

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Armory Annex for the adoption of the 2019 budgets as had been duly advertised. Council members present were President Steve Goodson, Jody French, John J Taylor, Danny Bolin David Etienne and Tom Hauser. JR Flynn was absent. Assisting from the auditor's office staff were Auditor Pamela Goffinet, Chief Deputy Connie Berger, Deputy Susan Harpenau, and Deputy Denise Peter and from the Commissioner's office the County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg. There news media was not present for the meeting. Representatives from several county departments were present at various times during the day-long session.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET EXPLANATION

Council members had proposed budgets before them, of which budget requests exceeded the estimated maximum levy by approximately \$517,636 for those funds within the state's maximum levy guidelines (being the County General, Health, Property Reassessment and Cumulative Bridge). The estimated levy was calculated at approximately \$3,764,223 with the published dollars to be raised at approximately \$4,281,859. County Auditor Pamela Goffinet explained that for 2019 the max levy could only be increased by 3.4% which is the amount of tax dollars that could be raised from 2018 to 2019 within the 4 levied funds totaling \$72,914 new dollars.

Auditor Goffinet also informed the Council that again this year the State was required to give each taxing unit an estimated Property Tax Cap loss report. Instead of waiting until the spring of 2019 to get our Property Tax Cap loss, it is now included in our budget request. We felt the estimated loss amount of \$499,953 for the levied funds was too high, so we did an average of the last 3 years and used \$400,000 when working the budgets. We discussed this with our DLGF Budget Representative and he agreed with what we did.

SALARIES

After some discussion by council members on raises for county employees in 2019, Jody made a motion to not give raises at this time, with some exceptions. Tom seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

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 and Vice President as each budget was addressed throughout the meeting.

BUDGET APPROVALS

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

It was suggested by the County Auditor that the Council start with the LIT-Public Safety Budget, due to major cuts that have to be made within this budget. Some items may have to be cut from this budget and then allowed in the County General Fund.

Council members discussed the LIT-Public Safety Budget for the Sheriff's department. They discussed health insurance and the police pension amounts. John made the motion to approve the LIT-Public Safety – Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$135,757 as amended. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Later in the day, the Council amended the budget in the amount of \$100,757. Tom made the motion to approve the amended amount and Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The next budget that the Council members discussed was the LIT-Public Safety – Commissioners budget. They all discussed the request for the Ambulance Service as to what amount should be put in the line item. Jody stated that she had done some checking and would like to see \$200,000 to \$215,000 in the line item. She doesn't like having to cut a service. Steve stated that he would like to see \$175,000 in the line item. Also discussed was

the request for Ambulance Equipment in the amount of \$66,000 for stretchers. Tom stated that the stretchers are very much needed. David made the motion to approve the budget in the amended amount of \$291,024. John seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0. Later in the day, Council members made more changes to the budget and reduced the total amount to \$240,024. Jody made the motion to approve the budget and John seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the LIT Public Safety – Jail Budget in the amount of \$201,906 as amended. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

After all cuts were made the LIT Public Safety budgets, Jody made the motion to approve the budgets for a total of \$542,687 as amended, and Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Clerk’s budget in the amount of \$194,812 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. Later in the day the Council amended the budget in the amount of \$190,812. David made the motion and Jody seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Auditor’s budget in the amount of \$189,765 as amended. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s budget in the amount of \$114,958 as amended. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Recorder’s budget in the amount of \$100,205 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Council members discussed the requests for the Safety Co Police Officer and 8th Police Office. It was decided that at this time they would not allow these request, but if later in the budget process there was funding available they would look at this request. John made the motion to approve the Sheriff’s budget in the amount of \$448,426 as amended. Tom seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. Later in the day the Council amended the budget in the amount of \$447,426. Tom made the motion and David seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Tom made a motion to approve the Surveyor’s budget in the amount of \$9,548 as amended. David seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Coroner’s budget in the amount of \$29,140 as amended. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the County Assessor’s budget in the amount of \$121,137 as amended. Tom seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Prosecuting Attorney’s budget in the amount of \$62,079 as amended. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the County Extension Service budget in the amount of \$122,515 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Council members discussed the salary request that the Veterans Service Officer requested for 2019. Council members all agreed that the salary on this position should be increased, and decided to allow what was asked for in the line item for Salary. Tom made the motion to approve the Veteran’s Service budget in the amount of \$29,757 as amended. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the County Council budget in the amount of \$39,425 as amended. Tom seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Election Board budget in the amount of \$91,693 as amended. The second was made by Jody, motion carried 6-0. Later in the day, the Council amended the budget in the amount of \$78,693. Danny made the motion to approve the budget, and John seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Commissioner's budget in the amount of \$1,731,627, as amended. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Later that day, the Council made the following cuts; \$20,451 from Health Insurance; \$2,000 from Consulting Services; \$5,000 from Liability Insurance; \$2,000 from Ride Solutions; removed the \$1,500 request for Junior Achievement; \$2,000 from 4-H Buildings Operations & Maint.; \$2,500 from 4-H Premiums and Expenses and \$5,000 from Contract – Council on Aging. Jody made the motion to amend the budget in the amount of \$1,739,176. Danny seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Animal Shelter budget in the amount of \$22,500 as amended. The motion was seconded by David, motion carried 6-0. Later in the day the Council amended to the budget in the amount of \$20,000. Jody made the motion and David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom made a motion to approve the Planning & Zoning budget in the amount of \$12,223 as amended. John seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Within the Courthouse budget for 2019 the Commissioners had requested that the position of Maintenance Person be a full time position with benefits. There was much discussion on this by all council members. It was discussed that maybe they would not allow the Maintenance position in the Courthouse and give the Park & Rec Department the full time person they are requesting. Council members felt that this solution will work and that the employees of the Park & Rec Department could handle the maintenance at all county buildings along with the grass mowing at these locations and the county parks.

