

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – February 27, 2020**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised at the Perry County Courthouse. Commissioners Thomas J Hauser, Bill Amos, and Randy Kleaving were in attendance. Also present were County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg, Sheriff Alan Malone, County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, and a representative from the *Perry County News*.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLAIMS APPROVAL

Randy made a motion to approve all claims. Bill seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0. The commissioners signed claims dockets in the amounts of \$271,096.81 for county claims and \$98,652.75 for highway claims, and advance payment claim of \$75.00, for a grand total of \$369,824.56.

OFFICIAL BONDS – TREASURER’S OFFICE

Auditor Pam Goffinet presented the Commissioners with revised County official bonds for the Treasurer’s office with the change in the Treasurer to Amanda Lasher and First Deputy to Paul Alvey on February 1, 2020. Harpenau Insurance Company handles the paperwork for the bonds. These will replace the ones that were in January. She also informed them that this will be done again once Amanda hires someone for the Second Deputy position. There is no additional charge on these since this is a replacement. Randy made the motion to approve the new bonds, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENT – PCDC

Alvin Evans with the Perry County Development Corporation 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 Redevelopment Commission already approved the projects. The invoices for payment are: Exhibit A - \$9,499.08 to Lochmueller Group for Construction Engineering- Switzer Road; Exhibit B - \$337,289.68 to the Perry County Development Corporation for Riverview Industrial Park – Ditch Fill. Bill made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

A proclamation for Severe Weather Preparedness Week scheduled for March 15th to March 21st, 2020 was presented to the Commissioners by the Emergency Management Director, Steve Hauser. A statewide tornado warning exercise will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2020 for the purpose of testing communication systems, equipment and procedures. Randy made a motion to proclaim the week of March 15-21, 2020 as Severe Weather Preparedness week, and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, presented the Commissioners with two additional appropriations to be approved. The first one is for \$334,822.63 County Road Improvements from the Community Crossings Local Rd/Br Matching Grant Fund. This is the County’s share of the match for the Sulphur Valley Road project. The second is for \$195,239.00 for Bridge Inspection from the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Steve said this is the remainder of the Bridge Inspection funds. The State reimburses 80% but we have to pay up front. The State does inspections of the bridges in the County. Randy made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION - 2A SANTUARY- SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT

Patrick Williams spoke on behalf of the 2A United Group that was in attendance for the meeting. He said the group began in January and is setting grass roots across the country. They have a total of about 2200 members at this time. Patrick informed the Commissioners that several counties around us have adopted resolutions in support of the second amendment of the Constitution. He said that is why the group was before the board this evening. He said they are straight forward on their resolution they submitted to the Commissioners. He said their group is non-partisan; they don't care what side of the fence someone is on. Patrick said this is a rights issue.

There were several members from the group that got up and also talked to the Commissioners about their concerns. They all said the second amendment is under attack. The main purpose of each of them was to send a message about upholding the Constitution and its amendments and to protect the rights and beliefs of our great country. They just don't want their rights taken away. They want the Commissioners to sign a resolution that no one strips them of those rights.

Randy commented that the group is doing what they are supposed to be doing by starting from the bottom and going up meaning the bottom level to be the County. He said he agreed with what everybody said this evening. Tom said he is thankful for the peaceful way this move is happening and also the professionalism each one has showed. Tom said at their last meeting, the Commissioners signed a statement of solemn oath to uphold the Constitution. Attorney Chris Goffinet has prepared a resolution on this. He said they are not comfortable signing something just handed to them. Chris looked both of them over and said there is not a real difference in the resolutions. Chris then read the resolution he prepared to the group. Tom said the movement needs to keep moving. He said we swore when we took office that we would uphold all amendments to the Constitution. All three Commissioners said the group has our support. Randy made the motion to adopt the resolution that Chris prepared, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. The group was appreciative of this action. (See Attachment "A" R-C-20-2)

MISCELLANEOUS

It was mentioned that the Association of Indiana Counties is having the SW District meeting in Huntingburg on April 1, 2020. If anyone interested, let Teresa know to put in the reservation.

Randy mentioned that he attended the Council meeting about intent for an appropriation needed for the EMA building at the Armory Annex. He informed the Council that they could take the additional funding for the building of \$34,000.00 from the special EDIT money. He also said the EDIT plan would have to be changed. Randy said it is important to keep the process moving for the timeline of the bids. Randy made a motion to approve an AA at their March 10th meeting. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Teresa announced the next meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at the Tell City Jr/Sr High School.

The meeting ended in open session at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes approved this 21st day of April, 2020.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

Bill Amos

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

