

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES – AUGUST 3, 2020**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. All three commissioners were in attendance: President Thomas J Hauser, Randy Kleaving and Bill Amos. Also present for the meeting were County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and Sheriff Alan Malone. No *News Representative* was present at the meeting.

**CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT**

Tom commented that some totals were less than they originally thought on items that were mentioned at the last meeting to be purchased through COVID-19 and reimbursed with the CARES ACT. He said it should leave around \$108,000.00 for the rest of the year. Tom also said that they didn't realize at first that they would have to have official action by the Commissioners on what expenses were being incurred. So, by emergency order, Tom approved the expenses and the Commissioners have to approve within 7 days. The work orders have been signed. Randy made the motion to approve the expenses at the lower costs, seconded by Bill. Motion approved 3-0.

**CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

Randy made a motion to approve claims, and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The claims dockets for August 3, 2020 were approved in the amounts of \$374,398.57 for County General; \$474,200.04 for Highway claims; and advances of \$1,983.31, \$596.06, and \$1,296.44 for a total of \$852,474.42. Bill made the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$144,457.94 that had been distributed on August 3, 2020 and approved \$25,346.48 for Overtime- CARES ACT from March 1, 2020 to July 28, 2020, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES**

Randy made the motion to approve the minutes of meetings on June 1, 2020 and June 16, 2020 as written, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**OFFICIAL BONDS- TREASURER'S OFFICE**

Auditor Pam Goffinet informed the Commissioners that she had bonds from the changes in the Treasurer's office that need to be approved. One is for an additional \$30,000 for Dawn Baumeister on moving her up to First Deputy position. The second was for the new employee of Layla Piper for \$50,000 and the last was for the termination of the bond for the former Treasurer First Deputy Paul Alvey. Randy made the motion to approve the bonds, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. Auditor Goffinet will get the bonds recorded and copies to Harpenau Insurance Company.

**WTH- GIS DATA**

Auditor Pam Goffinet presented the Commissioners with an electronic map data application agreement with WTH from CoreLogic for a listing of map layers from our County's GIS data. Attorney Chris Goffinet looked over the document and found it to be in order. Auditor Goffinet said it has been a while since we had a request for our data. The company will pay \$750.00 for the information. Bill made the motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADDITIONAL – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, presented the Commissioners with an additional appropriation in the amount of \$996,179.45 for Community Crossings of Deer Creek, Alamo and Abbott Roads. He said they started paving on Abbott Road and should be done this week. It is the same company that did Sulphur Valley Road. Randy made a motion to approve the additional, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**CANNELTON ANNEX**

Tom commented at the last meeting the sale of the Cannelton Annex building was tabled by the Commissioners. He said the highest bid was from Mark Ramsey at \$16,000.00. He also said that the Commissioners can accept or reject all bids. In all fairness, the board would like to hear from Mr. Ramsey on his plans for the building.

Mark asked the Commissioners if they received his letter where he outlined his plans if awarded the Annex building. He informed them that the bidding was simple process and he complied with all the requirements in the notice. It wasn't in the bid package to outline your usage of the building. He told them that they should accept his bid because he did what he was

supposed to do and was the highest bidder. Tom asked Mark again if he would share his usage for the building with the public. Mark said he plans to explore one option for Crypto Mining Plant. It is a project his family is involved with. It will bring electrical infrastructure to the City of Cannelton. This is his first choice. His second choice to split the usage of 40% for apartments and 60% for climate control storage.

Randy said he knows he will do right by Cannelton. He did read his letter and knows what he plans to do now. Mark commented that you need to get residents in city first, then services will follow. The Commissioners appreciated him coming. Tom said he met all requirements. Randy commented that Mr. McCollum put up a good case also at the last meeting. Bill made the motion to approve Mark Ramsey's bid, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENT – CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAU**

Tom commented that the board appointment for the Convention and Visitor Bureau was tabled at the last meeting. Betty Cash with the CVB was in attendance to talk to the Commissioners. She said the Visitor Bureau needs someone associated with the local lodging and innkeepers on their board. They have worked hard every year to get someone from this capacity on the board. Now one has applied. It would be in the best interest for the CVB. They would be able to share ideas on expectations and jobs. It would be a good working relationship. Betty informed them that the ordinance says that one or two members must be engaged in the business of renting or furnishing rooms, lodging, or accommodations. This is in the IC code, IC 6-9-18-5. She said she talks to the business owners a lot about getting someone on the board when they have an opening. Brad Newton, owner of Ohio River Cabins, has applied for the appointment. Also, a letter was received from Beth Hauser for the appointment too. Attorney Chris Goffinet said they need to follow the law. Randy made the motion to appoint Brad Newton, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 2-1 with Tom abstaining. Betty said there will be an opening in December and that Beth would be a good candidate then.

