

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2019**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised at the Armory Annex. Commissioners attending the meeting were President Randy Kleaving, Bill Amos and Thomas J Hauser. County Administrator Teresa Kanneberg was in attendance at the meeting and so was a *News Representative*.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PAYROLL**

The payroll docket was approved in the amount of \$141,778.39 for the payroll distributed on October 14, 2019. Bill made a motion to approve the docket, and Tom seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**REQUEST TO INCREASE CREDIT LIMIT ON CO. CREDIT CARD**

Public Health Nurse, Sara Gehlhausen, came before the Commissioners to request the credit limit on the County's credit card. She explained that this is needed to buy equipment and supplies with their grants and sometimes their grants overlap each other. Such as they have two grants that have to be spent in July, they maxed out their current limit and couldn't buy anymore. The current credit line limit for the Health Department is \$5,000.00. She said they used to have two cards but now only down to one for the department. Randy asked Sara how many times they go over the limit. Sara said about two to three times a year. Sara informed them that only salaries and benefits are paid from the Health fund. The rest of their budget comes from grant money. She said items have to be bought first, then second the grant is reimbursed. This is why we are asking for an increase amount or a second card. Commissioners commented it would be easier to keep track with one card. Tom said he has no problem of increasing the limit but only have one card and not two. It was asked if they could plan when buying supplies or watching the limit and not going over. Tom made the motion to increase the limit by an additional \$5,000.00 for a total of \$10,000.00, second made by Bill. Motion carried 3-0. Randy asked Highway Superintendent Steve Howell if they run into this problem also. He said sometimes when buying over the internet to get the item cheaper, they don't have enough limit to purchase it. Tom made the motion to increase the Highway Department credit by an additional \$4,000.00 for a total of \$10,000.00, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Auditor Pam Goffinet said she will need to contact German American Bank to see there is an overall total limit for the County on the credit cards and how much is left to give out.

**AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENTS**

Alvin Evans with the Perry County Development Corporation presented an affidavit to authorize Old National Bank to make certain payments from a Construction Fund established by the Trustee Indenture dated December 1, 2014, and the Second Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of November 1, 2016, between the County and the Trustee. Alvin 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 - \$46,447.72 to Perry County Treasurer for Lochmueller Group for construction engineering on Switzer Road; Exhibit B - \$1,142.43 to Perry County Treasurer for Lochmueller Group for Preliminary Engineering on Switzer Road; Exhibit C - \$223,728.36 to Perry County Port Authority for Project #8, Tell City River Port Transload Improvements and Exhibit D - \$123,715.00 to Perry County Development Corporation for Project #5h, Tell City Industrial Park-Rail Industrial Site Improvements. Tom made the motion to approve the affidavit, seconded by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Alvin also reported on the progress to date on projects that are in the works. A few are:

- Switzer Road – paving expected to be done soon and completed by Thanksgiving if weather permits.
- River Port – Storage and river ramp are complete and rail is in place
- Troy Rail Yard – Aggregate pad is complete, rail work has begun and should be completed in October.
- Troy Mitigation site for Riverview Streams – Stream mitigation site is progressing with new stream being constructed, finalizing fill of existing ditch and grading of dirt will occur next summer when site is accessible for construction.

- Riverview Industrial Park Water – Waterline is relocated. Water tower exterior work will be letting bids with bid opening on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Work will complete next spring, early summer.
- Riverview box culvert/ditch fill – By-pass ditch is completed, sedimentation basin is nearly complete, relocation of Hoosier Energy electrical line to substation will begin soon, and placement of box culvert will begin also.
- Troy Shell Building – Sale of will be complete in November upon Troy Town Council giving final approval to tax abatement. Automated Routing is purchasing the building. The shell building was the finalist for two projects. Alvin commented that the expected employees will be ten then increase later. This will also help Troy Utilities and Southern Indiana Power.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Sara Gehlhausen, Health Nurse, spoke up on the County vehicle the Health department uses. She said the Council was concerned years ago about departments and travel pay especially the Sanitarian’s. After that, there was a 2005 Buick Century given for the Sanitarian to use. Sara said the car has over 200,000 miles on it and it has been sitting for a while with no use. Kim is now the Sanitarian. She went to use the car and the battery was dead, lights out and repairs done before are broken again. It was a cost of about \$350.00. They are wondering how much money you want to put into this vehicle. Kim took it to South Bend for a meeting and wondered if she would get there and back. There is concern about the stability of the car. Kim said now she is driving her vehicle to sanitation sites, especially new ones instead of putting herself in jeopardy. Sara wants to open this to discussion. Randy commented that they need to get the County vehicle and if can’t, then drive your own vehicle. The Commissioners said not to drive the 2005 Buick to out of town meetings. Kim said she has several meetings coming up for the different aspects of the job. Administrator Teresa Kanneberg said there also is a truck available for trips. Tom said the Highway Department also has a jeep if need to use. Randy said in 2021, he hopes they can get a small SUV in the budget for a lease option and give the current Chevy Impala to the Health Department.

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, announced the approval of the Community Crossings Grant in the amount of \$257,719.00. He said this is the second one this year. He also said they got the full million this year and hope that continues. They are in the process of getting the paperwork done on the first grant. Steve reported that he has good help in his department to get the job done and he also appreciates the support of the Commissioners and the Council.

Teresa announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Minutes approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

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Randy Kleaving  
President

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Bill Amos

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Thomas J Hauser