

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 8:00 a.m. for the budget work sessions of the 2022 budgets as had been duly advertised at the Tell City Depot. Council members present were President Luke Thomas, David Etienne, Danny Bolin, Lynn Fulkerson, Charles Baumeister, Earla Williams, and Paul Malone. 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 28, 2021

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 2022 maximum levy by approximately \$438,105 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 \$4,224,250 with the published dollars to be raised at approximately \$4,662,355. County Auditor Pamela Goffinet explained that for 2022 the max levy could only be increased by 4.3% which is the amount of tax dollars that could be raised from 2021 to 2022 within the 4 levied funds totaling \$168,067 new dollars. Auditor Goffinet also went over the letter she provided them with information concerning these budgets.

Then for the Public Safety fund, it is unbalanced and the Council need to get it in balance. With three departments, Sheriff, Commissioners and Jail, there are more budgeted expenses than revenue that is coming in for the year. The Council needs to cut at least \$260,000 in order to have an operating balance for next year.

SALARIES

There was some discussion among the members regarding salaries for 2022. Charlie made the motion to keep the salaries the same as 2021 with exceptions if needed to be at this time, seconded by David. 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.

It was mentioned to use Law Enforcement donations from the Pretrial Diversion fund for the Sheriff's body cameras. Someone needs to talk to the Prosecutor.

The Council started out discussing the ambulance service before starting on the budgets. It was said that the amount of \$256,974 was budgeted in County General and the Public Safety-County Share fund under the Commissioners department. In the amount the Hospital is asking for an additional \$80,000 for a billing service. Luke said they are finding funding elsewhere for this. It was asked if we do what we have in prior years. Lynn said why didn't they come to us first since we are funding it. Danny said we should make it clear what we want. It was stated that we do get monthly statements and the appropriation is about out now. We have around \$26,000 left and we are having regular losses. Luke said he is entertaining the amount of \$220,000 for the budget. They also talked about the ambulance lease. It was said to put some back for a cushion. There could be a lease in the future.

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, it has to be balanced before you can adopt it on October 1, 2020. Auditor Goffinet suggested they cut approximately \$260,000 in order to have an operating balance for next year.

As was with the levy funds, the certified income figures will bring in \$805.00 more revenue in for LIT-Public Safety fund than in 2021. According to the DLGF, these numbers are solid to use.

The Sheriff department within the LIT-Public Safety fund was the first department to look at. Charlie made the motion to approve the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$168,388 as amended, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

The Council decided to fund \$100,000 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 \$15,000 to have something in there for the next time. Paul made the motion to allow the Commissioner's budget in the amount of \$229,313 as amended, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

Lynn made the motion to allow the Jail department in the amount of \$222,603 as amended, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

The total budget for LIT-Public Safety was allowed in the amount of \$620,304. David made the motion to allow as amended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

At this point, the Council cut \$205,869 from the budget. They went back to the Sheriff department to see what else can be cut. They cut \$2,000 from the Health Insurance and \$5,000 from Sheriff Pension, making the new total in the amount of \$161,388 for the Sheriff budget. David made the motion for the new amount, seconded by Paul. Motion carried 7-0. They cut \$70,000 from Ambulance Service in the Commissioner budget. The new total is \$159,313 approved by Charlie and seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0. In the Jail budget, they cut an additional \$2,000 from the Health Insurance line item making the new total be \$220,603. David made the motion to approve the new total and seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0. The overall grand total for LIT-Public Safety was approved by Charlie in the amount of \$541,304. Danny made the second to the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The total cuts made now are \$284,869. They left this budget as is for now.

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:

Charlie made the motion to approve the Clerk's budget in the amount of \$191,150 as amended. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Auditor Pam Goffinet explained the budget amount of \$81,424 was for a new software program for the Auditor and the Treasurer. She said they split the cost of the first year payment between the two offices. This new software would be for taxes, financial and payroll. We have the same system since it was purchased in 1989. It was said by the Council to cut this line item in half for now at \$40,712 and then see where they are at. They may need to cut more. David made the motion to approve the Auditor's budget in the amount of \$220,748 as amended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Treasurer's budget in the amount of \$157,195 as amended, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0 with Charlie abstaining.

