

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. at Cannelton Jr. Sr. High School as was duly advertised. Commissioners President Thomas J Hauser, Randy Kleaving and Bill Amos were in attendance. Also in attendance were County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and Sheriff Alan Malone. A media representative from the “Perry County News” attended the meeting.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom welcomed all that were in attendance and introduced the board, Auditor and Administrator.

ADVANCE CLAIMS

Auditor Pam Goffinet presented the Commissioners with a claim and allowance docket in the amount of \$76,706.62 for advance claims that were processed on January 9, 2020. Randy made the motion to approve the claims, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL CLAIMS

Bill made a motion to approve the payroll claim for pay that was issued February 14, 2020 in the amount of \$146,202.85. Randy seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners signed the claim docket.

MINUTES

Randy made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2nd, December 17th, December 30th, and January 2, 2020 as they were written. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, presented the Commissioners with a transfer of funds from Rental of Equipment to Bridge Inspection in the amount of \$31,000.00 with the Cumulative Bridge fund. Steve reported that INDOT has completed doing ratings in the County on the bridges. He said we need 84 different signs and posts on bridges, such as weight limit and emergency vehicle signs. Randy made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

BRUSHY FORK ROAD & STONE ROAD – ALL WAY STOP

Highway Superintendent Steve Howell reported that there was a request made to make an all way stop at the intersection of Brushy Fork Road and Stone Road. He said he did send out to have a study done but haven’t heard back from that yet. There was recommendation to not make it an all way stop, but to lower the speed, put up danger signs and remove a tree that is there. Randy made the motion to table a decision until we get the study back from LTAP, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. It was mentioned that to reduce the speed, we also need the study to do that. There is one stop sign there now. We cannot just put a sign up, it could put us in a lawsuit. Sheriff Malone said also to wait on the study. He said he hasn’t seen an accident there, and stopping in the middle of the hill on Brushy Fork could be dangerous.

FIFTH THIRD BANK CHANGES – CHARGES AND INTEREST

Treasurer Amanda Lasher reported that since she has taken over as the Treasurer our Fifth Third Bank has been charging a fee of \$98.00 a month on our bank statements. She stated that the bank has been waiving this for the past 18 months but they will not any longer. They have changed internally on some policies. Amanda introduced Jared McIntosh out of Evansville to explain the changes Fifth Third is willing to do for the County. Jared said they are proposing two major changes. They are:

- 1. Change the Account type to a Commercial Analyze Account- this will offset the fees we are being charged. He commented that we have been with our current account since 1974. Also we can add additional services with no charge such as Positive Pay and Lockbox.

- 2. Maximize the interest on the Account- currently we are getting .007 rate and earning around \$4,000.00 a year. Fifth Third would like to implement a Money Market with an interest rate of 1% on the account which could earn around \$25,000 a year with the amount we currently hold there. He said there is no sunset on the rate because we have been with them for so long. They want to reward the County for our loyalty. The 1% stays indefinitely.

Amanda has been going through all the accounts that Perry County has to review and compare them. Jared said this is a good idea to do. It is a good way to make our accounts more secure. Tom asked if the interest rate would rise. Jared said he still sees it way below as it is now. Jared said if we are not getting much in our other funds, switch them over. There is no balance required. He suggested to keep what we need for operating and put the rest in the Money Market fund to gain the interest. The funds are completely liquid so we can touch it and move whenever.

Amanda reported that the interest rates at this time with Old National Bank are lower than 1% and German American Bank is 1.2%.

We will be keeping the same account numbers. Bill made the motion to switch the Account within Fifth Third, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNEX BUILDING – CITY OF CANNELTON

Cannelton Mayor Ralph Terry came before the Commissioners again on the ownership of the former Cannelton Annex building. He presented a resolution to the board concerning their desire for the Annex building which consists of the property and the cleanup of the site. Cannelton is also responsible for the charges of the appraisal. Both parties are responsible for their respective charges for the transfer of the building. Assessor Mendy Lassaline spoke up saying that if there is an outside interest in the building, it is a declining assessed value for the city as long as the City of Cannelton owns it. It will not go on the tax rolls. Mendy also commented that for the year 2020 payable 2021, the county's AV is going up around 4% overall in market while Cannelton is going down 2%. It was commented that at first we were looking at the building being torn down and make it a blighted area, then next want to repurpose the building for higher education. There are also lease options to explore. Randy made a motion that he would like to see the appraisals to see where we are at, then bring again to the next meeting and discuss again. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENTS

Alvin Evans, project manager with the Perry County Development Corporation (PCDC), 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 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 invoice for payment is: Exhibit A - \$19,229.96 to the Perry County Treasurer for Lochmueller Group for construction engineering on Switzer Road. Bill made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION UNDER THE ADA & SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg reminded the Commissioners that they approved the Title VI plan at their February 3, 2020 meeting. She informed that the Notice of Nondiscrimination under the Disability Act needs to be signed. She will post on line and in the County buildings. Randy made the motion for the President Tom Hauser to sign the document, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER REQUEST- CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Teresa also explained to the board that she had a transfer request for them to approve from the Cumulative Capital Development budget for \$550.00 from Computer System Maintenance to Email Licenses. This is needed to purchase 5 additional licenses with what we still have available for county email licenses for the Commissioners and the Council. Bill made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – PERRY CO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT- DEER CREEK LAKE

Teresa presented the Commissioners with a letter of support that she typed for the Perry County Soil and Water Conservation District concerning the Deer Creek Lake Structure Assessment. This is needed for an application they are applying for. It is for funding to do a study on Deer Creek Lake. Randy made a motion for approval of the letter of support for the SWCD, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

2020 CENSUS

Teresa reported that every 10 years the US requires by law to count everyone that lives in every household in the county. Residents should receive a letter in the middle of March. Households can reply in several different ways such as: online, phone or by paper. This count is used for federal funding, schools for populations and buildings coming in to name a few. April 1 is actual census day to count yourself. Information is kept confidential and cannot be used for anything for at least 70 to 80 years down the road.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – BILLBOARD ADVERTISING

Wendi Rich with the Chamber of Commerce came offering a discount rate for billboard advertising for the 2020 Census. They would like to advertise on the billboard on 12th Street for March and April. The total cost is \$600.00. They are asking for \$200 from the County, \$200.00 from City of Tell City, and \$100.00 from Cannelton & Town of Troy. She is asking for the board’s approval so they can move forward with this. Teresa said she will put the request in for \$600 with the intent of the other units paying their share. Randy made the motion for the \$600.00 request, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sheriff reported that there will be active shooter training at the Court House on Friday, February 21, 2020 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Court House will be closed during this time.

Teresa announced the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Perry County Courthouse for the first of March meeting.

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

Minutes approved this 21st day of April, 2020.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

Bill Amos

*Minutes prepared by:
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