

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. as was duly advertised. Commissioners attending the meeting were President Thomas J Hauser, Randy Kleaving and Gregg Jarboe. County Administrator Teresa Kanneberg and Sheriff Alan Malone were also in attendance.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Tom said there was one thing to remove. It was Discussion of Animal Shelter Proposal. It will be put on the agenda for the first meeting in March. Gregg made the motion to approve the agenda with the change, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT – REGION 11 LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR 2022 – 2024

Sara Worstell, Executive Director, and Linda Jones from Grow Southwest Workforce came before the Commissioners with the 2022 – 2024 Region 11 Local Elected Officials Agreement to request a county chief elected official to represent Perry County for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. They are a non-profit agency and there are nine counties in our region. Every two years they elect for a representative of executive council for finances and advocate over workforce development. Tom has held this position the past few years. It is usually a Commissioner or Mayor of Tell City. Gregg made the motion to approve the agreement and to nominate Mayor Chris Cail, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Gregg made the motion to approve the payroll dockets in the amount of \$164,552.40 for the payroll distributed on February 14, 2022, Comp time pay for the Health Department on February 14, 2022 in the amount of \$14,605.26, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL CLAIM DOCKETS

Randy made the motion to approve the Payroll Benefits Claim Dockets in the amount of \$11,585.49, seconded by Gregg. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meetings of January 4, 2022 and January 18, 2022 were mailed to the Commissioners for their review. Randy made the motion to approve the minutes. Gregg made the second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGES

Auditor Pam Goffinet stated the last discussion on the personnel policy changes was at the Commissioner meeting on December 29, 2021. She said that Waggoner, Irwin and Scheele, consulting firm, wrote up the changes proposed by the personnel committee that will be amended for the County's Personnel books. She sent these to the Commissioners to review prior to the meeting. Auditor Goffinet read off the changes suggested under Personal Appearance, added time in for June 19th under Personal Leave and added Personal Leave earlier for New Hires. Gregg said he had one suggestion under 4.3.1, Personal Leave for New Hires, to add in 4.3 after it says will accrue personal time as defined in above, which was at the end of paragraph of Personal Leave. He said so there is no confusion when it is referenced of what the above means. Gregg made the motion to go with the changes with the amendment, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE – PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS (PTBOA)

Tom said Randy made a motion at the last meeting for a 3-member board for the PTABOA and there was no second. Assessor Mendy Lassaline informed the Commissioners that she reached out to other counties our size and most of them have a 3-member board. Randy stated he is staying with his same motion of three because he thought a lot about it at the last meeting and hadn't changed his mind on the three verses the five. He said he sees that for a fact in the state, they would be more in line with counties our size. Gregg said the reason behind his wanting five was to make sure they

had interest and they have seven people signed up for the appointment. He said he will not second Randy's motion.

Kelli Harding came before the Commissioners and read a statement that she prepared over her concerns of the PTABOA board and also stated she was in favor of a five-member board since there are plenty of applicants.

Gregg said he denied the second to Randy's motion. Gregg said he will make a motion to keep a five-member board. Tom said he would have to agree with Gregg that we have interest and he agrees with Randy on the size of it, so this can be changed annually if the Commissioners decide to. He said with the interest in this board, he is going to second Gregg's motion of a five-member board because there are several qualified people. Motion carried 2-1 with Randy voting against.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS – PTABOA, PSAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ZONING APPEALS AND PLAN COMMISSION

