

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 8:00 a.m. for the budget work sessions of the 2021 budgets as had been duly advertised. Council members present were President David A Etienne, Luke Thomas, Danny Bolin, Lynn Fulkerson, Charles Baumeister, Earla Williams, and Steve Goodson. Assisting from the auditor's office staff were Auditor Pamela Goffinet, Chief Deputy Susan Harpenau, and Deputy Tasha Park and from the Commissioner's office the County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg. Representatives from several county departments were present at various times during the day-long session.

DAY 1, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET EXPLANATION

Perry County Auditor, Pam Goffinet, welcomed the Council to the County budget work days. She informed the Council members they had proposed budgets from County departments before them, of which budget requests exceeded the estimated maximum levy by approximately \$515,435 for those funds within the state's maximum levy guidelines (being the County General, Health, Property Reassessment, and Cumulative Bridge funds). The estimated levy was calculated at approximately \$4,052,322 with the published dollars to be raised at approximately \$4,567,757. County Auditor Pamela Goffinet explained that for 2021 the max levy could only be increased by 4.2% which is the amount of tax dollars that could be raised from 2020 to 2021 within the 4 levied funds totaling \$157,542 new dollars. Auditor Goffinet also went over the letter she provided them with information concerning these budgets.

As of Friday, October 18, 2020, Auditor Goffinet said she received new estimate figures for the income taxes for 2021. She contacted the County's DLGF representative, Robert Norris, to see if she can use these new figures to help out with the budgets. According to him, yes, these new figures can be incorporated into the levy funds. With a lot of work in a day and a half before the meetings, this changed a lot of things. With the levy funds, this brought in \$111,731 extra for revenue in COIT and part of the EDIT dollars used for security that also goes into County General. Now with the new figures, the Council will need to cut \$415,000 instead of \$515,000 from the 2021 figures.

Also, again this year, the State was required to give each taxing unit an estimated Property Tax Cap loss report. Instead of waiting until budget orders and 1782 Notices come in to get our Property Tax Cap loss, it is now included in our budget request. We felt the estimated loss amount of \$ 460,030 for the levied funds was too high, so we did an average of the last few years and used \$435,000 when working the budgets. The last couple of years by doing this the actual amount came in less than the estimate.

SALARIES

There was some discussion among the members regarding salaries for 2021. Luke made the motion to keep the salaries the same as 2020 with exceptions if need to be, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

BUDGETS - SECOND READING

In order to meet the necessary requirements of the second reading of the budgets, all budgets were read individually for the second time by the Council President as each budget was addressed throughout the meeting.

Charlie brought up the subject of leasing the Sheriff vehicles for 2021. Charlie said he is proposing for the County to put back \$20,000 for next year to cover our half of the lease. He said the Sheriff is paying for the lease payment starting this year for a total of \$40,000 to get the vehicles possibly in October and he is willing to pay \$20,000 for next year and in the year 2022. The quote has already increased by \$840.00 from the last amount. Then in 2023, the County may have to put in more money. Charlie thinks this is a good idea to do. He commented that we are paying out so much in vehicle repair and maintenance from the budgets. The Commissioners are the board to sign the lease agreement. He said we never catch up with one car each year in the budget. The Sheriff is looking at Dodge Ram trucks from Sternberg in Jasper, Indiana. The vehicles will come completely equipped (turn key ready) and four-wheel drive.

The Council also discussed the ambulance service before starting on the budgets. David read off the amounts budgeted from the last few years and commented that the amount just keeps increasing so much. Lynn said that is a huge jump from the 2020 budget amount of \$185,000 to requested amount for 2021 of \$400,000. It was said they commented at the public hearing that they are working overtime this year but not asking for anymore this year on the losses. Also said was that part of next years is the increases in pay for the EMS employees. There was a lot more discussion between the members. The consensus was that the contract needs to be renegotiated. Lynn asked if the county could contract out and would it save us some money. Charlie said he was concerned about the liability. Luke made the motion to budget \$200,000 for the ambulance service, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

BUDGET APPROVALS

Auditor Goffinet made a proposal to the Council to start with the LIT-Public Safety budget first. She informed that as the same as last year, there are cuts that need to be made in the LIT fund. When figuring the budget, we are \$445.00 month, \$877.00 more in expenses than what revenue will be brought in. This budget has to be balanced before you can adopt it on October 13, 2020. Auditor Goffinet suggested they cut approximately \$475,000 in order to have an operating balance for next year.

