

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES – AUGUST 5, 2019**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. All three commissioners were in attendance: President Randy Kleaving, Thomas J Hauser and Bill Amos. Also present for the meeting were County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, and County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and a representative of the *Perry County News*.

**CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

Bill made a motion to approve claims, and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The claims dockets for August 5, 2019 were approved in the amounts of \$392,413.00 for County General; \$106,985.49 for Highway claims; and advances of \$30,005.95, \$1,853.01, and \$144.00 for a total of \$531,401.45. Bill made the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$142,405.24 that had been distributed on July 22, 2019 and approved \$142,936.84 that had been distributed on August 5, 2019, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES**

Tom made the motion to approve the minutes of meetings on June 18, 2019, July 1, 2019, and July 16, 2019 as written, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**2020 SALARY RECOMMENDATION**

The Auditor's office prepared the proposed salary recommendation worksheet for the 3% increase overall with exceptions that was approved by the Commissioners at an earlier meeting. All three Commissioners signed the 2020 request.

**AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENT – PCDC**

Alvin Evans with the Perry County Development Corporation 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, and the second Supplemental Trust Indenture date as of November 1, 2016, 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 invoices for payment are: Exhibit A - \$1,938.90 to the Perry County Treasurer for Lochmueller Group for Preliminary Engineering for Switzer Road; Exhibit B- \$39,064.43 to the Perry County Treasurer for Construction Engineering for Switzer Road; Exhibit C- \$170,297.00 to the Perry County Port Authority for Transload Improvements to the Tell City River Port. Bill made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 3-0.

Alvin also informed the Commissioners that Squirrel Road closed sooner than was expected with the project moving along good. He also said things were going good with Switzer Road, weather permitting, they be able to complete the project this year.

**RESOLUTION – DECLARATORY TO DECLARE ROME COURTHOUSE A BLIGHT SPOT**

Jennifer Mathies with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission came before the Commissioners with an update on the Rome Courthouse project. She said the study is moving along. After the bid process, they have selected Universal Design to do the study. Jennifer presented the Commissioners with a Resolution Declaring the Rome Courthouse a blighted structure. This is to help to get funding. Attorney Chris Goffinet said the Resolution looked good and the Commissioners need to declare the courthouse a blighted spot. The resolution says such a structure is necessary for effective action to eliminate blighting conditions and the structure had experienced a decrease in private investments since 1995. There is also widespread deterioration of the structure. By doing this resolution the Commissioners are saying the area is in need of redevelopment as defined by IC 36-7-14. Jennifer said this resolution is required for the grant. The County is only a pass through of the money. To apply for the match preservation grant (match paid by the Rome Community Center), the County has to because the Rome Community Center cannot apply. Tom made the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. (See Attachment "A" R-C-19-2)

**ADDITIONALS AND TRANSFERS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, presented the Commissioners with a transfer to rescind from their July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of \$247,427.00 from Bituminous to County Road Improvements. He informed the board that there are some funds left in the account from the last road projects that they can reduce their transfer. Tom made the motion to approve rescinding the transfer, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. Next he presented a new transfer of \$238,554.02 from Bituminous in th Restricted fund to Local Road/Bridge Matching Share Grant 2019 fund.

This is the County's 25% share of the 2019 Community Crossings Share Grant. Tom made the motion to approve the new transfer, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Steve presented an additional appropriation in the amount of \$980,835.02 for County Road Improvements within the Community Crossings Local Road/Bridge Matching Grant fund. This is for the road projects of Spring Road, Candy Road, and Old SR 37 from Gibson's to Michael's Market. Bill made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 3-0.

Steve also presented another transfer in the amount of \$1,545.02 within the Motor Vehicle Highway fund from Operation's Manager to Foreman. This is because of the title change of positions and both were paid from the Foreman's account in January making it short for the yearend. Tom made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**COMMISSIONERS BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2020**

Commissioner President Randy said he worked on 2020 budgets with Administrator Teresa Kanneberg and Auditor Pam Goffinet. Randy commented that the Commissioners have reviewed them. They have talked about the Ambulance Equipment in the Public Safety budget for 3 new cots for the ambulances. The Hospital would like to get all the cots same in all vehicles. The ones being replaced are 20 years old. Randy said the State will probably mandate these cots at some time. Also for 2021, looking at leasing another ambulance to keep the fleet going. We are paying the last payment on the last ambulance in 2020. The budgets are:

- Commissioners \$ 1,772,337
- Animal Shelter \$ 20,000
- Courthouse \$ 132,128
- Cum.Cap. Deve. \$ 193,652
- LIT-Public Safety-Comm \$ 418,477
- Riverboat-Comm. \$ 5,400
- Riverboat-Courthouse \$ 20,000

Tom made the motion to approve the projected 2020 budget requests of the Commissioners, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**HIGHWAY BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2020**

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, read off all the changes they made on all their Highway funds. He said they went in and made a lot of reductions. The Highway budgets were approved as follows:

- Cumulative Bridget \$ 306,701
- MVH \$ 1,439,430
- MVH-Restricted \$ 1,038,081
- Local Road and Street \$ 443,767
- Surtax and Wheel Tax \$ 200,000

Tom made the motion to approve the projected budgets as presented by the Highway Department seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**CONTRACT APPROVAL – RIVER ROAD PROJECT**

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg informed the Commissioners about an agreement with Lochmueller Group on the River Road Project. The agreement says the project is not to exceed \$325,000.00. Teresa said we have a contract from Indiana Department of Transportation for 80/20 percent to get the preliminary engineering work going on the River Road Project. Bill made the motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 3-0.

Teresa announced that the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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Randy Kleaving  
President

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Bill Amos

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Thomas J Hauser

Minutes prepared by:  
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