

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 27, 2015

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 4:30 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were: President Steve Goodson, Ron Crawford Sr., John Taylor, Jody French, and Dianne Rudolph. Unable to attend the meeting was Danny Bolin. A media representative from the Perry County News was also present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of July 23, 2015 had been mailed to each council member for their review. Ron made the motion to approve the minutes and Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

BUDGET REQUESTS – CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Lucy Goffinet came before the Council concerning her requests for the 2016 budgets because she will be out of town to a state called Judge’s meeting during the set budget hearings for the departments on September 10, 2015. She explained that she moved the position of Probation Officer from Supplemental Adult Probation fund (SAPS) to the County General fund because the SAPS fund cannot support this position anymore. The change in the criminal code is affecting the revenue brought into the SAPS fund. She informed the Council that she didn’t realize the constraints with budgets this year before she set her budgets up. She said if they needed to work on moving other line items from SAPS and put the salary back in she would work with the Council to do that. She also stated that they needed two probation officers for the County due to the number of people in the court system. Other line items Judge Goffinet made the Council aware of was a 3% increase added for salaries and funding for a copy machine maintenance contract because all the printing in the office is going to one machine. This will help to cut down on ink, paper, and other supplies by the whole office printing to one printer.

Steve asked about the line item for pauper attorneys. Is there a prediction if the costs will stay the same for 2016? Judge Goffinet commented that depends on the drug problems, types of arrests, and how many will be involved with different attorneys outside of the contracted ones. Also depends if there are any big cases for the County. For this year, 2015, the pauper costs have not been as high.

JAIL COMMISSARY REPORT

Ron commented that he had looked over the commissary report that the Sheriff submits to the Council each six months. He questioned if the prisoners can do any of the work that we hire employees to do. Sheriff Lee Chestnut stated that he can only use prisoners according to how they are classified which they are called Trustees. He stated that he does have trustees working in the kitchen and doing laundry in the jail now. If he would work anyone outside, they would need to be supervised and they don’t have the manpower for this. He also stated that he and the Judge looked into the work release program when the jail was being built, but it was not cost productive. They looked at other Counties using this program and realized we can’t afford it here.

TRANSFERS

Judge Lucy Goffinet requested a transfer from within the Circuit Court budget in the amount of \$250.00 from Internet Service to Judge Association Dues. Jim made the motion to approve the request and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Perry County Sheriff, Lee Chestnut, requested a transfer within the Misdemeanant fund from Janitorial/Maintenance/Supplies to Meals for Prisoners in the amount of \$4,400.00. Jim made the motion to approve the request and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-15-8

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION IN THE FOLLOWING NAMED BUDGET; NOW THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING MADE BUDGET:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND

TRANSFER \$ 250.00

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|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| FROM: | ACCOUNT #1000-232-3000.24 | |
| | INTERNET SERVICES | |
| TO: | ACCOUNT #1000-232-3000.10 | |
| | JUDGE ASSOCIATION DUES | \$ 250.00 |
| WITHIN: | CIRCUIT COURT BUDGET | |

MISDEMEANANT FUND

TRANSFER \$ 4400.00

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| FROM: | ACCOUNT #1175-380-2000.31 | |
| | JANITORIAL/MAINT/SUPPLIES | |
| TO: | ACCOUNT #1175-380-3000.91 | |
| | MEALS FOR PRISONERS | \$ 4400.00 |
| WITHIN: | JAIL BUDGET | |

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF AUGUST, 2015

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| STEVE GOODSON | /S/ |
| RON CRAWFORD SR. | /S/ |
| DIANNE RUDOLPH | /S/ |
| JOHN TAYLOR | /S/ |
| JIM ADAMS | /S/ |
| JODY FRENCH | /S/ |

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Perry County Clerk, Amanda Mogan, requested an additional appropriation in the amount \$1,000.00 for Equipment & Furniture. The request was asked for from within the Clerk’s Record Perpetuation Fund. She explained that she sold her big scanner to get

another one. This would be an even trade and we would get the money back. Jody made the motion to approve the request. Jim seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

