

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – APRIL 21, 2020**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. by WebEx (audio only) as advertised. Commissioners Thomas J Hauser, Randy Kleaving and Bill Amos were in attendance. Also in attendance was County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg. There was no media present at the meeting. Also County Attorney, Chris Goffinet and Sheriff Alan Malone were not present.

PAYROLL

Bill made the motion to approve the payroll distributed on April 13, 2020 in the amount of \$141,037.90. Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting of February 3, February 18 and February 27, 2020 were 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 – COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT 2020-1

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, explained to the Commissioners about a Community Crossings Grant 2020-1 agreement that needs approved and signed for him to get it to the State before the end of the month. The State awarded Perry County \$1,000,000.00 for this grant. This grant covers Alamo, Abbott and Deer Creek roads. Randy made the motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

BRIDGE REPORT – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, also informed the Commissioners of a bridge report that needs approved that explains what the Highway Department can do themselves on the bridges. The Commissioners had no objections to it. Bill made the motion to approve the report, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFERS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department requested two transfers for the County's share of the Community Crossings Grant 2020-1 \$1,000,000.00 for Alamo, Abbott, and Deer Creek roads. The first transfer is for \$258,879.13 from County Road Improvements to Local Rd/Br Matching Grant fund within the LIT-EDIT Distribution fund. Randy made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Steve's second request was for \$222,896.37 from the Motor Vehicle Highway fund – Restricted from Bituminous to Local Rd/Br Matching Grant 2020-1. This is also for the County's share of the \$1,000,000.00 for Alamo, Abbott, and Deer Creek roads. Randy made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom asked what the total amount was for this project on these three roads. Steve said it was \$1,481,775.50 for these roads to be done. Randy thanked Steve and the State for getting this funding for the roads. It will be improving our county roads.

AFFIDAVIT

Alvin Evans, project manager with the Perry County Development Corporation (PCDC), 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 projects were already approved by the Redevelopment Commission. The invoice for payment is: Exhibit A - \$119,066.50 to the Perry County Development Corporation for Riverview Industrial Park – Ditch Fill. Alvin commented that the weather has been good to get this project done. Randy made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

US FOREST SERVICE UPDATE ON COVID-19

Michelle Paduani, District Ranger, was on the call to give an update on what the US Forest Service efforts are during this pandemic virus. She commented that the Forest Service is open for business but is closed to the public. They are also following CDC guidelines. She said timber sales are still in process but the market is a little crazy right now with the virus going on. Michelle said that Forest Protection Officers and other Officers are present on site grounds during this period also. She said that developed recreational areas are closed but boat docks, trails, hiking wilderness, dispersed camping, turkey hunting, and horseback riding are still open. There is one exception and that is Hemlock Cliffs is closed. There were over 50 people at one time on the trails and they are not very long. The people were not practicing social distancing. It is for public safety. As long as people comply with the orders, the other things will stay open.

Michelle also said they are giving out firework permits free this year. They are generally \$5.00. Individuals need to contact the Forest Service office. She said they are trying to keep open as much as they can for as long as they can. With the good weather, people want to get out. The forest service reassesses every two weeks to see if and when they can reopen. She said they inform the public by their Facebook page.

Teresa announced the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by WebEx (audio only).

Tom said to add to the agenda about reopening the Courthouse following State guidelines. He also thanked Sara Dzimianski for setting up these WebEx meetings.

The meeting ended in open session at 8:21 a.m.

Minutes approved this 19th day of May, 2020.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

Bill Amos

*Minutes prepared by:
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