#### **TAX SALE PROPERTY – HAAFF PROPERTY IN TELL CITY**

The Commissioners tabled the property at 14 East Drive, Tell City owned by John E. Haaff Sr at their last meeting on giving it to the City of Tell City. This property has been on tax sale for several years and was never sold. Attorney Goffinet said Jeff Hagedorn, attorney for City of Tell City, prepared a resolution for the Commissioners to transfer Certificate 62-18-05 the property to the city once all procedures have been completed. Randy made the motion to approve and sign the resolution, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. (See Attachment "A" R-C-20-5)

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENT – HOSPITAL BOARD**

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg informed the Commissioners that they received a letter from Brian Herwig, President of PCMH, on who they recommend for the appointment on the Perry County Memorial Hospital board. She said the terms of Joe LeClere and Becky Hubert expire at the end of September. When there are vacancies on the board, the PCMH board is to give a list of persons interested for the position. The Commissioners have three options:

1. Appoint a candidate from the list that make the requirements
2. Request a second list from the PCMH board
3. Appoint individual not named on the list.

Tom said they need to give a six week notice for the appointment for the public to apply like they do other appointments. They will review this at their September 15, 2020 meeting.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Tom brought up about the screening that is done everyday with temperature taking, asking questions, and making sure all the public is wearing masks. He said this is putting our employees close to the public every day. He also commented that they have preapproval to purchase a standing self-reading temperature device to use at the Courthouse for screenings. It will help for the employees to stay away six feet better and still ask questions. Randy said it will be a big help. The cost is around \$2800.00 to come from the CARES ACT.

Charlie Baumeister spoke asking the Commissioners about claims that come in and that they approve. He would like to get a motion of support if the Auditor questions any claim to be paid. Auditor Goffinet explained that the departments submit their claims, we audit and then the Commissioners approve and sign off for payment. There are instances of purchases not knowing what they are for. These need to be brought to the Commissioners attention on whether to pay at that time. Randy said that departments need to detail more information on the claims and understand it is the Auditor's job to audit by state law. It is the Commissioners duty to sign off on them. Commissioners gave their support.

Randy commented that two weeks ago, Steve Lutgring informed him that the roof and leaks are being worked on the Animal Shelter building located in Cannelton. It will not be turned over to the Commissioners until it is fixed. He said they put \$25,000 in the budget for 2021 for the Council to look at. Herbie Landers said it is not enough. He said he provided the numbers

needed before in a letter given to them earlier this year. There is a company named ITV interested in it. He commented that they won't do it for 24 dogs and 21 cat units for lesser money than what Spencer County offers for lesser units. He said you can't start out with only \$25,000. There is need for a shelter for the people, prosecutor, sheriff and the health department. There are aggressive dogs out there. It is a serious problem for the county. Herbie said he is asking the County for \$35,000, Tell City \$35,000. Cannelton \$5000 and Town of Troy for \$1000. Even with this, the shelter will still have to raise money to survive. Herbie said if they don't come up with the money, it could hurt the county down the road. Attorney Chris Goffinet says there is an interlocal agreement signed by the county, City of Tell City and City of Cannelton.

Herbie commented that the donations are agreed to come in every year to help. Tom said the building has to go to the animal shelter and the former board has to turn over left over funds to a similar organization or to a government agency by being a 501C3 entity. Randy asked Mayor of Cannelton, Ralph Terry, if they could give an additional \$5000. Ralph said they are working on budgets now; it has already doubled for them. Herbie said the amounts were based on where the calls came from or animals picked up from. The Commissioners did say the County needs a shelter somehow someday. The Sheriff agreed.

Auditor Pam Goffinet informed the Commissioners that she reviewed some of the line items for their budgets since the last meeting. There are a few account line items that need to be amended.

1. Commissioners budget – Sheriff Pension – change from \$41,143 to \$55,000
2. Commissioners budget – Consulting Services – change from \$3,400 to \$2,700
3. Cumulative Capital Dev. – Computer Maintenance – change from \$152,000 to \$175,000

Randy said they need to amend the Animal Shelter budget also.

4. Animal Shelter – change from \$25,000 to \$35,000

Randy made the motion to approve the amendments to the budgets, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Teresa announced that the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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Thomas J Hauser  
President

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Randy Kleaving

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Bill Amos

*Minutes prepared by:  
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