

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – DECEMBER 2, 2016**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners convened at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised. All three Commissioners were in attendance President Randy Kleaving, Vice-President Bill Amos and Larry R James. A media representative from the Perry County News was present along with County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg and County Attorney, Chris Goffinet.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

AMBULANCE ENGINE PROBLEM

EMS Director, Brian Minton, appeared before the Commissioners about the engine in ambulance truck #3. It is at Law Chevrolet in Boonville broke down with a knock in the engine. It is a 2012 Chevy ambulance with 170,000 miles on it. Brian gave them two options as far as replacing the engine:

- Law Chevrolet –Boonville, IN – new engine w/Manufacturer’s warranty. They will replace the injectors also. \$16,000 to \$20,000.
- Linne’s Auto – Tell City, IN – new Chevy engine. He will replace the turbo also. \$18,141

Brian also mentioned that the Commissioners have options as what to do with the ambulance:

- Can replace the engine and run another 70,000 miles
- Can do a remount – new truck with the old box. Approximately \$95,000 to \$110,000.
- Purchase a used truck – 2004 Ford Ambulance with 95,000 miles. Engine was replaced at 77,000 miles for \$16,000.
- Lifeline Ambulances – quality is better – there is a chassis/remount program – From Warren County in Indiana:
 1. 2007 Ambulance – high mileage 300,000 miles \$5000 and do a remount
 2. Dodge Ambulance – \$180,000
 3. Demo truck - \$154,270 (negotiable)

There was a question about who is responsible for the engine. Randy spoke up saying we own the trucks so the engine problem comes back on the County. He said the 2012 is not an old truck and he would rather put a new engine in it. Brian asked if they wanted to have Law Chevrolet to do it or bring back here and have Linne’s Auto do it. Auditor Pam Goffinet informed the Commissioners that the Riverboat fund is the best place for financing of the engine. There is \$20,000 appropriated for Emergency Weather and after talking with Steve Hauser, we don’t plan on using this for 2016. We would need to transfer this appropriation out of that line item.

Randy and Brian called Law Chevrolet and there is a \$400 bill now to see what was wrong with the engine. They also said that the fuel system does not need to be replaced. The towing cost to Law Chevrolet is \$165. Larry also commented that he would rather put money into a new engine. County Attorney Chris Goffinet said he is going to look into the lemon law on the 2015 truck. He was wondering about when the warranty runs out.

Later in the meeting, Brian Minton and Steve Hauser reported about the two different engines mentioned earlier. Brian said that with Law Chevrolet there is a 3 year 100,000 mile warranty. No firm quotes from them yet. Steve said that Linne’s Auto is also a 3 year 100,000 mile warranty with a quote of \$18,141. It was decided that the Commissioners will make their decision on the engine replacement at their December 5th meeting.

CAN-CLAY DISCUSSION

Randy reported that he received a call from Can Clay’s plant manager, James Lewis, asking what options they have with payments on the building. Jim proposed that Can Clay would put \$100,000 down, then pay the spring and fall taxes in 2016, and do the same in 2017 to try and catch up with the back taxes. What are hurting them are the penalties against the taxes. Any payment made goes toward the back taxes and not forward taxes. The penalties will continue to go on the back taxes not paid, and Jim said they will never get caught up. Attorney Chris Goffinet said there are a couple options they could look at:

1. County could make a payment plan but they can’t get rid of the penalties assessed.

2. County can go ahead with the process of the tax sale where the County would take over the property and release it back to Can Clay for them to stay in operation.

Chris said that when the County gets the property, all taxes are wiped clean with the tax sale and certain things will need to be done to get ready for the sale. Chris mentioned a triple net lease where Can Clay will maintain the maintenance and insurance on the building. He needs to talk to Jim more about this. Lastly Chris said from a legal standpoint, Can Clay will not shut down on December 31, 2016. The County will take the deed in January 2017. He will bring more information to the meeting on December 20th and recommendations on Option #2 which is the best way to keep them working or the County shutting Can Clay down

Randy commented that the County needs to apply for Brownfields grants to help get the property cleaned up, just like they did when purchasing the Armory. Tom Hauser spoke up saying that Phase I and II would be paid by the grant. IN 15 Regional Planning Committee helps with the application of the grant. The cleanup grants are for public owned properties. Chris stated that Jim is taking this seriously. Chris will pursue this process further.

Jim commented that Can Clay still runs and keeping people working and he hopes to turn it around to get it back on the tax rolls and hopefully to get it to grow. They continue to make clay pipe, flu liners for chimneys and sewer pipe. They send pipe out to all over the United States. Jim said that he is happy that the County is looking into this.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Attorney Chris Goffinet presented the Commissioners with a conflict of interest statement for Alvin Evans with his position as President and CEO of PCDC of managing and conducting affairs of PCDC and also being responsible to administer PCDC's performance under the contract with the Port Authority. Bill made the motion to approve the statement, second by Larry. Motion carried 3-0.

RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT

Randy said Southern Indiana Power is requesting a right of way easement to move an overhead line to ground on 3 acres of property that the County owns near Magnet. Larry made the motion to approve the easement, second made by Bill. Motion carried 3-0.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg, informed the Commissioners that she received a letter from Lisa Gehlhausen, Executive Director of IN 15 Regional Planning Committee, asking for a letter of support from the Commissioners concerning brownfields grant initiative to do studies of area of assessment that may have contamination. Bill made the motion to sign the letter of support to renew the grant, seconded by Larry. Motion carried 3-0. Randy signed the letter.

Teresa announced that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 9:20 a.m.

Minutes approved this 3rd day of January, 2017.

Larry R. James
President

Randy Kleaving

Bill Amos

*Minutes prepared by:
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