Paul 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.

There was discussion about the 9th Police Officer line item. This is the position with the COPS grant. There still needs to be something budgeted to meet the County's 20%. The payroll benefits, Health Insurance, is not covering it. It was decided to budget \$12,000 to cover the percentage needed. Paul made the motion to approve the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$525,509 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Paul 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. The Surveyor requested no raise even if one is given.

Coroner Warren Taylor joined the meeting. The Council asked him questions concerning his Travel and Training line items. Charlie made the motion to approve the Coroner's budget in the amount of \$37,538 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the County Assessor's budget in the amount of \$119,928 as amended. David seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Prosecuting Attorney's budget in the amount of \$71,872 as amended. David seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. There was discussion on the office rent on how it was again this year.

It was mentioned that they needed extra for printing. The Council said they need to check on the Contractual Services if they always get what they ask for. Paul made the motion to approve the County Extension Service budget in the amount of \$132,225 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

There was discussion about the Veterans Service Officer position of full time status. The Council said they may need to relook at. If they are paying for a full time position, then the office needs to be open during Courthouse hours. Paul made the motion to approve the Veteran's Service budget in the amount of \$30,285 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the County Council budget in the amount of \$39,221 as amended. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

The Council started on the Election budget and they had questions about the workers. Clerk Rachel Roark said she would get those salary amounts to them. The Council decided to look at this budget later.

Judge Lucy Goffinet and Kim Myers from Circuit Court came to the meeting to see if the Council could go to their budgets since they were there.

First was the Circuit Court budget in County General fund. Judge Goffinet said she budgeted to put the Probation Secretary position back in the General fund and out of Supplemental Adult Probation fund. She said she asks this every year. She did this in the first place to get another deputy for the Sheriff and that never happened. With the Compensation Pauper Attorney line item, it is very unknown. They always tried to use a safe number, but now don't know post COVID. Lucy said they may have to come back for more. The Livestreaming is for the Schergen's Center when they have trials. They have no other place to keep people six feet apart. She also said the Medical Exams line item is being used more and more. It is a changing world. She asked the Council not to decrease it. Sometimes we need a psychiatrist and a psychologist. Lifesprings doesn't have both. Charlie made the motion to approve the Circuit Court budget as amended in the amount of \$559,019, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0 with Paul abstaining.

Next was the Supplemental Adult Probation fund. There was a lot of discussion on the line items. Lucy explained some of them to the Council. She said she used County General for supplies for probation. Drug testing is not going down. The Chemical Test Supplies is a drug test through probation. Because of COVID, not doing the regular tests. This line item is fee driven. The fees have to supply this. She also said the bonds are increasing. Paul made the motion to approve the SAPS budget as amended in the amount of \$74,739, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Jury Fee fund as requested in the amount of \$3,000, seconded by Paul. Motion carried 7-0.

Back to County General fund.

Paul made the motion to approve the Commissioner's budget in the amount of \$2,307,983, as amended. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0, with Luke abstaining. There was discussion among the Council about the agency of Lifesprings. It was asked what all are they doing for the money? There are services we need for our county. Charlie stated that we don't have to give all the money to them. It can be split up to another facility also like Perry County Memorial Hospital. Luke said we need them to be more involved. Auditor Goffinet talked about the Liability Insurance amount. An extra \$20,000 was asked for because of the increase with all the extra vehicles purchased, the new computers and other items. The Council discussed several other items in the Commissioner's budget also including the agencies they fund. It was said they fund several agencies that do the same thing such as Ride Solution, Council on Aging and SIRS. It was noted that Ride Solution is out of Washington, IN. They employ people here for services. The other two agencies provide the same services. There is no transportation on weekends except for Ride Solution. The need is there for weekends. Ride Solution is tied to more people with disabilities and they do medical runs also. They are not age based. They are for anyone that needs a ride. Council said they need to talk about this more early in 2022.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Animal Shelter budget in the amount of \$35,000 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Lynn, motion carried 7-0. It was stated that there will be a contract coming soon.

David made a motion to approve the Planning & Zoning budget in the amount of \$12,689 as amended. Danny seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0. Luke said they

are trying to get this office back in working order. He said the zoning maps have not been updated since 2005. They may be looking at the American Rescue Plan money for help on funding this also.

