

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2012**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised. All three commissioners (President Bill Amos, Louis Jody Fortwendel, and Tom Hauser) were in attendance. A media representative of the *Perry County News* was present.

**PAYROLL**

Tom made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$113,510.32 for payroll that had been distributed on February 13, 2012 and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**INNOVATION CENTER**

Executive Director of the Perry County Development Corporation, Chris Kinnett attended the meeting to discuss plan for a 10,000 square foot facility to serve as an incubation center. He explained that they are looking to locate the building on land at the intersection of Highways 237 and 37. The property is currently owned by the hospital. He stated that PCDC is looking at ways to bring back college graduates, diversify our economy and bring new people to the area. A company has expressed interest in anchoring the facility, and would lease half of the Innovation Center, the other half would be used as an incubator. The building would contain a basement that could be used for various functions, and the building could also include video-conferencing capability. Chris stated that PCDC sees this as a regional opportunity. PCDC is currently working on an application for funding with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration. A very rough cost estimate on the facility is \$4 million dollars. Chris stated that he hoped to obtain the majority of the funding from the federal agency, and asked the commissioners to consider contributing between \$200,000 and \$250,000 from the county funding that is earmarked for infrastructure development.

Jody stated that he thinks this is a great project and a great location, and a very positive thing for the county. Chris stated that at this time they are asking for a letter of support from the County Commissioners to be included with the application. They would not be asking for any funding until they know if they receive the grant. After some discussion the commissioners decided to wait until their March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to sign a letter of support.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Community Corrections Advisory Board: County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg, explained that Judge Lucy Goffinet recommended the following persons to a 4 year term on the Community Corrections Advisory Board:

County Fiscal Body	Jim Adams
Probation Officer	Jamie Lloyd
Educational Administrator	Mary Roberson
Mental Health Coordinator	Gary Stath
Public Defender	Walter Hagedorn
4 Laypersons	Jane Hayden
	Greg Hendershot
	Michelle Lamb
	Tom McCart

The following members also serve on the board by virtue of office or position:

Sheriff	Lee Chestnut
Prosecuting Attorney	Rod Acchiardo
Director of Family and Children	Amy Temple
Mayor of most populous municipality	Barbara Ewing
Judge	Lucy Goffinet

Jody made the motion to fill all appointments as recommend by Judge Lucy Goffinet. Tom seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

Zoning Appeals Board: County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg stated that the commissioners had received a letter from Andy Sommer who expressed interest in serving on the Perry County Zoning Appeals Board. Tom made the motion to appoint Andy Sommer for a four year term (2-15-12 to 12-31-15). Jody seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

Animal Welfare, Control and Education Board: Teresa reminded the commissioners that they have appointments to the Animal Welfare, Control and Education Board; One (1) member from a Perry County Animal Welfare Organization and one (1) member from a Perry County Ag-Animal Organization. She informed the commissioners that they had received a letter from Scott Whitehead asking to be appointed as the representative of the Perry County Ag-Animal Organization. He is a board member of the Perry County Farm Bureau and also is President of the Perry County Cattlemen's Association. Tom made the motion to appoint Scott Whitehead to a two year term (2-15-12 to 2-31-13). Jody seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

The commissioners had received two letters of interest for them to consider for their appointment from a Perry County Animal Welfare Organization; Jim Carter president of the Humane Society of Perry County and Linda Dudine of Indiana Horse Rescue South. The commissioners allowed each person to speak and explain why they are interested in serving on this board. The commissioners decided they were not ready to take a vote at today's meeting. Jody made a motion to table the appointment until the next commissioners meeting. Tom seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

Tell City Plan Commission: Teresa announced that she still had not received a letter from anyone that would like to be appointed to this board. It must be filled by a Democrat who lives within the City of Tell City and owns property outside the city limits.

Teresa announced that the next regular meeting of the Commissioners will be on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 8:40 a.m.

Minutes approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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Bill Amos, President

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Louis Jody Fortwendel

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Thomas J. Hauser

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