

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES - MARCH 22, 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. Sheriff Alan Malone and a News Representative were also in attendance.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Tom said there were some additions to make to the agenda. They are:

1. Steve Hauser – request to declare Armory boilers as scrap and pay maintenance fees to remove
2. Breanne Walsh – closure of Spring Road for Marathon
3. Megan Jaspersen (Purdue Extension) – share 2021 annual report

Randy made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Gregg. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Randy made the motion to approve the payroll dockets in the amount of \$149,139.40 for the payroll distributed on March 14, 2022 and Comp time pay for the Health Department on March 14, 2022 in the amount of \$1,278.88, which is the last one. The second was made by Gregg. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL CLAIM DOCKETS

Randy made the motion to approve the Payroll Benefits Claim Dockets in the amount of \$94,152.71, seconded by Gregg. Motion carried 3-0.

SURPLUS BOILERS – ARMORY ANNEX

EMA Director Steve Hauser asked the Commissioners if they would consider declaring the old boiler system at the Armory Annex as surplus. It has not been in use since the remodeling project at the Armory Annex. One of them has a busted chamber in it and the control is bad in the other one. They are basically taking up space that could be used for storage. Gregg asked if he has looked into someone removing it. Steve said yes, he has. He said a rescue squad worker has offered to come in and cut it out. He also has some plumbing experience so he could cap off the old water lines and things like that. Gregg said when it was quoted to get it out, it was drastically high. Steve said when they remodeled, it was cheaper to go with mini splits in the offices and they went with two gas heaters in the garage area instead of having the old boilers repaired. It is an obsolete system. It will cost \$300.00 to get rid of it and the rescue squad worker gets to keep the money he gets out of the scrap. Randy made the motion to declare surplus, seconded by Gregg. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSURE OF SPRING ROAD – 5TH ANNUAL MARATHON

Breanne Walsh came before the Commissioners requesting to close Spring Road again this year for their 5th annual marathon on April 9, 2022. It will be from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. just like the other years. She said the Highway Department helps with the barricades to close the road for traffic. She said they will pick up the trash along the road to showcase the area on the run. Randy made the motion to approve the closure, seconded by Gregg. Motion carried 3-0.

2021 EXTENSION ANNUAL REPORT

Purdue Extension Director, Megan Jaspersen, came before the Commissioners to report on the 2021 Extension annual report. She said she is the Health and Human sciences Educator. She wanted to introduce herself to them and that she is transitioning in the place of Cathy Boerste. Megan told the Commissioners about the good things going on with them. She also appreciates the support and continuous encouragement the county has given to them and their programs.

ELECTION POLLING PLACES – PRIMARY ELECTION

Clerk Rachel Roark requested the approval of the primary polling places from the Commissioners. She said nothing has changed since the last election in 2020. She said they have called all the polling places and everything is good to go for set up. Gregg asked if she was going to use the e-poll books at all the locations. Rachel said yes for the primary. The election board figured it would be a good time because it is not going to be a huge election for the poll workers who are skeptical with the books. It will familiarize themselves with it to see how it works. Then they will decide if to use them for the general election. Gregg asked if all of them have internet then. Rachel said there are two places that they are going to look into. She said they are also getting some kind of device that hooks to the voting machines. Gregg called it a cradle. He said that was part of his motion when he motioned for the grant to go through. He said there were two things and one was to try not to use them on the internet. He said he realized she checked with the state and that they have to be. Also, that they are in kiosk mode and he didn't know if that is still going to happen or not but he hopes so. The other one is the cradles that they are actually attached. Rachel commented that they are on every single one of the machines. She said they have them all already and they are locked up in the election room with the bipartisan lock. She asked Gregg what the kiosk was. He said it is one that locks down so that you cannot connect to random internet sources. Tom said he likes that and that it adds security. Gregg said it allows you to only use that application that allows you to only be connected to whatever internet connection you are originally connected to. You cannot change it. She said they were taking every precaution with the e-poll books. Rachel encourages everyone to get out and vote to try it. She said it was recommended that she set one up in training mode in her office during absentee voting for voters to come and see it. Cindy Taylor commented that in the election board minutes that the e-poll books would be used in the primary election and on out. Rachel said it is eventually going to be mandated to use them by the state and we are not going to have a choice. She said they are going to wait and see for the general election if it doesn't go well. Tom asked if the election board can revisit this and she said yes. There was more discussion on this. Gregg made the motion to approve the polling places, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER REQUEST – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, presented a transfer request of \$4,788.00 from Mechanic to Part time Mechanic line item. He said he has a mechanic leaving and his part time mechanic has agreed to work a little longer than he was aiming to. He is having trouble finding a mechanic with CDL license for what we pay. Gregg made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY ANNUAL REPORT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, said that Office Manager Marilyn Hubert sent the 2021 annual report to the Commissioners for them to review. They all said it looked good. Gregg made the motion to approve the report, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENT - PCDC