The County Council broke for lunch from 11:35 to 12:45.

After returning from lunch the Council continued their discussion on a maintenance person for the county. Council members stated that they wanted to remove the Maintenance Person position from the Courthouse Budget. They explained that they wanted to increase the hours of the Parks & Recreation Director to 40 hours a week, along with allowing the department a full time employee who will also be working 40 hours a week. They restated that the Parks & Recreation Director and Facility Maint Assistant will handle all maintenance on county owned buildings along with mowing the grass at these locations and the county parks. Council members increased the Director and Facility Maint Assistant positions for 2019 to reflect the increase in hours from 35 to 40 hours a week. Pam informed the council that the personnel policy along with job descriptions will need to be updated to reflect these changes.

Jody made the motion to approve the Courthouse budget in the amount of \$136,128 as amended. John seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The next day the Jody made a motion to amend the budget in the amount of \$132,128. John seconded the budget and budget carried 6-0

Danny made the motion to approve the Circuit Court budget in the amount of \$411,406 as amended. Jody seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$138,013 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. Later in the day the Council amended the budget to the amount of \$136,013. Motion was made by John and seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested another Jail Officer bringing the total Jail Officers up to 9. After some discussion, the Council members decided to allow one new jail officer. Jody made the motion to approve the Jail budget in the amount of \$481,064 as amended. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. The next day the Council decided to only fund the new Jail Officer position for a half of the year. Along with other cuts in this budget the new total is \$458,880. Tom made the motion to approve the amended budget and John seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the 4-D Child Support budget in the amount of \$105,569 as amended. David seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Soil Conservation budget in the amount of \$33,529 as amended. Jody seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. The next day the

Council amended the budget in the amount of \$28,529. Jody made the motion to approve the budget and David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

Jody made the motion to approve the Parks and Recreation budget in the amount of \$127,480 as discussed earlier in the day. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. The next day the Council increased the budget request due to adding the line for Grounds Keeping Services. John made the motion to approve the amended budget in the amount of \$130,745. David seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the Health Dept. budget in the amount of \$243,616 as amended. Tom seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. The next day the Council members voted to amend the budget to \$241,616. John made the motion to amend the budget and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Cumulative Bridge Fund in the amount of \$351,701 as requested, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Reassessment – 2015 budget in the amount of \$103,616 as requested. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

County Auditor, Pam Goffinet, informed the Council that at this point they had cut \$418,501 from the amount of \$606,520. Council members discussed the LIT Public Safety Budget, Highway Budget and Riverboat Budget. At this time Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting until 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday September 12, 2018. John seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

At 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, morning, September 12, 2018, all County Council members except J.R. Flynn and Auditor's office staff reconvened. Also representatives from County Offices were also present. The News was not present for the meeting.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Auditor Pam Goffinet gave a recap from yesterday's budget session. She stated that \$418,501 had been cut from the levy funds, and \$101,499 still needed to be cut. She explained that \$86,337 still had to be cut from the LIT-Public Safety Fund. Council members discussed several different options as to where they could make cuts.

Council members continued with reviewing the remaining budgets along with the levy fund budgets

Jody made the motion to approve the Cumulative Capital Development budget in the amount of \$203,202 as requested. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the LIT – Special Legislation fund in the amount of \$873,000 as requested. Jody seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Clerk's Record Perpetuation budget in the amount of \$6,800 as requested. David seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Sales Disclosure budget in the amount of \$350. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Emergency Planning/Right to Know budget in the amount of \$3,967. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Enhanced Access budget in the amount of \$15,329 as amended. David seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Identification Security Protection budget in the amount of \$2,700. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Local Road and Street budget in the amount of \$493,767. Tom seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

The Perry County Highway Department requested that a new position be created for an operations manager and reduce the foreman from 2 to 1. Tom made a motion to approve the Highway Administration budget in the amount of \$170,676 as amended. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made a motion and John seconded the motion to approve the Highway – Maintenance and Repair budget in the amount of \$1,241,707 as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

The Perry County Highway Department requested a position for a part-time master mechanic to work during the winter. Tom made the motion to approve the Highway – General and Undistributed Expenses budget in the amount of \$1,255,153 as amended. Jody seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the total budget for the Highway Department in the amount of \$2,667,536. Jody seconded motion and motion carried 6-0.

