getting too high. This is working for the whole Courthouse. It is 24 years old and should only have lasted 15 years. It is an old type system. We are getting quotes on new systems. Larry said hopefully this will hold until cooler weather. He also said possibly we can go to the Redevelopment Commission for funding.

ANIMAL ISSUES

Jim Carter came before the Commissioners asking them to consider an additional appropriation again for an animal control officer. He stated they are in flocks now and have new people taking over. They will not stop coming to meetings and asking questions. Jim said he had been looking over the financial statement of the County funds provided by the Auditor’s office. He mentioned the fund of #1114 – LIT-Economic Development and housing for the Jail. The Sheriff is always asking for money. Jim said the CEDIT balance is over \$3,000,000.00 and it can be used for the Jail to have an animal control officer.

Jim also said he has some concerns over the Comprehensive Plan not being followed. He said the 1<sup>st</sup> goal of the plan is the County’s codes and ordinances. RC-15-2 Animal Ordinance states the County will have an Animal Control Officer and the County is not doing what the plan says to. This makes an unstable situation of people breaking ordinances. There are other paragraphs in this plan that he feels the Commissioners need to look at.

There was more discussion between Jim and the Commissioners about getting an animal control officer. Randy said an ACO alone can’t fix the animal problems. Jim said we have always been dealing with the symptoms and not the problem. There also was a lot of public in attendance voicing their concerns. We need funds for these animal issues. Larry said we have to prioritize our spending. Bill said the Council did not approve fees in the original ordinance and couldn’t get a dog tax through. Jim said you cannot set up funds until the tax. Attorney Chris Goffinet said Bill is right, not everybody wants a tax. Finally Randy said we deal with a lot of issues and this would be a team effort with the town, cities and county. We need to start with the animal control board.

Teresa announced that the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017.

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Larry R. James  
President

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Randy Kleaving

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Bill Amos

*Minutes prepared by:  
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