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg informed the Council that the prices of paper goods have increased over the year. It was said to check on cleaning supplies for 2022. Paul made the motion to approve the Courthouse budget in the amount of \$135,700 as submitted. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$135,612 as amended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

The Council broke for lunch. All members to return at 1:15 p.m. to resume the budget session.

Earla made the motion to approve the Jail budget in the amount of \$479,683 as amended, David seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

David made the motion to approve the 4-D Child Support budget in the amount of \$102,538 as amended. Paul seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

David made the motion to approve the Soil Conservation budget in the amount of \$32,808 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. The amount budgeted in the Deer Creek Lake Expenses helps with the costs of the liability on the lake. The lake is inspected every two years. There are repairs on it if the state says to do them. The money also helps for mowing and upkeep. They have an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service. The Telephone line item is up because it is the increase for one year of costs instead of for ten and a half months.

Paul made the motion to approve the Parks and Recreation budget in the amount of \$151,411 as amended. David seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

The Council went back to the Election budget. There was discussion in the amounts of increase requested for the Election Board Members, Absent Voter Board Members, and the Precinct Board Members. On the Election Board Members, it was requested to double the amounts for each election. It was decided to give each one \$500 per election for all three members. The other changes were:

1. Voting Teams Assigned – increase to \$80 per day
2. Voting Teams/Travel Board- stay at \$60 per day
3. Inspectors - \$125 per election
4. Judges/Clerks - \$100 per election

Meals of \$15.00 and Training expenses of \$20.00 will stay the same. Lynn made the motion to approve the budget as amended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

The total cuts made at this point for County General is \$487,282.

The Council went back and had a few more cuts to make before seeing where they actually are with the budgets.

- a. Clerk – cut \$300 from Office Supplies and cut \$200 from Copy Paper and Toner. Charlie made the motion to approve the reamended budget in the amount of \$190,650, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 3-0.
- b. Auditor – cut \$30,712 from Computer Software. Lynn made the motion to approve the reamended budget in the amount of \$190,036, seconded by David. Motion carried 7-0
- c. Treasurer – cut \$30,712 from Financial & Tax Software. Earla made the motion to approve the reamended budget seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0 with Charlie abstaining.
- d. Commissioners – cut \$3,000 from Sheriff Pension and cut \$25,000 from Care of Patients in Institutions. Paul made the motion to approve the reamended budget in the amount of \$2,279,983, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0 with Luke abstaining.

With the extra made in cuts, the Council discussed raises for the county employees. Charlie said to start out, he motioned a 3% raise across the board with exceptions, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0. There was discussion on what to do about the Jailers that were given the extra of \$1,190 in the second half of 2021 on what to do. It was decided to wait

and see where they were at. The Sheriff could take this out of Inmate Housing in 2022. The Council then started back at the beginning to give the raises to the employees.

Charlie made the motion to approve the reamended budgets in County General totaling to the amount of \$5,642,137 after the 3% raises were put on, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

The Council then went to LIT-Public Safety to put the raises on the salaries. The new total for all three departments is \$548,765. Paul made the motion to approve this new reamended amount, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

Next, the Council went to the Highway budgets since Highway Superintendent Steve Howell and Operations Manager Jared Hedinger were in attendance.

There was some discussion on the Cumulative Bridge budget. It was said that some line items are higher because the bridges are bigger that are being put in. Charlie made the motion to approve the Cumulative Bridge budget, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

David made the motion to approve the Motor Vehicle Highway – Restricted budget in the amount of \$1,002,064 as amended which includes the raise, seconded by Paul. Motion carried 7-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Motor Vehicle Highway – Non-Restricted budget in the amount of \$1,037,192 as amended which includes the raise, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0. Steve commented the budget for the road signs is because signs are missing a lot on roads. They went through the budget and need some for bridges. He also said he pays all the utilities on the whole Multipurpose Building. It is getting some age on it and will need more repairs.

David made the motion to approve the Local Road & Street budget as requested in the amount of \$330,000, seconded by Paul. Motion carried 7-0.

Paul made the motion to approve the Surplus Surtax & Wheel budget as requested in the amount of \$350,000, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0. Steve stated that \$120,000 of the Bituminous is for our match on the Community Crossings Grant to finish the projects.

