

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

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 2018 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 present for part of the day. Representatives from several county departments were present at various times during the day-long session.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**TRANSFER REQUEST**

The Perry County Commissioners requested a transfer within the LIT Public Safety – Co Share in the amount of \$19,561 from Ambulance Service to Ambulance Equipment. It was explained that this will pay for equipment for the new ambulance that is being purchased. Danny made the motion to approve the transfer request, and David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**CC-17-9**

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:

**LIT PUBLIC SAFETY – CO SHARE**

TRANSFER \$ 19,561

FROM:	ACCOUNT #1170-068-3000.87	
	AMBULANCE SERVICE	
TO:	ACCOUNT #1170-068-4000.45	
	AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT	\$ 19,561.00
WITHIN:	COMMISSIONERS BUDGET	

ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.

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STEVE GOODSON	/S/
JOHN J TAYLOR	/S/
DAVID A ETIENNE	/S/
JODY FRENCH	/S/
DANNY BOLIN	/S/
THOMAS J HAUSER	/S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/  
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

### **BUDGET EXPLANATION**

Council members had proposed budgets before them, of which budget requests exceeded the estimated maximum levy by approximately \$184,721 for those funds within the state's maximum levy guidelines (being the County General, Health, Property Reassessment, Cumulative Bridge and Cumulative Capital Development funds). The estimated levy was calculated at approximately \$3,825,787 with the published dollars to be raised at approximately \$4,010,508. County Auditor Pamela Goffinet explained that for 2018 the max levy could only be increased by 4% which is the amount of tax dollars that could be raised from 2017 to 2018 within the 5 levied funds totaling \$134,807 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 2018 to get our Property Tax Cap loss, it is now included in our budget request. We felt the estimated loss amount of \$440,123 for the levied funds was too high, so we did an average of the last 3 years and used \$390,000 when working the budgets. We discussed this with our DLGF Budget Representative and he agreed with what we did.

### **DISCUSSION ON BUDGETS**

Steve explained that he had asked the Auditor's office to prepare figures of a 1%, 2% or 3% raise if given to employees with some exceptions. Steve stated he would like to see the Council allow the Sheriff Pension for next year. Steve also stated that each department with a line item for County Health Insurance was asked to increase that line by 5%, but he feels that percentage should be more and would like to see it increased to 7.5%. Tom stated he had a lot of the same opinions as Steve. Danny, John and David all agreed they would like to see a 3% raise given to employees. Jody stated that she also would like to see the 3% raise and feels we need to be putting more funds into the Health Insurance lines.

### **SALARIES**

After some discussion on raises for county employees Tom made the motion to give a 3% raise with exceptions for 2018. Danny seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

After discussion on the county health insurance Jody made a motion to increase the amount by 7.5% over the 2017 budgeted amounts in all departments that have a line item for group insurance. Danny 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:

John made the motion to approve the Clerk's budget in the amount of \$196,861 as amended. Jody seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Auditor's budget in the amount of \$190,065 as amended. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Treasurer's budget in the amount of \$116,633 as amended. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Later in the day the Council amended the budget in the amount of \$115,633. Jody made the motion and David seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Recorder's budget in the amount of \$100,930 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$441,913 as amended. Jody seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

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

Jody made the motion to approve the Coroner's budget in the amount of \$34,165 as requested. Tom seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the County Assessor's budget in the amount of \$121,437 as amended. Jody seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Prosecuting Attorney's budget in the amount of \$61,888 as amended. Tom seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

The County Extension office requested that the title of the Secretary position be changed to Administrative Asst. and the salary be brought up to what a first deputy makes. County members stated that the Extension had been working over the years to bring this salary up to first deputy pay. After much discussion the council members decided to set the salary at \$29,800 for 2018. Jody made the motion to approve the County Extension Service budget in the amount of \$124,165 as amended. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

David made the motion to approve the Veteran's Service budget in the amount of \$27,448 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the County Council budget in the amount of \$41,670 as amended. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. Later in the day David made the motion to not give Council members a 3% raise for 2018 and amend the budget to the amount of \$40,667. Danny seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Election Board budget in the amount of \$64,340 as requested. The second was made by Jody, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Commissioner's budget in the amount of \$1,675,741, as amended. John seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Later that day, County Auditor Pam Goffinet informed the Council that they could reduce the line item for unemployment by \$2,000 and move the amount of \$16,822 for 911 Dispatch Service to the LIT-Public Safety. Tom made the motion to amend the budget in the amount of \$1,656,919. Jody seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0. The next day Jody made a motion to move funds from the line items Retirement and Health Insurance to a new line item called Sheriff's Pension. Danny seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Animal Shelter budget in the amount of \$22,500 as amended. The motion was seconded by Tom, motion carried 6-0.