1. **PTABOA BOARD:** Administrator Teresa Kanneberg informed them that they have 3 appointments and no more than 3 of the 5-member board can be of the same political party. They also must be knowledgeable in the valuation of property. The letters of interest were: Kelli Harding, Kim Bryant, Missy Noble, Tony Hollinden, Lee Chestnut, Kourtney Casebolt and Zach Harding. Tom made the motion to appoint Missy Noble with 30 years in banking, Kim Bryant with 20 years as a real estate broker, and Kourtney Casebolt who is in real estate, a builder and with experience of property values. He said they are all republicans. Gregg said he was making a second motion to appoint Kelli Harding, Lee Chestnut, and Kim Bryant. Randy said he was making a second to Tom's motion of Missy Noble, Kim Bryant and Kourtney Casebolt. Motion carried 2-1 with Gregg voting against. It was said the Council will have 2 democrats to appoint. Tom thanked all who submitted letters of interest.
2. **PSAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** It is for 2 appointments for 2-year terms. The appointments should be active or retired Public Safety Employees of a Public Safety Agency located in Perry County that routinely receives calls from the Dispatch Center and cannot be an elected official. Letters of interests from: David Faulkenberg, a retired law enforcement, active EMA and rescue diver; Aaron Meyer, EMA Rescue, Anderson Fire and first responder; Renea Gray, a dispatcher; Tracie Young, a dispatcher; Lee Hall, appointment by City of Cannelton; Nathan Gehlhausen, Tell City Police Officer; Shannon Lehmkuhler, a dispatcher; Chris Axton, EMA Rescue and Tell City Fire; and Mallory Gehlhausen, a dispatcher. Tom said the personnel with dispatch remains in Tell City. Randy made a motion to appoint David Faulkenberg and Aaron Meyer. Gregg made a motion to appoint Shannon Lehmkuhler and Chris Axton. Tom made the second to Randy's motion to appoint David Faulkenberg and Aaron Meyer. He commented on the aspect that David can bring to the committee with being a former chief of police and an active diver and Aaron with the EMA rescue and fire and being a first responder. Roger Smith, Tell City Police, wanted to speak to the Commissioners. He said he is not critiquing their choices. He said there was one goal in mind and that was to add and make clarity to the people that are going to take these seats. He said state statutes are written in a different form where lawyers and police officers are able to tweak, twist, turn and mince words to make it fit the bill. Roger commented that in the beginning we were firm that retirees were not eligible to be on the board. Randy stated that was changed when they did the agreement. The advisory committee is composed of 7 members. Mayor Chris Cail appointed Roger Smith and dispatcher Micah Jackson for the Tell City appointments to the board, who was said not to be eligible for the board. He went and read requirements of who is eligible with being public service employees of Perry County and that fits them. Roger went on commenting about the dispatchers of their knowledge and daily operations of the dispatch center. He said he stands behind dispatchers being a board member. They are more qualified and are the components of dispatch. Roger stated that when it was said that dispatchers are not dispatched to calls, he disagreed with that. Gregg said he did not disagree with Roger. That is why Shannon was his first choice for the board for the same reason. He said he suggested Chris Axton because he is well rounded. Gregg said you need to have dispatchers on there. You are looking for that

chain of the call. Tom commented that this is an advisory committee and we need to get all aspects of people being dispatched. He stated he didn't have a problem with the ones they didn't choose. The two they voted for are important also. Roger said he doesn't want it on record saying that dispatchers are ineligible. Tom stated that he had no problem with the dispatchers either and so did Randy. Randy said we also need someone from the outside on the board too. We need both types. Tom said it is up to the appointing board as to who to appoint. It is the interpretation of the agreement of the appointing body. Roger then asked if there was going to be a revision of the agreement saying they are not ineligible. Tom said that he has no plans to change the agreement or propose a change. Gregg said no matter what words are in that agreement, it is always intent and he said he agrees with Roger's intent as to why he came before the Commissioners. He said for himself, dispatchers are qualified to be on the board. There were other comments from the public. Gregg read off the requirement and commented on what the intent was. He said it will now be in the records that the intent of this does not exclude dispatchers based on two of the Commissioners basically. Tom said we have a first and a second, motion carried 2-1 with Gregg voting against for David Faulkenberg and Aaron Meyer.

3. **ZONING APPEALS AND PLAN COMMISSION**: Teresa said she received an email that Dwight Archibald was interested in the Zoning Appeals board. It is a 4-year term. You have to be a resident or own property in the jurisdiction. This has been a vacant seat on this board for a long time. Teresa said he lives out in the county. Gregg said he talked with him and he wants to get involved in Perry County. Randy said this board doesn't meet very often and that Lee Hall is also interested. Gregg said Lee is also interested to be on the Plan Commission. He lives in Anderson Township. They are both republican. Gregg made a motion to appoint Lee to the Plan Commission board and Dwight to the Zoning Appeals board, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER REQUEST

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg informed the Commissioners that they have a transfer request for Perry County Memorial Hospital's portion of the contribution of the 911 dispatch in the amount of \$35,000.00. She said there had been conversations with CEO Brian Herwig about wanting their portion to be passed through the ambulance service subsidy that the county budgets for ambulance service. This transfer request is in county general from the ambulance service to 911 Dispatch service in the Commissioners budget. Gregg commented that what used to happen is that \$35,000 was requested from the hospital to pay dispatch in a way we actually paid the hospital. It was like a pass through, we paid the hospital and they paid the dispatch. Tom said this proposal is to make it cleaner so that it goes straight from the county to dispatch. Gregg asked why are we doing it different now. Auditor Pam Goffinet replied that they did not know it was in the subsidy losses. That was all we were paying for and it was never pointed out that the dispatch was part of it. Gregg asked how did they calculate the subsidy. If we do this, then we are taking on that additional cost. He said before he passed this, he would like to see where this was before. To prove it, he would like to see where in the hospital in the past they have charged us for it. Tom commented that he had seen the amount for the dispatch in the hospital's budget. Randy said the county has to pay it since we pay a subsidy. Gregg said what he is asking for a vote on is the documentation that it has been inside the subsidies in the past. He wants to know if we are taking on an extra burden for the hospital. Tom said part of the budget for the EMS included the \$35,000 for dispatch which doesn't have to be approved by the council. In the new agreement, the county took responsibility for all. Tom asked Gregg if he wanted to table this until he gets an answer. Randy said in the past we didn't have the subsidy until we put on the other EMS crew at the north station. It was worked on hard to get that knowing it would cost to protect the people of the county. It was decided to table until the next meeting. Gregg said he will ask the hospital for the documentation.