The County Council stopped for the day at 3:23 p.m. Charlie made the motion to adjourn the meeting for the day, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

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

Auditor Goffinet gave the Council a run down of how the numbers worked out from yesterdays cuts. It is:

1 st round of cuts	-446,038
2 nd round of cuts	<u>- 89,924</u>
Total cuts	-535,962
Health,Cum Bridge & Reass. Cuts	<u>- 41,244</u>
Total Levy funds cuts	-577,206
What cuts needed to be	<u>440,000</u>
Amount over cut	-137,206
Added back on with 3% raise	<u>85,584</u>
Still too much cut for add ons & adj.	- 51,622

It was talked about if needed to go back to LIT-Public Safety budget for anymore adding on or cutting. It was said to leave the extra that was cut of \$17,408 to have in the operating balance.

The Council had Prosecutor Jason Hoch to come to the meeting to talk about the Law Enforcement Donation line item. He requested \$13,000 in the 2022 budget in the Pretrial

Diversion fund. Jason said the amount has gone up in the last three years when Tell City Police Department and the County Sheriff asked for assistance on the body cameras. He said he agreed to give Tell City Police \$7,000 and the Sheriff \$5,000 toward the cameras. Also to give \$586.00 to Tell City Leads on Line and to buy code books for officers. The Council then said they needed to add \$100.00 in LIT-Public Safety to Body Cameras to make the full amount needed for payment which now is \$5,100. Charlie made the motion to approve the reamended amount of \$163,187 in the Sheriff Department, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

The Council had a lot of discussion about several line items in the budgets. It was brought up about the Auditor and the Clerk wanting their Shared and Part time employees in their offices to be back to full time. Charlie said they both need it. They are two different situations. One was forced and one volunteered to reduce their staff. Charlie commented that if we can't do both, then we can't do any. Luke agreed with it. Paul asked what the difference is between what they have now and going full time. It was said the salary would go up, health insurance and retirement add on.

There was talk about adding on another 1% percent to the salary raises. This would add on approximately \$22,000.

The next topic was the Health Department employees. Luke said they are requesting that what they make from the grants be moved to their salaries in the Health fund. Charlie said he has met with them several times and has done some research on Nurses salaries. He said for a Registered Nurse the minimum amount is \$24.27 per hour and the maximum is \$30.46 per hour. For a Licensed Practical Nurse the minimum is \$16.82 per hour and the maximum is \$21.06 per hour. Charlie figured with the 3% raise, the RN's rate goes to \$22.93 which is below the minimum amount and the LPN's would be \$18.29 which is above the minimum amount and still low with the market rates. Earla said the starting rate should also consider the years of service. Sara has over 26 years of nursing with 19 of them with the county. Tara has over 15 years of nursing with 5 of them with the county. Sara commented that a new RN from Nursing School would be paid over \$30.00 per hour. Earla said clinic nurses make less than at the Hospital.

Charlie said they need to try to bring the salaries up to a level. The grants run from July to June each year. Sara said we are never guaranteed to get the grants. She said they are available until 2024 to apply for but they don't know if they will get one of them. Charlie asked about the one position that is fully funded by the grant. If the county doesn't have the funds, then there won't be a job there. David said the grants are important for county revenue. Charlie said if we raise the salary now and still get the grants, that is hard to sell. The Health fund is part of the levy funds. Luke said what we do to one levy fund affects the others. There are enough funds to promise to increase the salary. Luke said if the grant is gone, how long to sustain for that pay. Earla commented that she is concerned on losing nurses with experience. Charlie said the increased amount asked for is the amount funded from the grants. Paul said that they can apply for the grant every year. Luke said what if we throw the Emergency Preparation grant amount into their salary. He said this is a stepping stone. Sara spoke saying she has a job offer of \$75,000 Monday to Friday and Tara has one for \$58,000 Monday to Friday handed to them right now. Luke said with a 4% raise plus \$1,682 would make Sara's salary \$42,300 plus the immunization grant. He said he doesn't know if they can absorb all the extra salary right now. Charlie said to wait until after the grant and come and ask for additional appropriation for July, 2022.

