

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES – MAY 5, 2022

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. Commissioners Thomas J Hauser and Randy Kleaving were in attendance. Gregg Jarboe resigned from Commissioner May 4, 2022. Also present were County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg, County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, and Sheriff Alan Malone. A representative from the *Perry County News* was not present.

AGENDA

Tom said there were three additions to add to the agenda and one deletion to take off. The additions are:

1. Highway Department – Appropriations and Transfers
2. Administrator – Appropriation for Unemployment
3. Brett LeClere – PCMH

The one deletion is:

1. Approval of Payroll Benefit Claims

Randy made the motion to approve the agenda with the amendments, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL APPROVAL

Randy made the motion to approve payroll that was distributed on April 25, 2022 in the amount of \$150,318.40. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Randy made the motion to approve claims dated May 2, 2022 for County General \$407,087.49, Highway \$107,043.47 and \$74,400.00, and Advances for \$1,446.02 for a total of \$589,976.98. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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The minutes of March 7, 2022 and March 22, 2022 were mailed to the Commissioners for their review. Randy made the motion to approve them as presented, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

PERRY COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LAND

Brett LeClere with the Perry County Memorial Hospital (PCMH) explained to the Commissioners that the piece of property at the intersection of State Road 37 and Stone Road that the price quoted originally was wrong. The correct price of that piece of property is \$120,000.00 instead of \$125,000.00. Attorney Chris Goffinet said they need to make a motion to approve the sale at the new price. Randy made the motion for the sale of the PCMH ground for \$120,000.00. seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

GRANT – COMMUNICATION CORRECTIONS

Traci Fischer, Community Corrections Director, came before the board for approval of the Community Corrections grant and the Drug Court grant for 2023. In the budget, the increases are like they do every year for the salary increases. She said they are currently proposed amounts because the salary scale hasn't been finalized yet. Once done, there may be some adjustment. Chris said he reviewed it and it is the same as they have been doing the last several years. Traci said nothing has changed with the grant or the programs. She said the salaries come out of the grants and the operating costs come out of the project income. Randy made the motion to approve the grant, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

ADDITIONALS AND TRANSFERS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, requested a transfer of \$100,000.00 from Surtax and Wheel fund to the Motor Vehicle Highway fund for Heath Insurance. Auditor Goffinet explained that with our new software for payroll, it takes the employer share from the fund of 1173 and 1176 where the employee is paid from. Steve said we cannot take from Surtax and Wheel because we do not pay from there with salaries. The next transfer is from Surtax and Wheel to Local Road/Bridge Matching Grant fund in the amount of \$120,000.00. This is for the County's share of the one million awarded for Community Crossings for road projects. This helps to cover our share; we still have some left in there from last year also. The third transfer is for \$100,000.00 from

Bituminous in MVH-Restricted fund to Local Road/Bridge Matching Grant fund. This is also to help with our share of the matching grant. Steve also had an additional appropriation request for \$220,000.00 for County Road Improvements within the Local Road/Bridge Matching Grant fund. This is from the transfers putting the money in the fund. This is getting the match ready for the projects. He also had another additional appropriation for \$715,000.00 within the Local Income Tax fund for County Road Improvements. This will cover the balance for the Community Crossing projects and a couple other roads they plan on paving this year. Randy made the motion to approve all the requests, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTION OF INDOT AGREEMENTS

Attorney Chris Goffinet said the Highway Department received an email from the state. They have moved to electronic applications and forms and all the contracts to be signed by e-sign now through a portal. So, in order to do that, they have requested the Commissioners to adopt a resolution for this. He said once the Commissioners approve the contracts with the state, then the president is authorized to sign those contracts. He said this will make it easier to administer the contracts. We currently do this with other programs. Randy made the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0. (See Attachment “A” R-C-22-2)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - UNEMPLOYMENT

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg prepared an additional appropriation for \$4,600.00 for Unemployment within the Commissioners budget in County general. This is to cover a former employee receiving unemployment compensation. This amount should cover expected billings received through August. We also anticipate more months yet to cover. There was only \$1,000.00 in the budget for 2022. Randy made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

MISCELLANEOUS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindi Taylor commented on the railroad tracks in the Town of Troy. Who should she talk to and get them to round it off. Randy said it is in the INDOT plan to take care of it. Tom said they are going to raise it.

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Teresa announced the next meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

The meeting ended in open session at 6:16 p.m.

Minutes approved this 16th day of August, 2022.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

*Minutes prepared by:
Pamela L Goffinet, Perry County Auditor*