Danny made a motion to approve the Planning & Zoning budget in the amount of \$12,673 as amended. John seconded the motion and motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Courthouse budget in the amount of \$155,855 as amended. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Circuit Court budget in the amount of \$449,293 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. The next day the Council decided to decrease the line for pauper attorney to \$178,825, amended the budget to the amount of \$448,118. Tom made the motion and Jody seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Steve made the motion to approve the Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$134,928 as amended. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Jail budget in the amount of \$450,010 as amended. It was discussed that if after all cuts were made and it was possible they would come back to this budget and see if they could give the jail officers a larger salary increase. David seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0. Later in the day the Council cut the Meals of Prisoners line item by \$10,000 in the General Fund and will allow an additional in 2018 within the Public Safety Budget to cover this cut. Jody made this motion to amend the jail budget to the amount of \$440,010, and John seconded the motion. Motion carried

County Auditor, Pam Goffinet, explained that the position of Part-Time Administrative Assistants was set up several years ago for them to be paid ½ the year from the 4-D Child Support budget and the other ½ of the year from the Prosecuting Attorney's Incentive funds. Pam stated that over the last several years more is being paid out of County General than the Incentive funds. Council members all agreed to reduce the amount in that line item for 2018 to reflect the change. Also, they were advised that the amount requested for Health Insurance was not the correct amount, all agreed to increase the amount to the correct amount. John made the motion to approve the 4-D Child Support budget in the amount of \$120,596 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Soil Conservation budget in the amount of \$33,029 as amended. John seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Parks and Recreation budget in the amount of \$86,515 as amended. David seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Health Dept. budget in the amount of \$216,691 as amended. Tom seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Steve made the motion to approve the Cumulative Bridge Fund in the amount of \$444,934 as requested, seconded by John. Motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Reassessment – 2015 budget in the amount of \$87,916 as requested. Tom seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Cumulative Capital Development budget in the amount of \$185,480 as requested. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

The Council broke for lunch from 12 noon to 2:00 pm.

During lunch, the Auditor and staff worked on figures to see how much the Council cut at this point and how much more would need to be cut. Pam explained that an additional \$42,000 still needed to be cut from the levied funds. After much discussion among council members the following cuts were made.

- Treasurer - \$1,000 from Tax Statement Mailing Contract
- County Council - \$1,003 on raises for Council Members
- Commissioners - \$2,000 from Unemployment
- Commissioners - \$16,822 – E-911 Dispatch (2018 appropriate in LIT-Public Safety)
- Circuit Court - \$1,175 from Compensation of Pauper Attorney
- Jail - \$10,000 from Meals for Prisoners (2018 appropriate in Jail Operations fund)
- County General Fund - \$5,000 from proposed Operating Balance
- County Health Fund - \$5,000 from proposed Operating Balance

This \$42,000 in cuts was part of the Council's amendments to the budgets on the first day.

Tom made the motion to approve the LIT – Special Legislation fund in the amount of \$872,000 as requested. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Clerk's Record Perpetuation budget in the amount of \$6,300 as requested. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

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

Danny made the motion to approve the Emergency Planning/Right to Know budget in the amount of \$4,067. Jody seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Tom made the motion to approve the Enhanced Access budget in the amount of \$12,329 as amended. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Identification Security Protection budget in the amount of \$2,655. Danny seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Local Road and Street budget in the amount of \$443,767. Tom seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

There was discussion among the Council concerning the position of 6<sup>th</sup> Police Officer position in the LIT-Public Safety-County Share fund making it a Lieutenant position with more than a 3% raise. They all were in agreement to give the salary requested at \$42,536.00 since this is night shift and they are taking on more duties.