Luke said to add \$1,683 onto the Nurse's base salary and the Public Nurse also, plus 4% raise. This will start January 1, 2022. The other grant continues until June 30, 2022. Auditor Goffinet informed the Council that they will have to approve an amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the grants per State Board of Accounts.

Luke asked if there were any other salary exceptions. Auditor Pam Goffinet said she would like to at least have the Council add in the \$1,213 onto her salary. This was extra that was coming out of the Statewide 911 fund before and now will not be coming out of the Plat Book fund like the other Auditor employees. She also requested an extra \$2,500 for the extra meetings attended each month. Charlie said it is only fair for all the extra work. David said he had no problem with it. There was more discussion for the extra for meetings and whether to do a separate line item or not. This would be for the meetings outside of the two Commissioners meetings a month and the one Council meeting a month. Charlie said according to the number of meetings, it could cost us a lot more in the long run.

Council took a break.

There was more discussion of the Auditor's request of giving per diem per meeting outside of regular meetings. Danny said what do we tell the other departments. Chief Deputy Clerk, Amy Fenwick, spoke up for what the Clerk does extra work for Elections and Training. Charlie said does this job entail part of her work and not extra. Assessor Mendy Lassaline said something is always added to our jobs. She said there is nobody she respects more than Pam, especially in budget sessions and all the behind the scenes work she does for this. If the Council puts us all on different salary levels, there will be hard feelings for all. There is no doubt the Auditor deserves it, but it will cause more havoc on her and how she is treated. The Council made no decision.

The Council went back to the beginning of budgets and put a 4% salary increase on with exceptions. They also had to amend all their motions.

David made the motion to approve the reamended budget for the Clerk in the amount of \$197,559, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Auditor budget in the amount of \$198,052 as reamended, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the reamended budget of the Treasurer in the amount of \$130,507, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0 with Charlie abstaining.

David made the motion to approve the reamended budget for the Recorder in the amount of \$102,134, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Sheriff budget in the amount of \$544,713 as reamended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the Coroner budget in the amount of \$38,555 as reamended, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Assessor budget in the amount of \$124,412 as reamended, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Prosecutor budget in the amount of \$73,996 as reamended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the reamended budget for the Co. Extension in the amount of \$133,596, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the reamended budget for the Veterans Service Officer in the amount of \$31,431, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0. Luke said he talked with Tom Hauser, Commissioner President, over the issues with this department. Luke said he will talk with Attorney Chris Goffinet on what needs to be done and who has authority over his position.

Earla made the motion to approve the Council budget in the amount of \$39,421 as reamended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the Commissioner budget in the amount of \$2,299,930 as reamended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0 with Luke abstaining. With this total, the Council also added \$1,500 onto Wm. Tell Center and \$2,000 to the 4H Premiums and Expense line items.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Planning & Zoning budget in the amount of \$13,077 as reamended, seconded by Paul. Motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the Circuit Court budget in the amount of \$565,260 as reamended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the reamended budget for the Emergency Management in the amount of \$138,854, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the reamended budget for the Jail in the amount of \$496,819, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

Earla made the motion to approve the 4-D Child Support budget in the amount of \$105,924 as reamended, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Soil & Water budget in the amount of \$33,853 as reamended, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the Parks & Recreation budget in the amount of \$154,599 as reamended, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0.

The new reamended total for County General is \$5,668,340 after the 4% increase in salary was added on.

Earla made the motion to approve the Health Department budget in the amount of \$267,705 as reamended, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

The new amended total for the Health fund is \$267,705 after the 4% increase in salary was added on.

The total for the Cumulative Bridge fund is \$326,700.

Danny made the motion to approve the Reassessment fund in the amount of \$126,653 as reamended after the 4% increase in salary was added on, seconded by Paul. Motion carried 6-0.

The Council then continued with the other budgets. They will get the figures on the levy funds once the Auditor gets them figured on what else they need to do.

Then back to the Cumulative Capital Development fund. David made the motion to approve the Cumulative Capital Development budget in the amount of \$217,422 as requested. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. This budget is set by a Cumulative rate from the State.

