



## **Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – November 5, 2015**

The Fall Quarter meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2015 in the County Board Room at the Perry County Government Building in the City of Pinckneyville.

### **OPENING**

County Chairman Bobby Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by those in attendance.

County Clerk Josh Gross called the roll. The following members answered the call of the roll: Commissioner James Epplin, Commissioner Sam Robb, and Chairman Bobby Kelly. The following department heads were also present: State's Attorney David Stanton, County Clerk Josh Gross, County Treasurer Mary Jane Craft, Sheriff Steve Bareis, Supervisor of Assessment John Batteau, County Engineer Brian Otten, and Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Kelly asked for the minutes of the October 15, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting be approved.

Commissioner Epplin moved the minutes of the October 15, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting be approved. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Kelly called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. State's Attorney Stanton asked that an additional discussion topic gets added to the Executive Session topics To discuss "the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee of the public body." Per ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Commissioner Robb moved the agenda for the meeting be approved as amended. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

### **RESOLUTION – TAKE FROM THE TABLE FEE INCREASE FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BELLWETHER COST STUDY**

Commissioner Robb asked to take from the Table the fee increase for services rendered in Perry County Sheriff's Department in accordance with Bellwether cost study. This amendment having previously been tabled at the October 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Epplin moved that the Perry County Board take from the Table the fee increase for services rendered in Perry County Sheriff's Department in accordance with Bellwether Cost Study. Chairman Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, and Chairman Kelly. Commissioner Epplin voted No. The motion was approved on a vote of 2-1 and the resolution was taken from the table.

### **RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF FEE INCREASE FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN THE PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BELLWETHER COST STUDY**

Clerk Gross discussed the fees that will be increasing in the Perry County Sheriff's office due to the recent cost Study conducted by Bellwether LLC. Costs included are the Civil Process Fees which will be \$51, Eviction Standby Fee will be \$55, Bond Fee will be \$42, Work Release Fee will be \$20, and Weekend Release fee of \$25. These take effect immediately and are anticipated to bring in an additional \$40,000 in County revenues.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2015-136, a resolution to approve fee increases in Perry County Sheriff's office, be approved. Commissioner Epplin seconded

the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, Commissioner Epplin, and Chairman Kelly. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – PERRY COUNTY BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE**

Clerk Gross stated that to meet the required public inspection timeframe for the 2016 fiscal year budget we need to move our scheduled Board meeting from November 19<sup>th</sup> to November 12<sup>th</sup>. Illinois Statute requires a 15 day viewing period for budgets before they can be approved. By adjusting the date by 1 week we will meet this timeframe.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2015-137, a resolution approving the County Board meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> be moved to November 12<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the 15 day budget approval period, be adopted. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, Commissioner Epplin, and Chairman Kelly. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION (4)**

Raffle license applications were presented for approval. Applications and fees are in order and approval is recommended for applications, as follows:

- SI Tribe Baseball (2015-RL-39)
- Pinckneyville Lions Club (2015-RL-40)
- Thomas Marlow Benefit Dinner (2015-RL-41)
- Pinckneyville Shooting Sports (2015-RL-42)

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolutions 2015-138-141, resolutions approving raffle license applications and issuing the licenses as indicated above, be approved. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Epplin, Commissioner Robb, and Chairman Kelly. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

#### **DISCUSSION**

1. **John Nehrkorn** – Mr. Nehrkorn addressed the board to ask for an increase in the Perry County Ambulance service levy. This levy has been set at \$250,000 for the past few years. The levy maximum was set back in 2002 by County referendum. The Ambulance service is requesting that the County Commissioners increase the levy amount preferably to the maximum to allow them to remain solvent and allow for much needed salary increases and equipment updates. States Attorney David Stanton reminded all that an advisory board was in place to assist the Commissioners in setting this levy at an appropriate amount. Clerk Gross and States Attorney Stanton were tasked with researching this advisory board and presenting their findings at the November 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting. The goal being to reconvene this advisory board in time to make a recommendation for the 2016 levy.
2. **Robert Spencer** – Mayor Spencer addressed the Board of Commissioners about his request for their cooperation in extending the City of Pinckneyville TIFF agreement. One of the primary criteria to extend the Pinckneyville TIFF is to receive letters of support from all corresponding taxing bodies to that purpose Mayor Spencer is asking for our support. Mayor Spencer explained that he is tirelessly working with the local school districts crafting a deal that is beneficial to all parties involved. He stressed to the board that while the first TIFF agreement has had some errors any extension he is involved in will be managed and maintained properly. Commissioner's Robb and Epplin both expressed their support of Mr. Spencer and his need for this tool at his disposal. However, they also expressed some concerns with how this effects other local taxing districts namely School Districts 50, 101, and 204. Commissioner Robb stated that if all other districts are supportive he does not feel that the County Board would stand in the way, but he could not endorse this until the schools were on board.
3. **Josh Gross** – Clerk Gross gave a brief update on the County Budget process. He stated that a combination of revenue increases combined with departmental decreases have placed the county in a great starting spot for the budget discussion. At this time we are 18,000 away from a balanced budget. Clerk Gross stressed that all department heads and elected officials have either kept their budgets the same as last year or have reduced their budgets. Clerk Gross stated that the numbers will be discussed in more detail in the upcoming board meeting on November 12.

## **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Kelly called for comments from the public or announcements from department heads. There were none.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board recess to executive session,

- To discuss “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee of the public body.”  
Per ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- To discuss “collective negotiating matters” per 5 ILCS 120 2(c)(2)

Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, Commissioner Epplin and Chairman Kelly. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the board entered executive session at 6:54 p.m.

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board close the executive session meeting and re-enter regular session. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board re-entered regular session at 7:53 p.m.

## **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

Board members examined claims presented for payment. Board agreed to pay all bills as presented.

Commissioner Epplin moved that all claims against the General Corporate Fund and all claims against special purpose funds, be approved (see attached), with General Corporate Fund expenses to be prioritized according to policy. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Epplin, Commissioner Robb, and Chairman Kelly. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and payment warrants granted.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn the Fall Quarter meeting, and re-convene the Fall Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2015.

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board adjourn the Fall Quarter meeting and reconvene the Fall Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2015. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted:

---

**JOSH GROSS, County Clerk**  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners  
County of Perry, State of Illinois  
Approved: November 12, 2015