Perry County Commissioners requested an additional in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the Rainy Day Fund for Health Insurance. Auditor Pam Goffinet explained to the Council that our Third Party Administrator for Health Insurance has called requesting funding to pay health providers that have been calling. She informed the Council that we are still in a deficit with our account. Auditor Goffinet also stated that if we do not appropriate this funding, that there will be items affected such as: loose encore discounts with providers, employees not receive discounts on drug coverage, employees receiving notices from providers asking for payment, and also have a major effect on 2016 renewal. Ron stated that he knows a certain amount needs to be paid, but by taking it from the Rainy Day fund, when it is gone it is gone. He also questioned whether they can pull \$50,000.00 from the Salt account or Bituminous account in the Highway fund. Commissioner Randy Kleaving stated that the bituminous money is for work on Old SR 237. He also explained that the Highway money comes from the State and that if anything changes in the budget, they were told we could lose the money coming in. Commissioner Kleaving stated that he knows the Health Insurance account needs the cash right now and the Trustees met and felt the Rainy Day fund was the only place to take the additional from. Steve stated that there are too many changes that could happen if we don't appropriate the money. Jody made the motion to approve the request for \$150,000.00 and John seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Steve Hauser, Emergency Management Director, requested a \$90,000.00 additional appropriation for Radio Equipment from the Statewide 911 fund. He explained that in 2005, the State of Indiana activated a State-wide 800 MHz radio system and the state allows all counties to use this system at no cost. All Perry County emergency response agencies (Law Enforcement, Fire, EMA, Hospital and Health Dept.) utilize this system at various levels. He also stated that we have 89 radios that were acquired through various grants and local funds. The State of Indiana is currently upgrading their operating system to a new P-25 format. This will require us to update all of our radios and replace many that can't be upgraded and the County is responsible for this cost. The total cost for this project is approximately \$90,000.00 which includes \$11,724.00 to upgrade the VHF radios in the ambulances. Perry County is scheduled for upgrade in September 2015. Steve informed the Council that he realized this would be a great burden and impossible to fund through county general funds. This being said, Steve contacted the Indiana 911 Wireless Chairman requesting special permission to use Statewide 911 funds or we may have no choice but to de-activate all our radios due to lack of funding. He informed the Council that he has received approval from the Indiana 911 Wireless Chairman to use our Statewide 911 funds for this County-wide communication upgrade project. Jim made the motion to allow the additional, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 15-CC-07

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAN WAS APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE TAXING UNIT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED OUT OF THE FUNDS NAMED AND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED, SUBJECT TO LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME:

| CLERK'S RECORD PERPETUATION FUND | AMOUNT REQUESTED | AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | AYE | NAY |
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| <u>PERRY COUNTY CLERK</u> | | | | |
| #1119-001-4000.43 EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | 6 | 0 |
| CLERK'S RECORD PERPETUATION FUND TOTAL: | \$1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | | |

RAINY DAY FUND

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#1186-068-1000.23 \$ 150,000.00 \$ 150,000.00 6 0
HEALTH INSURANCE

**RAINY DAY
FUND TOTAL: \$150,000.00 \$ 150,000.00**

STATEWIDE 911 FUND

E-911
#1222-320-4000.42 \$ 90,000.00 \$ 90,000.00 6 0
RADIO EQUIPMENT

**STATEWIDE 911
FUND TOTAL: \$ 90,000.00 \$ 90,000.00**

ADOPTED THIS 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2015.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Jody wanted to thank everyone who attended the public safety tax meeting.

Perry County Auditor, Pam Goffinet, reminded the Council of some special dates they need to keep in mind and they are:

- September 10th - sessions with individual departments, public hearing and first reading of budgets
- September 14th – nonbinding recommendations on civil taxing units budgets
- September 16th and 17th – All Day Budget sessions
- September 30th – Budget Adoption and September Council meeting

There being no further business, Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dianne seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0, with adjournment at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes approved this 30th day of September, 2015.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
Pamela L Goffinet, Auditor*