As was with the levy funds, the estimated income figures brought in \$58,432 more revenue for LIT-Public Safety fund. This decreases the Councils cuts from \$475,000 to \$415,000. These estimated figures are actually higher than what they were last year. According to the DLGF, these numbers are solid to use. Most likely there will be a drop in the 2022 tax amounts because of COVID-19.

The Sheriff department within the LIT-Public Safety fund was the first department to look at. Lynn made the motion to approve the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$169,197 as amended, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

The Council decided to fund \$200,000 for the Ambulance Service line item. There was discussion about the Ambulance Lease line item. Since an ambulance was bought with the CARES ACT money, they weren't sure if needed to put any funding here. It was decided to budget \$25,000 to have something in there for the next time. Steve made the motion to allow the Commissioner's budget in the amount of \$308,003 as amended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

Luke made the motion to allow the Jail department in the amount of \$219,367 as amended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

The total budget for LIT-Public Safety was allowed in the amount of \$696,567. Lynn made the motion to allow as amended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

It was decided to change the County Police Car line item in the Sheriff budget to \$10,000 and take the other half from County General to help with the cuts needed. Luke made the motion to reapprove the budget in the amount of \$159,197 as amended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0. The Council also decided to reduce the Ambulance Service in the Commissioners budget to \$140,000 with \$60,000 going into County General. Charlie made the motion to allow the budget in the amount of \$248,003 as re-amended, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to allow the total budget of LIT-Public Safety in the amount of \$626,567 as amended the second time, seconded was made by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0. Total cuts to the budget were \$414,281.00 .

The County Council proceeded with County General with reviewing, discussing, cutting and approving each individual departmental budget with most budgets being approved with some amendments, as follows:

Chief Deputy Clerk Amy Fenwick informed the Council that their certified mailings are up this year. She said they also got new computers in their office. Steve made the motion to approve the Clerk's budget in the amount of \$189,795 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Auditor's budget in the amount of \$180,160 as amended, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the Treasurer's budget in the amount of \$118,408 as amended, seconded by Steve. Motion carried 6-1 with Charlie abstaining.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Recorder's budget in the amount of \$98,207 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. There are only salaries budgeted in County General, the Supplies and Other Services and Charges categories are to be taken from the Recorder's Perpetuation fund for next year.

It was stated that the Sheriffs salary increase is the other half he gets when the increase goes on July 1 from the State. The other \$10,000 needed for the lease of vehicles was put in the line item for County Police Car. Steve made the motion to approve the

Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$508,450 as amended. Lynn seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made a motion to approve the Surveyor's budget in the amount of \$9,898 as submitted. Lynn seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Coroner Warren Taylor joined the meeting. He informed the Council that he would like to see an increase for his employee plus they really need the extra position. Charlie said it is hard to find people for this job. He said we need to work on increasing the salaries for the deputies. He said we are 91st lowest paid employees in the State. Danny said yes, we need to discuss at some point. Lynn made the motion to approve the Coroner's budget in the amount of \$32,675 as amended. Luke seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0 with Earla absent at this time.

Charlie made the motion to approve the County Assessor's budget in the amount of \$119,828 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Prosecuting Attorney's budget in the amount of \$70,882 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. There was discussion on the office rent on how it was. It was noted that the contract needs to be renegotiated. That is a Commissioner call. The Council wants to urge movement on this.

Lynn made the motion to approve the County Extension Service budget in the amount of \$129,495 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. It was mentioned that they have cell phones also and we need one policy for all employees.

Steve brought up bring the Veterans Service Officer back to full time the first of the year. He is needed five days a week to help the veterans of Perry County. Charlie made the motion to put the Veterans Service Officer back to full time with an amount of \$28,650 which is 2020 salary, seconded by Steve. Motion carried 7-0. Charlie made the motion to approve the Veteran's Service budget in the amount of \$30,457 as amended. Luke seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the County Council budget in the amount of \$39,670 as amended. Lynn seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

It was noted that the VFW voting site has been changed to The Depot in Tell City. The budget is lower because there is no election next year. Luke made the motion to approve the Election Board budget in the amount of \$21,040 as amended. The second was made by Charlie, motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Commissioner's budget in the amount of \$2,064,414, as amended. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. There was discussion among the Council about funding the different agencies. It was said to give William Tell Seniors something for next year. Charlie mentioned that we have two agencies doing the same thing and we cannot give both of them what they want. He asked how do we justify the difference in amounts. The Council discussed several other items in the Commissioner's budget also.

