

**SPECIAL PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – January 14, 2021**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. via zoom. Council members in attendance were: President Luke Thomas, David Etienne, Charles Baumeister, Danny Bolin, and Paul Malone. Lynn Fulkerson and Earla Williams were not present. Sheriff Alan Malone, Council Attorney S. Rod Acchiardo and the *Perry County News* were not in attendance.

NEW PART TIME CLERICAL POSITION HIRE – TREASURER

Treasurer Amanda Lasher said she sent the Council members a letter explaining why she needed this part time clerical position of bringing Judy Pund in to help with the final steps of 2020. Paul asked Amanda when she started her job. She commented to Paul that she started in January 2019. She was in and out of the office all year with her son that has cancer. The rest of her staff has been there for one year and less. Amanda replied that there were no training manuals in the office. She has never done this job before. She said 2020 was horrible. Amanda and her staff are creating training manuals so someone can do the job after her. Amanda said she wants to move forward 110%. She needs Judy to help her out with that to go back over and review everything such as the bank reconciliations and excess funds. Amanda said this is the last she will need her.

Danny asked about the bank reconciliations and how often are they to be done. Amanda said they are done monthly but the cash book is done first. Paul asked when was Judy there before. Amanda said she was in the month of November to help her get caught up. Danny said that Judy was there before and now bring her back again. He hopes this is the last time. Luke asked if this is for the rest of January. Amanda commented that Judy is concerned about COVID of the other offices. We can't force her to come.

Paul stated that this is the third time to have Judy come in. He told Amanda she won't feel confident until she does the work on her own. We need to wait and get someone in when we have a problem. Amanda commented that it was a year ago when she did some of this work. Paul asked if the employees could build up some comp time. Why not have the office employees to help get caught up on the work. Amanda said she is caught up on everything except for the bank reconciliation report. She said she would have to train her employees on the cash book. She said she is not throwing them into a mess. Paul asked if there is any other way because he is concerned that it is only January and we are asking for an additional appropriation. Luke is the Treasurer's liaison and said he has been to the office to see what she had.

Paul made a motion to pay Judy for what is due right now of what she worked at the end of December that was paid in January and deny for any clerical help in January, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 2-2 with Charlie abstaining. David made a motion to pay for what Judy has already worked and hire Judy for 81 hours at \$12.50 per hour. This is the last time to hire her to do this, no more approvals. Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1 with Charlie abstaining.

Charlie had to leave the meeting.

FULL TIME DEPUTY REHIRE – CLERK

First Deputy Clerk, Amy Fenwick, stood in for Clerk Rachel Roark to inform the Council that Deputy Teresa Clemens retired on January 7, 2021 and they are asking to replace this position of a Second Deputy. She said they there is time to pay out and that they won't be able to hire for a while. They would like to start the process and get applications in to go over. David made the motion to approve to rehire in the deputy position, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 3-0 with Paul abstaining.

There being no further business, Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0, with adjournment at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes approved this 25th day of February, 2021.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
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