

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – AUGUST 18, 2020**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised. All three commissioners were in attendance: President, Thomas J Hauser, Randy Kleaving and Bill Amos. A representative of the *Perry County News* was present. Also attending the meeting were County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and Sheriff Alan Malone.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom informed the public that they are starting a new system for viewing county meetings on YouTube channel. It is free. He said they will stay on the site until the minutes of that meeting have been approved and then it will be removed. The equipment for this recording was bought through the CARES ACT. To see the livestreaming of the meetings, you go to the Perry County, Indiana Government Channel. Tom thanked Administrator Teresa Kanneberg for all her work on getting this set up.

PAYROLL

The payroll docket was approved in the amount of \$144,991.52 for the payroll distributed on August 17, 2020. Randy made a motion to approve the docket, and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meetings of July 6, 2020 and July 21, 2020 had been mailed to the Commissioners for their review. Randy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

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 dated 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 - \$2,289.60 payable to Perry County Treasurer for Project 2, Switzer Road Construction Engineering – Final Invoice. Alvin said this is the final payment to Lochmueller Group for engineering on Switzer Road. The final construction record is being prepared. He said the County paid 20% on construction in the beginning and will have some reimbursement come back in the next two years. Randy said the road looks great. Randy made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Alvin also commented that Riverview Road is completed as to date. The culverts are filled and mitigation is in place.

LIABILITY INSURANCE-CYBER COVERAGE – FRANZMAN INSURANCE AGENCY

Brad Franzman, agent with Franzman Insurance Agency, came before the Commissioners to explain the cyber insurance renewal. Brad commented that the property liability, autos had no rate increases. The expenses were up due to adding on more vehicles and the EMA building at the Armory Annex. There also was no change in the drone policy. Now for the cyber policy, there is a significant increase. He said it has to do with the amount of claims being turned in across the world on cyber and budget increases. There have been cases up north that have gotten hit with ransomware of their data.

There are two options to decide from. They are:

1. Deductible of \$25,000 and increase the premium by \$2,200.00 estimated.
2. Deductible of \$5,000 and increase the premium to \$10,245.00.

Councilman Charlie Baumeister said that you have to pay for protection and David Etienne commented that he thought \$25,000 was high for a deductible. He said do we pay \$2,200.00 up front and pay \$25,000.00 if we get hit. Randy made the motion to go with Option #2 with the price of \$10,235 and \$5,000 deductible. Bill made the second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY – EQUIPMENT RENTAL RATES

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, came before the Commissioners with the 2020 Equipment Rental Rates for Highway equipment. He said this was done in a virtual meeting in the Spring and never was in the minutes. He informed the Commissioners that they need to reapprove. Randy made the motion to approve the rates, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER POSITION

The Commissioners had two applicants for the position of the Part Time Veterans Service Officer position which was vacated with Wayne Hubert retiring at the end of August. In an executive meeting on August 17th, the board held interviews with the applicants. Tom said that both applicants were good and it makes the choice difficult. Randy said it is good to have two good people but it does make the decision hard. It is great to see they both had interest in the job. Bill commented that they are both young and did a very good interview too. Bill made a motion to appoint Kevin Herp, seconded by Randy. Motion carried 3-0. Administrator Teresa Kanneberg said she will notify both applicants. They all said that Brad McKee was a strong candidate.

Randy commented that this position is part time now, but if the workload increases, he would like to look at making it full time again for the veterans. The Commissioners recognized Wayne Hubert for his 14 years of service as the Veterans Service Officer. They said Wayne did his work for the job and he pushed for a higher salary for the upcoming new employee. It was said there will be some overlap of the two for training. Kevin needs to get qualified from the IDVA. They will come on site instead of Kevin having to travel. The person has to have 1000 hours in for accreditation.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tom said they have some additional expenditures from the CARES ACT. He said they have a quote for laptops to be used by county employees and can be used by Council and Commissioners also when needed. These will enable for employees on the west side of Courthouse to work remotely if the Courthouse is closed down for any reason. These computers will be kept at the Courthouse. The total amount being asked for is \$18,086.40. This is for 10 laptops, 2 surface pro computers from AnIsland and two laptops for the Court purchased through Dell computers. Tom said they will need to get preapproval from David Clark with the Indiana Finance Authority before ordering. It was noted that the east side of the building already has the capability of working remotely and this will enable the west side to work off their base computer through a portal. This will allow the employee to see what is on their screen and work as if they are sitting in their chairs at work. Assessor Mendy Lassaline said she will need a hotspot to send the information from the surface pros to download to her server. They only need for about five months a year. The Commissioners said they would like to avoid any monthly fees by connecting a phone for a hotspot, which is having internet wherever the employees are at in the county. Randy made the motion to approve the request pending approval from the State, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom said there should be around \$90,000.00 left in the CARES ACT money which now they are only looking at the extra overtime to be paid out. He said there is a HEALS ACT in progress. It is not dedicated to anything specific at this time or any amount.

Councilman Luke Thomas came before the Commissioners informing them that the County is in a major fiscal strain in the coming up years. He said the Economic Development Income Tax will be down several thousand in the next two years. It is estimated that for 2021, we will be down \$481,000 in local income taxes. Luke said the

EDIT plan is up at the end of December 31, 2020. He is asking the Commissioners to consider reconstructing the plan for the next three years. Right now the plan is:

- 50% Highway
- 6.5% Courthouse Security
- 23.5% Jail Operations
- 20% Perry County Development Corporation

If the Commissioners adopt the same plan, the County will not be in a good place for road, operating the jail and providing security.

Luke said he proposes to lower the PCDC contract by 5% to fund basic county services. Other entities also contribute to the PCDC. He said we need to think of government services. He said he is asking to reconstruct where the money goes to make sure we have funds to operate. Randy said that others have looked at changing the 50% of Highway funds for Health insurance and other things in the past. The Commissioners believe that what is important for infrastructure for the county is the roads. He said as long as he is Commissioner, the 50% will stay to go to the Highway Department. It is a need for the County. Our roads are in good shape.

Tom said we have an amicable agreement with PCDC to change this. Luke stated we have no extra funds to help. Tom said he will bring this up at the next PCDC meeting on what we may want to do. He said we need to bring PCDC in on the discussion. Randy commented that the Detention Center is as important as the roads in the County.

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg commented that she received an email from the Forest Service if the Commissioners have time for a meeting for the usage of Mano Point. This would also include Betty Cash and Michelle Paduani.

Teresa announced that the next regular meeting of the Commissioners will be on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 instead of September 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. because of Labor Day.

The meeting ended in open session at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes approved this 5th day of October, 2020.

Thomas J Hauser
President

Randy Kleaving

Bill Amos

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