David made the motion to approve the LIT-Special Legislation budget in the amount of \$940,000 as requested, seconded by Paul. Motion carried 6-0. Luke commented that before this fund was only used for bond payments. In the last years, using it for repairs for the Detention Center. He wanted them to be careful on this budget going forward.

David made the motion to approve the Clerk's Record Perpetuation budget in the amount of \$3,900 as requested. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. Charlie asked about the rebinding records line item and wondered about doing it digital. It was said that digital is a lot higher.

David made the motion to approve the Sales Disclosure budget in the amount of \$500 as requested. Charlie seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Paul made the motion to approve the Emergency Planning/Right to Know budget in the amount of \$3,767 as requested. David seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the Enhanced Access budget in the amount of \$26,904 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. Recorder Jane James said the budget is higher because they have picked up more customers. We have to pay more but also get more in reimbursements.

David made the motion to approve the Identification Security Protection budget in the amount of \$2,700 as requested. Earla seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Plat Book Fund budget in the amount of \$16,357 as amended. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the Riverboat - County Share Fund budget for the Commissioners department in the amount of \$3,400 as requested. Danny seconded the amount of \$20,000 as requested. The second was made by David. Motion carried 6-0. The total budget for the Riverboat-County Share fund is \$23,400.

David made the motion to approve the Sex and Violent Offender Fund in the amount of \$1,350 as amended. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Charlie made the motion to approve the Supplemental Public Defender budget in the amount of \$3,650 as amended. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 with Paul abstaining.

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

All five departments, Clerk, Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder and Surveyor, were budgeted \$800 as requested. Charlie made the motion to approve the total of \$4,000, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Statewide 911 budget in the amount of \$283,000 as requested. Paul seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the LIT-PSAP -911 Dispatch budget in the amount of \$200,000 as requested, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the Pretrial Diversion budget in the amount of \$69,056 as amended. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 with Paul abstaining.

Danny made the motion to approve the Jail Operations budget in the amount of \$263,891 as requested. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. 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 2021, 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.

David made the motion to approve the Inmate Housing- Sheriff budget in the amount of \$48,427 as amended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0. Earla made the motion to approve the Inmate Housing-Jail budget in the amount of \$21,000 as requested, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

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 2022. They are the same as in 2021.

After reviewing the budget request, Danny made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Management District budget in the amount of \$528,130 as requested. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. There was some discussion on the Employee Bonus line item.

PERRY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Paul made the motion to approve the Perry County Airport Authority budget in the amount of \$50,370 as requested. Danny seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Paul made the motion to approve the Perry County Airport Authority – Cumulative Airport Building budget in the amount of \$281,713 as requested. Danny seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

The Council broke for lunch at 11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to give the Auditor's office time to work on figures.

Auditor Goffinet reviewed the numbers with the Council of the levy funds and found that they have cut too much. They need to add back in \$23,000 to \$23,500 to the levy fund budgets.

There was much discussion on where to add back the appropriations for next year. The new changes are:

1. Planning & Zoning – Maps +1,150

Earla made the motion to approve the reamended budget of Planning & Zoning in the amount of \$14,227, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

- 2. Commissioners – Wm. Tell Center +1,000
- Council on Aging +3,000
- Ambulance Service +10,000
- Care of Patients +7,100
- 4H Premiums & Exp +1,000

Paul made the motion to approve the reamended budget of the Commissioners in the amount of \$2,322,030, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0 with Luke abstaining.

After all was done with the reductions and additions, the final summary of the levy funds is as follows:

		TOTAL CUTS
COUNTY GENERAL	3,630,972	405,717
HEALTH	159,802	30,456
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	325,408	0
PROPERTY REASSESSMENT	110,000	30
	<u>4,202,932</u>	<u>436,203</u>
 2022 MAX LEVY	 <u>4,224,250</u>	
	1,932 over levy	

Auditor Pam Goffinet informed the Council that this is where they need to be with the maximum levy. They did enough reductions and additions to the levy funds.

The Council also cut \$275,138 from the LIT-Public Safety fund. The extra that was cut will go into the operating balance for next year. They cut enough to have the fund in balance for the year 2022.

Auditor Goffinet thanked the Council for their time on 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 2022 budgets will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0, with adjournment at 2:48 p.m.

Minutes approved this 27th day of January, 2022.

President, Perry County Council

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