

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2024

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m., as was duly advertised. Commissioners: President Randy Cole (RC), Rebecca Thorn (RT), and Randy Kleaving (RK) were in attendance. Auditor Kristinia Hammack, Sheriff Alan Malone, 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.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) Shawn Scott, GIS Coordinator for WTH Technologies

Scott stated there is a grant currently available through the Indiana GIS Office for address and center line clean-up. This is to meet the State Standard for Next Generation 911. Over the years, when 911 was a thing, there was never a standard set as far as which direction it was going to go. Now thirty years later everyone thought it was on the same page but it was not. The State is requiring that everybody meet these standards.

Scott stated one of the biggest reasons for the standard is that everyone has cell phones, and people do not have landlines anymore. It used to be where a phone was connected to a house which was connected to a pole which was connected to a road. It was easy to say that if there was a 911 call, where it was going to. With cellular phones, there is a need for GIS points, or longitude and latitude for 911 purposes.

Scott stated this is the third grant that has been available in Indiana. Twenty-five counties have already been converted with this project in the first two rounds of grants. With the third round of the grant, by partnering with the 911 Board and the DLGF, there is a 0% match. The project for Perry County will cost \$28,890, which falls under the threshold, so there would be the zero match.

Scott has spoken with EMA Director Steve Hauser, and he would like to be the point of contact if the County chooses to move forward with this. The directors will create a user account and WTH Technologies will assist the director to help fill in the portal information. After this is done, they will go in and do the GIS conversion which will get the County to a State Standard. Indiana is requiring the address is within the parcel and some other requirements.

Scott stated that currently the County's GIS points are latitude and longitude, which is an X and a Y, and in the future, there will be a Z, which means how high up in the air you are. This is for multiple level buildings or apartment complexes. Scott is asking to the Commissioner's blessing to move forward with Hauser on this project.

RT asked Scott when he will know about the grant. Scott responded it opens next week. He further stated that something unique with this grant is that they are accepting nine applications per month, and this will be open for eighteen months. RT asked if there is a limit that can applied for in the grant, and Scott responded there is a limit as to what they will pay, which is up to \$30,000. Scott stated there is a stipulation with this grant that it cannot be used for salaries.

Scott stated now is the perfect time to do this as the 911 Center is doing a conversion with the Easy Net and AT&T, so it has to be in this language with the Next Gen 911.

RK asked if this is to improve the 911 calls location wise, and Scott responded yes. He further stated that an address will not change if it is numbered incorrectly. What will change is going forward if there is a new build, those addresses will be in the correct format. In addition, this will benefit the Highway Department as a road will be from intersection to intersection. This will assist with the Paser rating when applying for Community Crossings Grants.

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

MINUTES

a) 09.17.2024

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

GREG HENDERSHOT, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

a) Hendershot stated the Commissioners were emailed a quote. The County's heating and air vendor asked Hendershot if the County was treating the chiller and boiler loops. Hendershot was not aware of what they were talking about. He was told they are supposed to be chemically treated to keep them from getting rust in them or pipes starting to rust. Hendershot was put in touch with Greg Frizell, who is local, that works for Eco Labs. Frizell agreed to check the system at no expense to the County. He tested the system and added what was needed to bring the system up to where it was needed.

Frizell gave a quote to do this three times per year, which is his company's recommendation.

RC asked if the system is all closed loop, and Hendershot confirmed this. RC asked if Frizell found some problems, and Hendershot stated it was low on the chemical they use. Hendershot stated he has been over maintenance since 2018 and it has never been checked.

RC asked if there were options for less than three times per year, and Hendershot stated Frizell would come in and do this twice a year. It would be for the Courthouse and the Sheriff's office.

RC asked Hendershot to check to see if there would be a price difference between coming in twice a year versus three times a year. RT would like to see what the charge would be for once a year. Hendershot will check on the price and get back with the Commissioners.

Before the meeting ended, Hendershot came back and stated that Frizell with Eco Labs agreed to do this service once a year for \$275.00 each location.

RC asked who will get the report of the levels they find, and Hendershot responded he assumed this would come to him, which he could then forward on.

RK made a motion to contract with Eco Labs at \$275.00 per facility annually to test the contents of the closed loop heating and air conditioning unit, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

a) 09.23.2024 Payroll: \$180,040.81

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

b) 09.23.2024 Payroll W/H: \$40,231.16

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

c) 10.07.2024 Payroll: \$174,669.24

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

d) 10.07.2024 Payroll W/H: \$37,240.16

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

e) Health Insurance Claims: \$110,127.67

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

f) Dental Claims: \$106.41

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

g) Vision Claims: \$122.13

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

h) Life Insurance Claims: \$1,420.28

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

i) 10.07.2024 Account Payable Claim Docket: \$1,193,906.14

RC stated that the 1114 on the maintenance is Special Legislation, which was turned into Capital on July 1st, so it needs to come out of another account. This bill is for \$2,197.18.

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

j) Title Search for Onyx Road Invoice: \$550.00

Hammack stated that the Commissioners verbally approved Attorney Andrew Foster to move forward with this title search. Hammack has the invoice and needs to know where the Commissioners want to pay this out of.

RT asked if this was all settled, and RC stated that the title company came to the conclusion that the County does not have an interest in the road. It is privately owned. RT asked Highway Superintendent how this would affect the Highway Department if this road is privately owned, and he responded it doesn't. RC stated it creates some issues for the people who live there.

RK suggested paying this from the EDIT fund that the County has for when the Highway Garage for the EMS was built. RC stated it is Fund 7390 or something like that, and it was used to pay on a study for sewer lines out to the interstate. Hammack will check on this fund.

RT made a motion to pay the Onyx Road invoice out of the old Supplemental Income Tax, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

k) CASH TRANSFERS

HWY--\$44,907.89

FROM: 1218 Distressed Road Fund

To: 4912 Distressed Road Repayment Fund

Highway Superintendent Howell stated that the cost came in less than what the estimate was, so what is left in the fund has to be put back in the Distressed Repayment fund. This is a ten-year, interest free loan, so it has to go back. RC asked Howell if this amount can be spent, and Howell responded no.

RC asked Howell if he knows when he will get a notice from the State for additional Community Crossings? Howell stated it is going to be the last of this month.

RC asked if this second round for Community Crossing can be combined with 2025, and Howell stated it has to be kept separate as it is road specific.

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

l) Additional Appropriation

- Riverboat Fund-Consulting Services
#1191.31101.00000.0068 \$3,450.00

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

- EDIT-Major Maintenance Projects
#1112.50000.00000.0000 \$5,980.00

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

COMMISSIONERS

- a) The next meeting will be Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m. CST.

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

Randy Cole
President

Rebecca Thorn
Vice-President

Randy Kleaving

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