

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – February 6, 2023**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. President Randy Cole (RC), and Rebecca Thorn (RT) were in attendance. Sheriff Alan Malone, Auditor Kristinia Hammack, and Attorney Andrew Foster were also present. There was no *News Representative* in attendance.

The meeting opened with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

(2) AGENDA

The agenda was amended to add:

1. PC Port Authority (f)
2. Hwy Rental Rate (g)

RC made the motion to approve the addition, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0

(3) PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

(4) MINUTES

- a) 01.23.2023 Tabled due to Commissioners had not received yet.

(5) AUDITOR, KRISTINIA HAMMACK

- a) **1/30/2023 Payroll: \$158,336.15**

RC made the motion to accept, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0.

- b) **Insurance Benefits: \$86,670.41**

RC made the motion to accept, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0.

- c) **2/6/2023 claims \$245,006.56 /Advance Pd Claims \$81,140.64**

RT made the motion to accept, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

(d) WELNESS PROGRAM-PERRY COUNTY HOSPITAL

Kristinia stated that this is an ongoing program that the county does for employees who choose to take advantage of these opportunities. If they participate it gives them credit towards their insurance deductibles. This program provides meetings and other opportunities for employees and their spouses.

RC made the motion to accept, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0

(e) BAKER TILLY CONTRACT

Kristinia presented this is a consulting company that would aid her in compiling the financial report. They would also help in correcting errors from the conversion from the old program (Harris) to the new system (LOW). Andrew Foster saw no issue with the contract.

RC made a motion to approve, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0.

(f) PORT AUTHORITY

RC received a letter from the Perry County Port Authority, asking for a letter of support for some grants for rail improvements.

RC made a motion to approve, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0.

(g) HIGHWAY RENTAL RATES

Steve Howee3l spoke of the annual approval for rental rates of equipment for 2023.

RC made a motion to approve, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0.

(6) COMMISSIONER ITEMS TO DISCUSS

RC introduced Andrew Foster who will be the Commissioners Attorney. Andrew was asked to tell a little about himself. He stated that he is an attorney based out of Rockport and has been practicing law for 10 years. He represents several government bodies, including: Spencer County County-Council, Town of Chrisney, and Spencer County Health Board. He mentioned he does some pauper work here in Perry County along with criminal and CHINS work. He is excited to be on board.

(a) EDIT PLAN MODIFICATION

RC stated that in September of 2022 the Council passed an ordinance to pay off the jail. This saved the county over a million dollars in interest payments, but in doing this it took 50 cents off of the county rate of \$1.81 we were receiving. They then decided to allocate 5 cents to building repair and maintenance fund. Currently we do not have any money set aside if we have a major repair such as a roof. They also decided to allocate 4 cents for public safety in order to support the PSAP commitments that the council had previously committed to. So, what this did was cut us back to a rate of 1.4% or \$1.40.

CumCap is .528%, Public Safety is .3220% and EDIT funds are .550%. Our old EDIT Plan had it allocated to pay the jail payment, nothing for building maintenance or PSAP commitments. So, in October the EDIT Plan figures should have been revised and they were not. Under the current plan there would be no money allocated to fund these two areas. With that, now we are required to come in and make an addendum to the EDIT Plan to reflect the new numbers/percentages. County Council President has been working on it, and I (RC) have reviewed his figures and we have it broke down. With that, 25 cents will go to the highway, 10 cents will go to economic development, and 15 cents goes to the jail and security. RC asked that we rescind anything that had figures from the original EDIT Plan and re-write it to the new EDIT Plan, so that we don't have any misinterpretation as to how everything is funded.

RC made a motion that we rescind anything prior to January 1, 2023, that requires numbers from the original EDIT Plan. RC also wants to include a motion that the amendment of the agreement to reflect the new distributions according to the wishes of the council, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0.

(b) PERSONAL HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

1.) RC changed the title of Human Resources Director to Human Resources Administrator to update in personnel handbook. Kelli Wilgus will hold that title and help carry out the duties in the handbook committee.

RC made motion to approve, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0

2.) Elected Official to Personnel Handbook Committee, need to elect one elected official from courthouse.

RT motioned to appoint Amanda Lasher, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0

(c) ARP FUNDS

1.) Veterans Services is asking for \$5,000.00 for drivers that volunteer their time to take other veterans to appointments out of town. This money would provide a \$50.00 gift certificate to help cover gas and food. Kevin is also asking for \$5,000.00 to host community events and \$1,000 for hats and shirts.

RT motioned to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0

2.) Troy Fire Department is requesting \$74,300 for updated masks and air packs.

RC motioned to approve, second by RT. Motion carried 2-0

(d) UPDATES

ANIMAL SHELTER

RT gave an update on the animal shelter, there is a company that looked at the gutters and they are in bad shape and needs replaced. Looking into a steel wall/door being built for security. Need to update the drywall with a waterproof sealant. Heating is looking to be repaired next week. Once the heat is repaired the next step is to check for water leaks. Need to get all updates done before opening.

PHONE SYSTEM

All phones have been updated in all county buildings, waiting on AT&T to release all the phone numbers to for PSC to port all numbers over.

LED LIGHTING

LED Lighting has been updated in two rooms in the jail. In the next week plan to start on courthouse. Going with white color lighting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m. CST

Randy Cole
President

Rebecca Thorn
Vice-President

Randy Kleaving

Minutes prepared by:
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