EMA Director, Steve Hauser, stated he talked with Tell City Clerk Treasurer, Connie Berger, and delaying this will delay overall payments going to Tell City if they wait until the next meeting. We are already two months behind. We are unable to pay without this transfer or the agreements with Cannelton and the Town of Troy. He recommended that they approve the transfer to go to the Council. Gregg changed his

motion. Gregg motioned to approve once received documentation that shows the amount in the past figured in, Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0 with Tom abstaining. Once Gregg finds out, he will get with Pam to put on the council agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kelli Harding questioned that the three appointed to the PTABOA board were all republicans. Did they make that clear of political affiliation on their letters. She said one is a registered democrat. Kourtney clarified she was republican and need to reach out to Missy and Kim. We need to know the facts before moving forward.

Cindy Taylor stated she would like to have a copy of the interlocal agreement on dispatch. She asked if it was a committee or a board. Tom said they are an advisory committee for clarification. She said she wants to go back to the December 2, 2021 meeting. She said she sent an email on December 13th to Teresa requesting all records of the Knowink, minutes of the meeting, Steve Shamo and the demonstration done. She questioned the minutes of the demonstration. She was aggravated of how it went down with Knowink, who is requiring the epoll pads and who is Steve Shamo. She said that request is still there and wants those records. She received that the minutes have not been approved yet. She said no audio recording or livestreaming was done at the demonstration. She questioned if Auditor Pam Goffinet was at that meeting. Pam replied no she was not and had made that known previously. She asked who took the minutes. Auditor Goffinet said it was just a demonstration and was given some information regarding it. Cindy said all three Commissioners were there and it became a public meeting. There is just a general statement before the regular meeting that a demonstration was held on the epoll books. Gregg commented that the election board is not in the Commissioner's hands. Cindy had a lot more questions and statements on the epoll books. It was stated the Commissioners voted to approve the contract of the epoll books and the election board can shelve them. Cindy stated she wants records to state there were no minutes or video of the December meeting where the Commissioners were present. Cindy said she is making this publicly that she still wants all the information requested.

Tell City Police Chief, Derek Lawalin, wanted to get some clarification to go through the proper procedures of the powers and responsibilities of the PSAP Advisory committee. He read what was in the agreement. He said there were some purchases already taken to the County Council, Tango equipment. Steve reached out to Derek and he suggested to Steve Hauser to speak to the committee about the equipment. It already went to the Council to purchase. One council member asked if this should go to the committee and Steve said no it doesn't. Derek wants to make sure that purchases for 911 and from the 911 fund, that the committee does have the power to weigh in those decisions before it goes to the Council. Tom said it is still up to the Council. The committee makes recommendations. There was much more discussion regarding the responsibilities. Derek said his concern is the first purchase was side stepped. Steve Hauser said what was meant to be in the contract was for 911 dispatch services go to the committee. He said other expenses from the 911 fund does not have to go to them. He spoke to all chiefs involved and gave their blessing. The Tango equipment was not a request of dispatch expense. Derek thought they all were one unit. Thought it was made clear to include all funds. Gregg pointed out that in the agreement, any funds out of 911 goes to the committee first. He regrets how it went down. He said moving forward, all expenses go through the committee. Steve said his intent and Derek's of the powers and responsibilities of the committee is different. Tom said those other expenses can go before the committee but don't have to. Gregg commented the intent was all go through them. Derek said he wanted clarification on it. Tom said the statement of the 911 funds is the control of the County Council and it is not a bad thing for Council to ask what the committee said about it. Randy said emergencies happen and no time for meetings, what happens then. Roger Smith said email works the best if they cannot meet. Derek said there was leadership showed on both sides with the agreement, want to be on the same page and the understanding you can't just interpret your own way. Tom said we have made good strides and the key is everybody has respect for the other side. Derek said with this pot of money, when decisions are made about 911 expenses, those decisions are better made when there is a variety of people involved.

Teresa announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 10:47 a.m.

Minutes approved this 4th day of April, 2022.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

Gregg Jarboe

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