Steve made the motion to approve the Animal Shelter budget in the amount of \$35,000 as amended. The motion was seconded by Earla, motion carried 6-1 with Luke voting against. There was lots of discussion among the members on whether to fund, not to fund, or how much to fund the animal shelter for next year. Charlie said we could put it in the budget for now and see if we need to cut it later. Danny agreed with that also.

Charlie made a motion to approve the Planning & Zoning budget in the amount of \$12,379 as amended. Earla seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Courthouse budget in the amount of \$132,128 as submitted. Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Circuit Court budget in the amount of \$526,733 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. The Council called the Judge to talk about the salary of the Probation Secretary that was added back into County General from the Supplemental Adult Probation fund for 2021. They informed the Judge that they were hurting on where to make all the cuts they need to do. After discussion, there was an agreement between the Judge and the Council on assurance that if SAPS cannot fund

the Probation Secretary salary, that the Council will make sure to cover the loss so the Judge won't lose this position. The Council agreed. It was stated to put a buffer in County General of \$4,000 to help out if needed.

It was time for lunch. Auditor Goffinet informed the Council that they have cut \$349,328 so far at this point. They still need to get to at least \$415,000 to \$420,000. All members to return at 1:30 to resume the budget session.

Before the meeting started back, Auditor Goffinet called Ron Maines with APEX about the County's Health Insurance to get an idea on how we are doing if the Council needed any more cuts to take it from the insurance line item. Budgets are appropriated now with 10% increase over last year. Ron said things are looking good right now, so if we needed to, we could cut an additional 2% off the amounts. She informed the Council of this if it came down to it.

Steve made the motion to approve the Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$137,810 as amended. Charlie seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. The Council had some questions about how much the fuel line item is. It was said this is for more than one vehicle. Steve's job is 24/7.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Jail budget in the amount of \$479,483 as amended, Luke seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

Steve made the motion to approve the 4-D Child Support budget in the amount of \$102,134 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Soil Conservation budget in the amount of \$32,729 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. There was discussion to change the budget to line items and not give as one full amount to them.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Parks and Recreation budget in the amount of \$148,126 as amended. Luke seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

The total cuts made to this point for County General is \$412,051 with a total budget of \$5,219,901.

Luke made the motion to approve the Health Dept. budget in the amount of \$251,251 as amended. Charlie seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. There was discussion about the nurse's salary. Nurse Sara Gehlhausen said they are wanting an increase to their salary without having the grant that gives them the extra money now. She said the immunization grant ends in 2024. With the grant money it does bring their salaries to where other counties are paying. Sara said they can apply for this grant every year until the year 2025 but no guarantee they will get it and it probably won't be there after that. Charlie commented that their overtime now is being paid from the CARES ACT funding. He said how can we justify giving this kind of raise when nobody else will be getting one. David said maybe we do it gradually over three years. He also said we need to consider the grants as part of their salary they are making now. If grants go away then it is a different story. Luke made the motion to leave the salaries at the 2020 rates, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0

Total cuts for the Health department is \$33,372 and overall, with County General the cuts are \$445,423. Charlie had to leave at 3:00 p.m.

Luke made the motion to approve the Cumulative Bridge Fund in the amount of \$306,700 as requested, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0. The total cut for Cumulative Bridge is \$0. This budget is set by a Cumulative rate from the State.

Luke made the motion to approve the Reassessment – 2015 budget in the amount of \$148,652 as amended. Lynn seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. Assessor Mendy Lassaline informed the Council that the main system for working on assessed values is with Thomson Reuters and she is worried that one day they will no longer be a vendor. She said even their key IT left the company. She is looking at a system with X-Soft. She said this system will give her more reports and data. Mendy also commented that we are the only county in this district that does not have X-Soft at this time. There was discussion about the software and the maintenance also needed if there is a switch. It was said that the maintenance could be moved over to Cumulative Capital Development fund because it already funds the maintenance for Thomson Reuters that we will no longer need. Luke made the motion to move the maintenance line item over to the other fund put the program in this

fund, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 6-0. The total cut for Property Reassessment is \$35,100.