Alvin Evans with the Perry County Development Corporation presented the Commissioners with an affidavit to authorize Old National Bank to make certain payments from a Construction Fund established by the Trust Indenture dated December 1, 2014, and the Third Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of April 28, 2021, between the County and the Trustee. It was 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 - \$3,000.00 to be paid to the Perry County Development Corporation for Project 2, Industrial Park Mitigation Monitoring, RES Kentucky, LLC, Task #8, Annual Mitigation Monitoring. Gregg asked Alvin if there is a remediation plan that he was asked about. Alvin said yes there is. Alvin said he will resend it out. This will be paid from 2021 Bond from TIF #3. Randy made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0 with Gregg abstaining since he didn't review the plan.

ANIMAL SHELTER PROPOSAL

Shelby Sandlin, Harrison County Animal Control, came before the Commissioners and handed them a draft of the income for the new shelter. She said it is a proposed shelter budget estimate of income and expenses. She said they intend to do fundraisers later in the year. She has viewed the facility. She also has an entity that wants to help her with the shelter.

Shelby commented that over population of animals is state wide. She has a good base of knowledge to help with this. She has a good team to set up to get this facility up and rolling. She also plans to bring in dog training, fundraisers in the building to sell items. Tom asked about the veterinarian issue. Shelby said that Vanderburgh is willing to help and she has 2 mobile vets. Once this facility is going, they will come to us. She said she wants to talk to businesses and the public in the community also.

Tom commented that he is anxious to get this moving. There is a need for adoptions and a shelter also with a great manager. Gregg said he extended his support to her and so did Tom. Shelby said it will probably will take six to nine months to get the shelter up and going. She wants to hit the ground running. The estimated opening date is January 1, 2023. She wants to do this right and correct. Gregg said he liked her timeline. She has her mind set in the right place in a sense that she knows to get through the entities, that alone is going to take time. Tom said together we can push forward. Randy also stated his 100% support as the other two Commissioners did. He said it is the best thing we have going. We have been working on this for a long time and he was glad she came about to help us through it. Tom said this line item falls under the Commissioner’s budget and we need to talk about this soon if there are any adjustments that need to be made. Jim Carter spoke up and said that he will try to get support also. Volunteers are important.

MISCELLANEOUS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sheriff Alan Malone said he would like to move forward with the lighting situation at the Detention center. Gregg said they do not have the quotes in from of them. Gregg said they were trying to get the three pieces together and now they have. The Commissioners need to review them. Randy said they will make a decision at the next meeting. He stated he liked the original quote himself.

Sheriff Malone also said he has partnered with a group called 525 Foundation. They are bringing to the Perry County Sheriff Department a drop box for drugs, any unwanted medications. People can bring them to here and also at the Tell City Police Department. Alan said once he learned about this foundation, he was very interested and they showed up with the box. Tom asked if there is a lot of participation with this. Alan said yes for the Tell City box. Randy commented that Solid Waste will still do their drug drop off two times a year.

It was announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Armory Annex conference room.

The meeting ended in open session at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes approved this 5th day of May, 2022.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

Gregg Jarboe