They also had questions about the Sheriff Pension and Auditor Pam Goffinet explained the summary sheet they received from Stan Brown at their last regular meeting. The Council needs to decide which year plan they want to start with for the Sheriff and Deputies. According to the summary sheet of the minimum amount needed, the only new money the Council needs to fund right now is \$3,019.00 for the 20 year plan. The rest of the funding needed is already in place. There also is a 26 year and 32 year plan too. The consensus of the Council is to start with the 20 year Sheriff Pension plan beginning January 1, 2018. They do not want to jump right in with one of the higher plans to start with. Tom made the motion to approve the 20 year Sheriff Pension Plan, seconded by Jody. Motion carried 6-0. Jody made the motion to approve the Sheriff Department in the LIT-Public Safety-Co Share fund in the amount of \$168,016 as amended, seconded by John. Motion carried 6-0. Then there were changes made to remove the life insurance for the deputies from the Health Insurance line item since they will have a life insurance with the Sheriff Pension plan, to remove the retirement line item and adjust the social security line. Tom made the motion to approve the request of \$168,447 as amended, seconded by John. Motion carried 6-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Commissioners department within the LIT-Public Safety fund in the amount of \$52,746 as amended, seconded by John. Motion carried 6-0.

There was discussion in the Jail budget of the LIT-Public Safety fund on changing the 11<sup>th</sup> Jail Officer to a Corporal position. They decided to give the salary as requested in the amount of \$30,930.00 since this is night shift and extra duties also. Jody made the motion to approve the Jail department within the LIT-Public Safety fund in the amount of \$194,126 as amended, seconded by John. Motion carried 6-0. Then an addition needed to be added to the retirement line item. Jody made the motion to approve the budget in the amount of \$194,131 as amended, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the LIT-Public Safety fund in the amount of \$577,528 as amended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

David made a motion to approve the Highway administration budget in the amount of \$168,259 as amended. Steve seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Tom made a motion and John seconded the motion to approve the Highway – Maintenance and Repair budget in the amount of \$1,313,886 as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

John made the motion to approve the Highway – General and Undistributed Expenses budget in the amount of \$1,209,957 as amended. David seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0. Steve made the motion to approve the total budget for the Highway Department in the amount of \$2,692,102. Danny seconded motion, motion carried 6-0.

Steve made a motion and Danny seconded the motion to recess for the day and to reconvene the next morning at 9:00 a.m. The meeting for the day ended at 4:00 pm.

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

At 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, September 12, 2017, all County Council members and Auditor's office staff reconvened. Also representatives from County Offices were also present. The News was present for the meeting.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Auditor Pam Goffinet gave a recap to the Council after working on the figures for the levied funds showing that we are over the max levy by \$2,597. She feels that no more will need to be cut from the levied funds.

Council members continued with reviewing the remaining budgets:

Danny made a motion to approve the Park & Rec Non-Reverting Fund budget in the amount of \$1,500 as requested. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

J.R. made the motion to approve the Plat Book Fund budget in the amount of \$4,500 as requested. John seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Riverboat - County Share Fund budget for the Courthouse in the amount of \$20,000 as requested. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Sex and Violent Offender Fund in the amount of \$1,400 as requested. JR seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

J.R. made the motion to approve the Supplemental Public Defender budget in the amount of \$4,000 as requested. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$14,000 as requested. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the Auditors Ineligible Deductions budget in the amount of \$500 as requested. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Clerk Fund budget in the amount of \$500.00 as requested. John seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Danny made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Auditor Fund budget in the amount of \$500.00 as requested. J.R. seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

J.R. made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Treasurer Fund budget in the amount of \$500.00 as requested. Jody 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 \$500.00 as requested. David seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Statewide 911 budget in the amount of \$283,344 as amended. Jon seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Supplemental Adult Probation budget in the amount of \$30,005 as amended. Tom seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

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

Tom made the motion to approve the Pretrial Diversion budget in the amount of \$50,660 as amended. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Prosecutor's Check Collection Fee Fund budget in the amount of \$4,407 as amended. J.R. seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Jail Operations budget in the amount of \$238,750 as requested. John seconded the motion. 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 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 the Solid Waste Advisory Board had asked for 3% raises for all employees and the position of District Director was increased to bring it in line with what was being paid several years ago to the Director.

Tom made the motion and John seconded the motion to give a 3% increase to all Solid Waste employees and to keep the salary at \$38,000 as requested for the District Director. Motion carried 7-0

After reviewing the budget request, Jody made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Management District budget in the amount of \$514,125 as requested. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**PERRY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Tom made the motion to approve the Perry County Airport Authority budget in the amount of \$51,472 as requested. David seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Perry County Airport Authority – Cumulative Airport Building budget in the amount of \$40,558 as requested. Tom seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

It was announced that the next regular meeting of the County Council and adoption of the 2018 budget will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 4:30 P.M.

There being no further business, Jody made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

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President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:  
Pamela L. Goffinet, Perry County Auditor*