

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES –October 17, 2023

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 5:00 p.m., as was duly advertised. Commissioners: President Randy Cole (RC) and Rebecca Thorn (RT) were in attendance. Auditor Kristinia Hammack and Sheriff Alan Malone were also present. There was no Attorney or *News Representative* in attendance.

The meeting opened with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

RT made a motion to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) Sheriff Alan Malone sent an email to the Commissioners with a plan for vehicles in his office, and he was wanting to know if the Commissioners had any updates. RT stated she saw some things that were missing, such as gas mileage on the SUV versus a truck versus a car. Also, she saw no figures on insurance, or leasing or buying. Malone feels that leasing is the best option. The price on a Tahoe is about the same as the price on a truck right now, plus trade-in value is amazing. RC stated that what the Commissioners are looking for is a breakdown on each vehicle as to what it is going to cost and to make sure they are comparable. The Commissioners need to know what the expectations are as far as fuel mileage, service, and tire replacement. They also want to know what the Sheriff currently has in rolling stock and the plan to replace these in two years, then the next two years. They want to know how he plans to do this. They also want the mileage on his vehicles so they can see what funding would be required in the future. RC would like to see an 8–10-year plan because the county knows they are going to wear out and be needed. RC stated Malone needs to implement something that makes sense so the county can plan for it. He wants to see a spreadsheet with the cost to purchase, the cost of operating it, and expected return. If this would be a lease, Malone could reach out to the Indiana Bond Bank. This is free, enter what you are looking for, and they reach out to 10-12 different banks and will give you an idea of what you are looking at.

Malone is concerned with the car manufacture strike; it is difficult to find vehicles right now.

Malone feels that the Tahoe is the best way to go. He does not like Dodge as he feels they do not hold up. RC asked Malone if he just purchased a Dodge, and he replied yes. RT asked why did he purchase a Dodge, and he responded Dodge is all you can find right now. RT stated she just went to car lots last week looking for a vehicle, and Malone stated he could get a car off a lot all day long, but not a police vehicle. A Tahoe is \$46,000, and if you go to a car lot, they are \$60,000, \$70,000, and \$80,000. RT asked if this price of \$46,000 is equipped, and he stated no.

RT asked who put his information together that he emailed to the Commissioners, and Malone responded Mike Dowland, who is very knowledgeable on vehicles, Eric Dickenson, Daymion Marsh, and himself all met to come up with this plan. RT would like to see an itemized list of all of Sheriff Malone’s rolling stock that includes UTV, ATV, vehicles with make, model, mileage, where they are located and who is assigned to that vehicle. RC asked that with looking to get two new deputies, how does Malone propose to get them out in the street, whether adding new ones, trading vehicles off, or what the plan was? RC stated Malone needs to list expectations and then something to measure it to.

Malone wanted to move forward, and RC stated he needs numbers.

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- a) 10.02.2023

RT made a motion to accept, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

- b) 10.06.2023

RT made a motion to accept, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

- a) 10.09.2023 Payroll in the amount of \$160,163.27
RT made a motion to accept, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.
- b) Health Insurance Claims: \$113,959.13
RT made a motion to accept, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.
- c) Vision Insurance Claims: \$87.30
RC made a motion to accept, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0.
- d) Dental Insurance Claims: \$127.40
RT made a motion to accept, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.
- e) Life Insurance Claims: \$1,447.94
RT made a motion to accept, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.
- f) Unemployment Claim: \$252.97
RC made a motion to accept, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0.
- g) Approval of 10.17.2023 Claim Docket: \$93,319.18
This includes \$367.50 payment to a vendor which is pending approval from the Council at their meeting on Thursday, October 19th.
RC made a motion to accept everything on the claim docket with the exception of the \$367.50 transaction which should be remedied on October 19th pending the Council's approval of the transfer, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0

COMMISSIONERS

- a) The Commissioners need to sign the Ordinance to Vacate Public Way that was requested by Stan and Martha Stecker of a roadway in the middle of their property. The first passed public hearing was on September 19th, and the final passage is today, October 17th.
RT made a motion to accept the Ordinance to Vacate platted street, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.
- b) The opening of a position on the PCCVB board was a result of the resignation of Charlie Baumeister. There were two applicants, Megan Fritchley and Kim Hawkins. RC thanked both applicants for stepping up and offering to serve in that position. RC knows Kim Hawkins from the Historical Society where she is very active. RT added that she is very active in the museum.
RC nominated Kim Hawkins to replace Charlie Baumeister, seconded by RT. Motion carried 2-0.
- c) The maintenance contract with Evapar for the generator does not have a date on it as to when it starts and when it ends. RC would like to get additional information and Auditor Hammack will check on this.
RC would like to check with Steve Hauser, as he had applied for a grant to replace a generator at the courthouse, and how that might interact with this contract. Auditor Hammack will check with Hauser regarding the status of that grant.
RT asked when the contract actually runs out? Hammack assumed it was an annual contract. The contract does not state a date so she will get clarification from Evapar.

Tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. CST.

RT made a motion to accept, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Randy Cole
President

Rebecca Thorn
Vice-President

*Minutes prepared by:
Kristinia L. Hammack, Auditor*