Tom made a motion to approve the Park & Rec Non-Reverting Fund budget in the amount of \$1,500 as requested. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the Plat Book Fund budget in the amount of \$4,600 as requested. John seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Riverboat - County Share Fund budget for the Commissioners in the amount of \$3,400 as requested, and Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Tom made the motion to approve the Riverboat – County Share Fund Budget for the Courthouse in the amount of \$20,000 as requested. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Jody made a motion to approve the total budget for Riverboat-County Share in the amount of \$23,400. David seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Sex and Violent Offender Fund in the amount of \$1,400 as requested. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Supplemental Public Defender budget in the amount of \$3,950 as requested. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$5,000 as requested. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Clerk Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Auditor Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

David 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 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Recorder Fund budget in the amount of \$600 as requested. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

David 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 6-0. David made the motion to approve the overall total of the County Elected Official Training fund in the amount of \$3,000 as requested. Danny seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Statewide 911 budget in the amount of \$282,855 as amended. Danny seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0. Later in the day, the County decided to zero out the line item for 911 Dispatch Training and increase the line item 911 Dispatch Service by \$3,000. Jody made the motion to approve the amended budget and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the Supplemental Adult Probation budget in the amount of \$84,003 as amended. Steve seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Circuit Court - Jury Fee Fund budget in the amount of \$3,000 as requested. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Pretrial Diversion budget in the amount of \$57,236 as amended. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Prosecutor's Check Collection Fee Fund budget in the amount of \$2,166 as requested. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Surplus Surtax & Wheel Tax Budget in the amount of \$200,000 as requested. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the Jail Operations budget in the amount of \$268,750 as requested. John seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Council members broke for lunch from 11:15 to 1:30.

While the Council left for lunch, the Auditor's office girls worked on figures to make sure the Council was where they needed to be on budget cuts.

The Council reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Auditor Goffinet informed the Council that they had cut \$460,293.00 from the Levy funds and the rest needed will be taken from the operating balances to make the needed cuts. This will put us over the levy by \$2,465.00 which is where we need to be. They also cut \$399,663.00 from the LIT-Public Safety budget to get the budget in balance for 2019.

Auditor Goffinet also went over the salary exceptions made to the 2019 salary ordinance with initially no raises. The Council voted to raise the Veterans Service Officer salary by \$2,524.00, an additional Jail Officer to start on July 1, 2019, increased the Park and Recreation Director by \$4,888.00 and added a Facility Maintenance Assistant with a salary of \$26,479.00. They also increased the Park & Recreation employees work hours to 40 hours per week and in the Highway Department, they allowed the new positions of Operations Manager with salary of \$43,094.00, Temporary/Seasonal employee of \$15.00 per hour and a Part time Master Mechanic – Experienced at \$18.57 per hour. John made the motion to accept the exceptions, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

Pam Goffinet, Auditor, also asked for clarification from the Council about the extra charge from the Sheriff Department and the Courthouse mowing that is paid into the donation fund of the Park and Recreation Department. The Council stated that these fees will cease January 1, 2019 because these locations are included in what will be mowed by that department. Also Jody made the motion to approve the 40 hour work week of the Park and Recreation department starting January 1, 2019, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 6-0.

The County Council directed the Auditor to do a letter to county departments on watching what they spend for the rest of this year and not to spend out their entire budget for 2018 to help with the operating balance for 2019. Also a letter should be written to the Prosecutor on the Check Collection fund. The extra pay will only be paid out as long as the cash is there.

PERRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

County Auditor, Pamela Goffinet reminded Council members that the Solid Waste District receives no funding from the county and their employees are not considered county employees; 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 for 2019 the Solid Waste Advisory Board had not asked for raises for any of the employees of the Solid Waste District.

After reviewing the budget request, Tom made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Management District budget in the amount of \$513,965 as requested. John seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

PERRY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Jody made the motion to approve the Perry County Airport Authority budget in the amount of \$52,271 as requested. Danny seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Perry County Airport Authority – Cumulative Airport Building budget in the amount of \$40,650 as requested. Tom seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

It was announced that the next regular meeting of the County Council and adoption of the 2019 budget will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 4:30 P.M.

There being no further business, Jody made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0, with adjournment at 1:45 a.m.

Minutes approved this 20th day of November, 2018.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
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