The total cuts for the levy funds are \$480,523.

Auditor Goffinet informed the Council where they were at this point and that they needed to add back onto the budgets. She said they actually cut about \$65,000 too much. There was discussion among the members that since they couldn't give a raise to all employees that maybe they could give a stipend for next year. This way it won't go on their regular salaries. This will be a one-time payout. It was also stated that each fund would pay for their own employees with the stipend. Luke made the motion to give all full-time employees \$750.00 and part time employees \$375.00 as warranted, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to adjourn the meeting for Tuesday, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 5-0.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

All Council members appeared for the second day of budget hearings.

Auditor Goffinet went back over the numbers of how they ended yesterday.

The Council then started the morning off with adding the stipends onto the budgets and other changes they wanted to make since they have to add dollars back onto the budgets.

In the Coroner's budget, Luke made the motion to increase the deputies and the assistant to the salaries that was requested of \$3,500 for each position. He also said he wanted to make the motion to add on the 3rd Deputy with a rate of pay of \$3,500 also and the Chief Deputy was increased to \$5,000. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. It was said that they are paid too low now and why would anyone want to work for that. Charlie made the motion to reamend the budget in the amount of \$38,013, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

Also discussed of adding \$100 for three part time positions for the stipend given. It would be for the Clerk office, Planning & Zoning office and the IV-D Child Support office all in the total of stipend in the Commissioners budget.

Within the Commissioner's budget, Lynn made the motion to add \$500 to the 4-H operation line item, \$1,000 to the 4-H premium line item, \$1,000 to Council of Aging, \$500 to William Tell Seniors and \$10,000 to the Sheriff Pension, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0. The County General Budgets and the Health budget were changed accordingly. Charlie made the motion to reamend the budget in the amount of \$2,128,979, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

The new total after changes for County General is \$5,289,804, with cuts being \$342,148.

Changes were made to the Health Department fund, with new total being \$255,226. Earla made the motion to approve as reamended, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0. The cuts for the Health fund are \$29,397.

Highway Superintendent Steve Howell and Operations Manager Jared Hedinger were present at the meeting so the Council decided to work on their budgets at this time. Steve explained the Restricted and Non-Restricted Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) budgets for the Highway Department. The Restricted budget is where the Highway is to show that 50% of their budget is being spent on roads. He informed them how they divided their budget up between the two accounts. Charlie made the motion to approve the MVH-Restricted-Highway Administration in the amount of \$60,881 as amended, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0. Luke made the motion to approve the MVH-Restricted-Maintenance & Repair in the amount of \$448,776 as amended, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0. The MVH-Restricted-General & Undistributed Expense was approved by Lynn in the amount of \$332,750 as amended, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 6-0. Charlie stepped out for a minute. The total budget for the MVH-Restricted was approved in the amount of \$842,407. This was approved by Earla, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 6-0. Steve Howell also gave the Council information regarding some of his line items as to why they put some as they were.

Lynn made the motion to approve the MVH-Unrestricted-Highway Administration in the amount of \$127,945 as amended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0. Danny made the motion to approve the MVH-Unrestricted-Maintenance & Repair in the amount of \$297,580 as amended, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 7-0. The MVH-Unrestricted-General & Undistributed Expense was approved by Earla in the amount of \$798,277 and the second was made by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0. The total budget for MVH-Unrestricted was approved in the amount of \$1,223,802 by Charlie, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

The total of all MVH budget is \$2,066,209.

Luke made the motion to approve the Local Road & Street budget in the amount of \$443,767 as requested, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0

Charlie made the motion to approve the Surplus Surtax & Wheel Tax budget in the amount of \$250,000 as requested, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Then back to the Cumulative Capital Development fund. Luke made the motion to approve the Cumulative Capital Development budget in the amount of \$218,422 as requested. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. This budget is set by a Cumulative rate from the State.

