

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OCRA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Mayor Barbara Ewing- City of Tell City, Alvin Evans- PCDC, and Jeff Rogers- Representative of ATTC came before the Commissioners explaining that Tell City is seeking funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) towards a pilot program aimed at workforce development for those in Perry County and the surrounding region. Mayor Ewing said the city is asking for \$250,000.00 grant that would help create a regional job-training cooperative between Perry, Spencer, Crawford and Dubois counties. The grant would require a 20% local match that Mayor Ewing said would be City of Tell City's responsibility, no cost to the County. This funding would come from many sources.

Mayor Ewing told the Commissioners this program was sought out after local school officials approached the city with concerns about the career-development needs of students who may not be in search of a four-year college degree. The schools have increased their focus on career-readiness. This would not only help currently enrolled students but also adults who may be in need of job training. She stated that we are in need of a skilled workforce.

Alvin Evans, PCDC executive director, commented saying this program is being regionally developed to help reach as many people as possible, who may seek employment outside of Perry County. Much of the labor force are mobile county- to- county , making for substantial commuter "labor shed." So partnering with other communities and businesses with similar goals makes good sense. Alvin said we all have the same problem needing more workforce. This is a critical need.

Mayor Ewing informed the Commissioners that the city is working with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission on submittal of the grant application. With this being a competitive grant, she said there are no guarantees we will receive the money, but she is optimistic. So respectively they are here before the Commissioners asking for their support only on this cooperative agreement. She also informed the Commissioners that County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, reviewed the document and found it to be in order.

Larry James made the motion to give his support for the application, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners also gave favorable support for the program.

REVISED RESOLUTION – GRANT SIGNATURES

EMA Director, Steve Hauser, came before the Commissioners stating that a revised resolution needs to be signed regarding the grant signatures. He explained that he was informed by the Indiana Department of Home Land Security that they won't accept the Director of Emergency Management to have authority to sign grant agreements. This was originally approved and signed by a Resolution dated August 28, 2015. Bill made the motion to approve the revised resolution with the authorized agents being the President of the Board of Commissioners and the Vice-President of the Commissioners. Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT AND EXPANSION GRANT

Traci Fischer, Director of Community Corrections, attended the meeting and explained that there is a new expansion grant available from the Indiana Department of Corrections for her to apply for grant year 2015/2016 and also to approve the budget for the year of 2015/2016. This application is for an additional \$154,000.00 in funding which will have to be applied for each year. This extra funding will help to provide more staff members, case manager, and full time field officer to handle their case load. This grant is not guaranteed but she feels that Perry County's request is reasonable. Chris Goffinet, County Attorney, has reviewed the grant and found it to be in order. Bill made the motion to approve the grant application and budget, seconded by Larry. Motion carried 3-0.

INMATE HEALTHCARE SERVICES AGREEMENT

Sheriff Lee Chestnut came before the Commissioners explaining about a newly enacted state requirement for offender medical services. According to Sheriff Chestnut, prisoners held in lockups for more than 30 days must be enrolled in the state’s Medicaid program. He stated this is law and effective immediately. He said the application process can be a lengthy and time-consuming administrative function and we don’t have the resources with our health department to do this. By contracting the work out it will save around three quarters of the cost with a total cost being \$2700.00 for a year.

Lee said he plans to contract with Quality Healthcare, a private firm, which has already been good to work with. He also stated that the company would coordinate with the county health department when conducting inmate physicals. By law, physicals have to be conducted for all offenders by their 14th day in jail. On average, Sheriff Chestnut said 15 physicals are performed each month. The cost of the service would be \$15.00 per application. Enrollment into Medicaid has to be completed within 45 days and he informed the Commissioners the average offender stay is 23 days. The county will only be charged for completed forms.

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, has looked over the agreement and had some comments which have been taken care of. Bill made the motion to approve the agreement to contract with Quality Healthcare, seconded by Larry. Motion carried 3-0.

HOME MUTUAL INSURANCE – HEALTH INSURANCE

Adam Evrard, Home Mutual Insurance Agent, came before the Commissioners stating that he is interested in providing more quotes for Health Insurance. He stated that Home Mutual Insurance is an independent agency that can provide quotes for partial or fully funded health packages and that he has a market of five companies to work with for cost savings. He informed the Commissioners that he has no county clients at this time. Randy stated that the Trustees for the health insurance are having a meeting in October and will look to see what they want to do about quoting rates out.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

PERRY COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES - County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg, explained that she had received letters from Joe Stuber, CEO of Perry County Memorial Hospital, that John Land and Tim Harding wish to be reappointed to the board. Larry made the motion to appoint John Land and Tim Harding to the Perry County Hospital Board of Trustees for another four year term each. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Teresa announced that the next regular meeting of the Commissioners will be on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 8:50 a.m.

Minutes approved this 22nd day of October, 2015.

Randy Kleaving, President

Bill Amos

Larry R James

*Minutes prepared by:
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