

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met Zoom at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised. All three commissioners (President Thomas J Hauser, Bill Amos and Randy Kleaving) were in attendance. Also present for the meeting were County Administrator Teresa Kanneberg and a News representative from the Perry County News. Sheriff Alan Malone was also present along with Attorney Chris Goffinet.

CLAIMS

Claims were paid on November 17, 2020 for the County Election expenses in the amount of \$16,716.29. Randy made the motion to accept the claims, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll was distributed on November 9, 2020 for county employees in the amount of \$146,336.68, Assessor and deputy checks for certification in the amount of \$3,500.00 and Overtime pay for the Health Department in the amount of \$7,811.03. Bill made the motion to approve all the payrolls, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

ROME COURTHOUSE- PUBLIC HEARING

Jenny Mathies of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission said this meeting is the public hearing for finalizing the Rome Courthouse Study and approval of the Resolution for the Rome Courthouse Historic Preservation Study.

Drew and Brett from Universal Design were also on for the meeting and did the presentation on the study and said they would answer any questions. Drew the Design Specialist said according to the 2018 census, there was a population of 768 located in Tobin Township. The Rome Courthouse was built in 1818 and was the County Seat from 1819 to 1859 before it moved to Cannelton. It also served as a public school until 1966 until Perry Central School was built. Then it became the Rome Community Center where it hosts the Dogwood Fest every year. The lot size is 1.5 acres. There was also an existing conditions assessment completed in January 2020. Some of the findings were a deteriorated building, ADA accessible non-compliant and non-functioning-outdated mechanical systems.

Throughout the survey and information, they have developed an overall plan. It is as follows:

- Phase 1 - \$227,909.50 exterior and structural
- Phase 2 - \$317,694.00 interior restoration
- Phase 3 - \$354,770.00 new addition to building

There also are 3 options to completing the project:

- Option 1 – to do Phase 1
- Option 2 – to do Phase 1 and 2
- Option 3 – to do Phases 1,2 and 3

Jenny said the funding options are grants, local donations, short term loans and others. Bill commented that he likes what he sees with this. Randy also said this was a good presentation. Jenny also commented to go with the OCRA grant, hopefully in the summer of 2021 when it opens again. She said the study is complete, but need to continue with fund raising and get this done first.

Randy made the motion to approve the resolution for the Rome Courthouse on what Universal Design did on the study and move forward with the OCRA grant, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT – HIGHWAY CDL TESTING

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, informed the Commissioners that the company they were using for CDL testing has been bought out. He would like to go with Indiana Testing. Steve also said that the Department of Transportation has added more requirements for the CDL testing. They are now requiring to have 50 percent of employees tested three times a year. Steve presented the Commissioners with the agreement. Bill made the motion to accept, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – 2021 COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, commented to the Commissioners that the next application for the 2021 Community Crossing Grant opens in January 2021. He plans on asking for \$1,000,000.00 like he did this year. Steve said he wants to have everything in place such as the letter of support from the Commissioners for the grant. The roads for this agreement are: Aster #17, Riverforest #45A, Millstone #4, Section 1 of Highwater Road, and Tobinsport Road #45. He said that Tobinsport Road has 42 residents and lots of camps there. Tom said he is glad to see this. Millstone and Tobinsport Roads are in bad shape. They will have to add pavement to them. Steve also commented that there is \$240,000.00 left from 2020 for the match needed. Bill made the motion for the support letter, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0. Steve will go to the Council also to get a letter of support.

Steve commented that the Community Crossing Grants are helping. In 2017, the county roads were rated for good, fair or poor. Then the roads were 20% good, 33% fair, and 47% poor. In 2020, the roads are 53% good, 20% fair, and 27% poor.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

The Perry County Highway Department is requesting \$978.00 from Travel to Labor within the Highway fund for a pad to put the tank on. They also are requesting \$3,000.00 from Part Time Mechanic to Office Furniture & Equipment with the Highway fund to set computers up. Randy made the motion to approve the requests, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT – GIS AND AND-TRO WATER

The Commissioners had before them an agreement with And Tro Water Authority to host its Water GIS layers on the Perry County WebGIS site for private viewing. This gives them the right to add a layer on the mapping system with limited use. This will also save them money to be able to use. It is a service we can provide. Bill made the motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER – RESTRICTIONS WITHIN PERRY COUNTY

Attorney Chris Goffinet commented that the Governors new Executive Order 20-48 gives what local government needs such as mask mandates and gatherings according to what color your county is under. As of this date, Perry County is in the red color. This gives the Health Department and the law the ability to enforce what the Governor put in place as wearing a mask in public outside unless 6 feet apart and wear in all public places inside. The state and local health departments can take actions against anyone not complying to this. They can enforce steps if not in compliance. Chris said there is nothing more the Governor is doing for the County to have stricter guidelines.

Tom agreed there is enough restrictions in the Governor’s order and about enforcing them. We don’t need to do anything to add to it. Randy also said it gives the authorization to the Health Department and the law to do something. They can come back to us if things get worse.

Chris also said that business owners have the obligation to refuse someone coming in with no mask. This is specific in the order. There are exceptions such as health and age. Sheriff Malone said he is not in favor of writing tickets. The Health Department needs to enforce with education. Chris said the business owner could be wrote up and present to the Prosecuting Attorney to take to court. They could be given a warning first then shut down for a day, next to Prosecuting Attorney. They would be investigated for violation. He said this does not exclude essential workers.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg presented the Commissioners with their board list to fill for 2021. They are:

- ADA & Title VI Coordinator 1 – 1 year term
- Alcoholic Beverage Board 1 - 1 year term
- Convention, Recreation & Visitor Pro. Comm. 3 – 2 year terms
- Perry Co Development Corp. 1 – 1 year term
(delegate)
- Emergency Manag. Advisory Council 8 – 2 year terms
(4-virtue of office/designee, 4-represent townships)
- Health Board 1 – 4 year term
(democrat)

- Hospital Association 1 – 4 year term
- IN 15 Regional Plann Commission 3 – 1 year term
(1-Commissioner, 2-At Large)
- Personnel Policy Committee 1 – 1 year term
Commissioner
- Plan Commission 1 – 4 year term
- Zoning Appeals 1 – 4 year term
- Port Authority 1 – 4 year term
- Redevelopment Commission 3 – 1 year term
1 – 2 year term- non-
voting member
- Solid Waste Management 3 Commissioners

MISCELLANEOUS

Sheriff Alan Malone commented that he has been having his Sheriff Sales virtual and he wants to keep it this way. It is advertised on his Facebook page.

Steve Hauser, EMA Director, and Administrative Assistant Sandy Jarboe applied for a grant in the amount of \$24,990.00 for cell sensors for the jail. It will detect metal and cell phones if trying to get it in the jail.

Randy mentioned that they will talk about the animal shelter at the next meeting. They should have the ordinance, agreement and the deed to the County. This will wrap it all up.

Teresa announced that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by zoom.

The meeting ended in open session at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes approved this 4th day of January, 2021.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

Gregg Jarboe

*Minutes prepared by:
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