

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2024

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

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

AGENDA

RK made a motion to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) None

MINUTES

- a) 8.05.2024

RK made a motion to accept as presented, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

- b) 08.07.2024

RK made a motion to accept as presented, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

KEVIN HERP, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

- a) Veteran's Day Car Show

Herp appeared to ask permission to use the Courthouse grounds for the car show on November 9, 2024. Also needed is the area next to the Sheriff's Department/Jail for parking.

This year will consist of a car show, possibly bouncy houses, food, and music.

RT asked Herp if he has spoken to Sheriff Malone in regard to use the area beside his department, and Malone stated use is fine.

Herp stated that with the Courthouse addition, he would like to ask Arnold Masonry to move all their equipment from the new parking lot to the dead-end street in order to utilize that area for parking. RC responded to talk to Arnold Masonry.

RT made a motion to approve use of parking lots and vacant ground, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

STEVE HOWELL, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- a) River Road Project Agreement

Howell presented the contract with Lochmueller Group on the construction phase of River Road for the Commissioners' signatures. This contract was previously sent to INDOT in Vincennes, Indiana, and was told it looked good.

RC stated he spoke to Howell earlier that morning due to the River Road project is not to cost the County any funds. This project was done on a grant, and then the Port Authority was going to pay any amounts that were not covered by the grant. Auditor Hammack stated she has submitted an invoice to the Port Authority for everything so far, and was told this invoice would be paid the beginning of September.

RT asked Howell if the Port Authority has met on this to make sure that they are going to be responsible for everything, and Howell stated yes. RC stated he received other information. Howell stated he reached out to Alvin Evans and he said it was okay, but RC called one of the Board Members and he did not know anything about this. This concerns RC due to when the Commissioners sign this agreement, then the County is committed to the contract.

Auditor Hammack asked if this is for the second phase, and RC stated he believes this is the construction phase. Hammack stated the agreements have been done on the first phase. RC stated this is the construction phase. He asked this Board Member and there has been no discussion. RK asked if this was a new Board Member, as this was approved several years ago when the project started, and RC responded he has been on the Board for two years.

RC would like to see the Port Authority Board verify this agreement is good, and then the Commissioners would sign it. This contract is up to \$700,000.

RK stated to let RC find out from the Port Authority and the Commissioners can have a special meeting or it can wait until the next regular meeting.

RT made a motion to table the River Road Agreement until more information is received from the Port Authority, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

b) Transfers

- HIGHWAY-CASH TRANSFER

From: 4913	Surplus Surtax & Wheel Tax	\$100,000.00
To: 9141	Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant	\$100,000.00

This is to get the Community Crossings match in place. The County received from the State \$1,101,150 for the State's share of Community Crossings.

RT made a motion to approve the cash transfer from the Surplus Surtax and Wheel Tax to the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant in the sum of \$100,000.00, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

- HIGHWAY-CASH TRANSFER

From: 1173	MVH Restricted	\$200,000.00
To: 9141	Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant	\$200,000.00

RT made a motion to approve the cash transfer from MVH Restricted to the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant in the sum of \$200,00.00, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

c) Additional Appropriation

- Highway Community Crossing

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Howell stated the \$1,101,150 will be from the State, and the difference is the County's match.

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

a) Health Claims: \$65,364.43

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

b) 08.12.2024 Payroll: \$182,074.98

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

c) 08.12.2024 Payroll W/H: \$38,805.53

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

d) 08.26.2024 Payroll: 183,956.70

RK made a motion to approve, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

e) 08.26.2024 Payroll W/H: \$39,275.96

RK made a motion to approve, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

f) 08.20.2024 AP Claim Docket: \$869,494.87

RK made a motion to approve, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS

a) Opening of Medical Equipment Bids

RC stated this bid is for equipment inside the ambulances due to the current equipment is out of date.

One bid has been received from Zoll Company. The total bid is \$178,328.01 and was for various equipment. This equipment will work with infants all the way through seniors.

RC stated that this equipment is the same as what is on the AEDs, so the actual pads are interchangeable. In the event a police officer/first responder has pads attached, this equipment will hook right up to them. This allows the insurance to be billed for the cost of the pads.

RK made a motion to accept this bid pending review by Michael Daum, Medical Director, and Leonard Hahus of what is included in this bid and getting exactly what they want, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

b) Grant Application

RC stated that the County has the opportunity, not being sure if the County is eligible or not, to apply for a grant for up to \$100,000 from the State of Indiana for Solid Waste Management. He is asking permission to apply for this grant and then will go to the County Council and ask the same. This grant is a 25% match.

RK made a motion to approve, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

c) EDIT Funds

RC stated that funds were set aside in the County’s EDIT Plan in the amount of \$158,000, plus some other money that the County was going to use to subsidize the Solid Waste. RC further stated that funds are not necessarily needed immediately. There were a large group of invoices that were discovered and is not sure of the amount of dollars this comes to. RC would like to take what was set aside in the EDIT Plan to utilize those funds, if necessary, to clean up some of those invoices. Auditor Hammack asked what it was listed as, and RC stated Special Projects. As long as the Commissioners are okay with this, he will take this to the County Council to get their approval on this.

RT stated that Solid Waste is doing well.

RC stated he reached out to three different vendors, with one visiting the site, and another one needing pictures. They are looking at ways to improve and more efficient. Once RC receives this information, he will share it with the other Commissioners. RT stated that someone from Spencer County is willing to come to Perry County and show the Commissioners what the County is doing wrong and what is being done right. RT further stated that when everything is done, Michael’s Market will be selling County trash tickets for the Northern end of the County.

RT made a motion to approve taking this to the County Council, seconded by RK.

Motion carried 3-0.

- d) The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. due to Monday being a holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m. CST.

RT made a motion to adjourn, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

Randy Cole
President

Rebecca Thorn
Vice-President

Randy Kleaving

Minutes reviewed by:
Kristinia L. Hammack, Auditor

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