

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – May 19, 2020**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. VIA WebEx as was duly advertised. There was a roll call for attendance. Commissioners Thomas J Hauser, Randy Kleaving and Bill Amos were in attendance. There was no News Representative, County Attorney or Sheriff Malone attending the meeting.

PAYROLL

County Auditor Pam Goffinet presented the payroll claim docket for payroll that was distributed on May 11, 2020 for \$139,256.59. Randy made the motion to approve the payroll docket, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

The minutes of April 6, 2020 and April 21, 2020 had been mailed to the Commissioners for their review. With no changes being made, Bill made the motion to approve sets of minutes as written, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – VACATION AND COMP. TIME DURING COVID-19

Health Nurse Sara Gehlhausen spoke to the Commissioners to consider making the Health Department an exception to the County Personnel Policy on vacation and compensatory time during the pandemic. She said they are unable to take off before the time expires or even in the near future. There is so much uncertainty during this coronavirus. Sara said the fear is not knowing when it will end. There is no end in site at this time. They have been working hard and putting in lots of hours during this time. Tom commented that they should consider giving an exception to the Health Department and revisit this situation every month. Randy commented that the Health Department is on the front line and we need to leave it wide open for them. We can revisit this summer or later. Tom commented they may have to consider paying this extra time out. It is something for the Council to think about. Randy said hopefully we will get some help from the State and Federal governments. Randy made the motion to except the Health Department from the current policies on vacation and comp time, leave it wide open and to revisit this situation every month. The seconded was made by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners asked that Sara keeps them informed.

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION ISSUED ON MAY 14, 2020

Tom as President of Commissioners made an Emergency Proclamation on May 14, 2020 to extend the closure of the Courthouse until June 1, 2020. There is one exception for early voting the week of May 26 to May 30, 2020 and June 1, 2020. According to the Clerk, Rachel East, state law requires early voting to be at the Clerk's office or a place where she designates. Rachel said they do not need security that week. The Clerks' staff is going to take turns screening the public before they come in. Only three individuals will be allowed at any one time. She also said the public is encouraged strongly to have face coverings on when entering. Randy made the motion to extend the proclamation for the Courthouse building only and with exception of early voting to enter the building. Bill made the second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PARKS AND RECREATION - OPENING OF PARKS

Greg Hendershot, Parks and Recreation Director, asked when should the parks in the County open. Tom said until we talk to the parks board, we should honor the June 1 opening date. We also need to keep up with the guidelines set by the governor.

The Commissioners were debating whether to have the June 1, 2020 meeting with a regular meeting at the Courthouse or VIA WebEx again. They said they have 48 hours before the meeting to decide and post what kind of meeting it will be. Randy said Ian Jarboe would put on Facebook live to keep most of public home at no charge for now. He would like to begin this in June.

Mendy Lassaline, County Assessor, spoke up saying at her last meeting with the AIC board, Luke Britt, legal counsel, said we are to continue with virtual meetings until June 4th and starting May 24th with gatherings of 250 people. We still need to follow the

social distancing guidelines. Randy commented with that being said, we need to do WebEx meeting on June 1, 2020. Then we will see where we are.

Teresa announced the next meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners as scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2020 VIA WebEx again. Teresa will send the information out to call in before the meeting.

The meeting ended in open session at 8:20 a.m.

Minutes approved this 1st day of June, 2020.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

Bill Amos

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