Charlie made the motion to approve the LIT-Special Legislation budget in the amount of \$933,000 as requested, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

Lynn made the motion to approve the Clerk's Record Perpetuation budget in the amount of \$3,900 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Sales Disclosure budget in the amount of \$500 as requested. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Emergency Planning/Right to Know budget in the amount of \$3,967 as requested. Charlie seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Enhanced Access budget in the amount of \$16,329 as amended. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Identification Security Protection budget in the amount of \$2,700 as requested. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Plat Book Fund budget in the amount of \$4,300 as amended. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

Luke made the motion to approve the Riverboat - County Share Fund budget for the Commissioners department in the amount of \$7,900 as amended. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Earla made the motion to approve the Courthouse department in the amount of \$20,000 as requested. The second was made by Luke. Motion carried 7-0. The total budget for the Riverboat-County Share fund is \$27,900.

Danny made the motion to approve the Sex and Violent Offender Fund in the amount of \$1,450 as requested. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the Supplemental Public Defender budget in the amount of \$3,650 as amended. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$5,000 as requested. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Clerk Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Auditor Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Treasurer Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Recorder Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Surveyor Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Lynn made the motion to approve the total of \$3,000, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Statewide 911 budget in the amount of \$282,655 as amended. Danny seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Luke the motion to approve the Supplemental Adult Probation budget in the amount of \$74,669 as requested, Danny seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Circuit Court - Jury Fee Fund budget in the amount of \$3,000 as requested. Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Pretrial Diversion budget in the amount of \$60,667 as amended. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the Prosecutor's Check Collection Fee Fund budget in the amount of \$0 as requested. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. There is not enough revenue coming in to do a budget.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Jail Operations budget in the amount of \$242,250 as requested. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Auditor Pam Goffinet explained to the Council about the revenues for the Jail Operations fund. She told them that at this point 30% of the EDIT goes toward Economic Development. The plan is written that so much money needs to be put aside for bond payments and the remainder goes to Jail Operations fund. In 2017, the bond payment was paid off. In 2018, the 3-year EDIT plan was written again. As of now, 23 ½% of the Economic Development share goes toward Jail Operations and 6 ½% goes to County General to fund the security officer. When working on the budgets, we already cut out \$30,000 from Meals for Prisoners to make the budget balance. We are budgeting completely what revenues we bring in. May need to make changes in the future.

Luke made the motion to approve the Inmate Housing- Sheriff budget in the amount of \$14,270 as amended, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0. Luke also made the motion to approve the Inmate Housing-Jail budget in the amount of \$21,000 as amended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0. There was discussion about the body cameras on where to pay for 2021. It was said that Prosecutor Jason Hoch has money left in his donation fund. The Sheriff and Auditor will talk with Jason. It was noted that the Sheriff will ask for Additional Appropriations as he needs something. It is undetermined how much revenue he may bring in next year to this fund. Luke made the motion to approve the total budget in the amount of \$35,270 as amended, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

PERRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

County Auditor, Pamela Goffinet reminded Council members that the Solid Waste District receives no funding from the county. The reason that the Council has to approve their budget is because their board is not an elected board, they are appointed. It was noted that the Solid Waste District had asked for no increase in salaries for 2021.

After reviewing the budget request, Luke made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Management District budget in the amount of \$524,481 as requested. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

PERRY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Charlie made the motion to approve the Perry County Airport Authority budget in the amount of \$48,905 as requested. Danny seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Luke made the motion to approve the Perry County Airport Authority – Cumulative Airport Building budget in the amount of \$40,000 as requested. Charlie seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

The Council broke for lunch and gave time for the Auditor and employees to work on figures.

There was discussion concerning the stipends they added to the budgets for the full-time employees. After a lot of thought, Luke made the motion to not include grant employees in the stipend amount, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0. Charlie made the motion to approve the Pretrial Diversion budget in the amount of \$59,917 as re-amended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

The Council said the stipend will be paid as to who is active on payroll for full time employees at the time of dispersal. Possibly in February 2021.

Auditor Goffinet gave the final numbers to the Council after all the re-amendments for the Levy funds and LIT-Public Safety. The Levy funds ended up \$406,645 over the maximum levy where is exactly we need to be. The final cuts for the LIT-Public Safety fund is \$414,281.

Auditor Goffinet thanked the Council for their time on giving a stipend to employees and getting a balanced budget to work with. She informed the Council that the figures are not totally final until the State issues the County's budget orders at the end of the year.

It was announced that the adoption of the 2021 budgets will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes approved this 24th day of November, 2020.

President, Perry County Council

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