

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – MARCH 10, 2020**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. at Tell City Jr/Sr High School as advertised. Commissioners Thomas J Hauser, Bill Amos and Randy Kleaving were in attendance. Also in attendance were County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and Sheriff Alan Malone.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PAYROLL

Bill made the motion to approve the payroll distributed on March 2, 2020 in the amount of \$146,066.31 for all employees, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting of January 21, 2020 was mailed to the Commissioners for their review. Randy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT - GROW SOUTHWEST INDIANA WORKFORCE

Sara Worstell, Executive Director with Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce, came before the Commissioners explaining their work in the County. She said they are a 501C3 filing and receive Federal funds that oversee the workforce development in nine counties. She also said they are in Tell City 5 days a week at the Ivy Tech building. They do several things such as career counseling and job search for individuals. They also help with the JAG program in Tell City which helps students to stay on track to graduate high school.

She informed the Commissioners about a local official's agreement that is always done every two years. Sara said that there needs to be a Chief Elected Official that oversees any problems that arise. The Mayor of Huntingburg, IN is in the position now. She told the Commissioners that they need to nominate a Commissioner or the Mayor of the biggest city which would be Tell City. Randy made the motion to nominate Tom, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. Randy also made a motion to accept the agreement, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. Sara wanted to let the board know that there is an elected official's breakfast on April 24, 2020.

Tom commented afterwards that he sits on the Perry County Development Corporation (PCDC) board and their concentration is workforce development. He said we have jobs in the County, we just need to get them filled. He said PCDC attracts and supports industry that is here. Their big job is to fill the jobs we have. We need to get students trained in these jobs. There is a lot of opportunity in our County.

CANNELTON ANNEX BUILDING

Tom reported that the employees of the Cannelton Annex building moved out in 2017 and the Redevelopment Commission renovated the former Armory Building to put county offices in. He said the Annex building was not ADA compliant for federal funding. The most economical way was to move the offices to another site. He said they did vow not to leave the annex building as a burden to the City of Cannelton in any fashion. Tom commented that first they thought to tear it down and not used for 5 years, next we were approached by a private individual interested in the building and be able to put it back on the tax rolls.

If put up for bids to sale, the Commissioners want to know what conditions or restrictions to put on the specs. Randy said they will have Attorney Chris Goffinet to see what they can or cannot put in it. They will have to get two appraisals for the property.

Mayor of Cannelton, Ralph Terry, thanked the Commissioners for their input on this property. He said this is vital to Cannelton for economic development and to increase their assessed value for the city. Ralph asked that they keep him informed

because he wants what is good for all parties. He especially wants to watch for non-profit organizations, he said they have enough of them in Cannelton. Tom said also he would like to see certain improvements be made in a time period. Ralph said the assessed value plays a big part for Cannelton. If it is too low, he would like to see the building go back to the city. Randy asked if the city would take it if the bid price came in too low, Ralph said yes. The information to give to Chris is: bid the building out, able to reject any and all bids, time line for completion of building (improvement begins within one year), and not for profit limitation.

AMENDMENT TO EDIT PLAN - EMA STORAGE BUILDING – ARMORY ANNEX

The Commissioners commented that the Redevelopment Commission has committed \$120,000.00 for a storage building for the EMA at the Armory Annex location. Randy said they need to find the extra funds needed to fund the bid for the building. They are looking at the EDIT money. If they do, they need to amend the EDIT plan to spend any of it. The Commissioners want to give the Council an option of where to take the money from. Chris prepared the amendment to the EDIT plan saying up to \$34,000.00 may be used. The Council has to approve all the funding. Bill made the motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – ARMORY ANNEX STORAGE BUILDING

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg prepared an additional appropriation for the Commissioners to approve on the storage building at the Armory Annex in the amount of \$34,000.00 from the EDIT Distribution fund and \$34,000.00 from the County General fund. This way the Council can decide where to take it from. Randy made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER – 2020 CENSUS

The Commissioners had a transfer before them in the amount of \$200.00 from Official Bonds to Census Outreach within the County General fund. Teresa said Census day is April 1, 2020. She said every household in the county needs to be counted. It is important to the county. The Census can be done online or mail. We want to use CVB to do a billboard for advertisement and promotion. This cost also includes City of Tell City, City of Cannelton and Town of Troy helping. Randy made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – DISTRIBUTION OF TIMBER SALES

Teresa presented the Commissioners with an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,282.88 for Distribution of Timber Sales within the County General fund. She informed them that 15% of net proceeds from the sale of timber on State Forest lands goes to the County. From this, 50% of the 15% net proceeds stays in County General and 50% is distributed to rural and volunteer fire departments who qualify by having a cooperative agreement with the IDNR. The Commissioners have to decide on giving the departments \$2,047.00 each or just the \$1,000.00 that is allowable by House Enrolled Act 1424. Then the remaining funds would also go to County General. Randy made the motion to do the half and half (even distribution for County and Fire departments), seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. Randy also made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

SUPPORT LETTER – COPS GRANT APPLICATION

The Commissioners had a copy of the support letter Teresa wrote for the application of the COPS FY2020 Hiring Grant Program. If approved by the US Department of Justice, the County can fund another deputy. This is a three year grant that the grant pays 75%. Bill made the motion to approve the letter, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sheriff Alan Malone reported that their current video visitation is having problems. He said there is a new system for him to use that is free. The visitation can be done offsite for a charge. There is link set up off the Sheriff's Home page.

Teresa announced the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Perry County Courthouse.

The meeting ended in open session at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes approved this 4th day of May, 2020.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

Bill Amos

*Minutes prepared by:
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