



## **Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – November 12, 2015**

The Fall Quarter meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 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 2:00 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: Assistant State's Attorney David Searby, County Clerk Josh Gross, Public Health Director Barb Taylor, 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 November 5, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and November 5, 2015 Executive Session, be approved. Chairman Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Epplin moved the minutes of the November 5, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and November 5, 2015 Executive Session 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. Clerk Gross addressed an error changing the three appointments from Perry County Health board to Perry County Hospital Board. Also the board will not be amending the board schedule rather there will be a special meeting called for November 30<sup>th</sup>. The December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be at its usual time.

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 – PLACING TENTATIVE 2016 COUNTY BUDGET ON DISPLAY**

Commissioner Robb opened discussion on the 2016 Fiscal Year budget. County Clerk Gross distributed draft copies of the budget. In regard to the General Corporate Fund, there is a deficit of approximately \$27,000 at this time. There was general discussion about revenue and spending projections. Citizen Jeff Egbert voiced a question about the large salary increase associated with the 911 staff. He asked if additional staff had been hired to account for the sizeable increase in salary. Clerk Gross and Commissioner Epplin stated that that increase is due to accrued days being used by Mr. Dement. Mr. Egbert then asked follow-up questions about exactly how this would affect Mr. Dement's IMRF status. Clerk Gross with the assistance from County Labor Attorney Rhett Barkey answered Mr. Egbert's questions as best as they could before agreeing to place the budget on display.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2015-142, a resolution placing a tentative 2016 County Budget on file for public inspection, be approved. 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 – SCHEDULE SPECIAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2015**

Clerk Gross reminded the board that the budget must be ratified prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> and that a special meeting will be needed to accomplish that task. Based on meeting the minimum 15 day timeline for viewing and the calendar for November the best day to conduct a special meeting will be November 30, 2015.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2015-143, a resolution to approve a special Board of Commissioners meeting on November 30, 2015, 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 – APPROVE CHAIRMAN’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PINCKNEYVILLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3)**

The following Hospital Board Members have been contacted and asked if they want to serve a following term on the Board of Directors:

- Arlan Carson (term expires 12-31-2018)
- Kevin Batteau (term expires 12-31-2018)
- David Pirsein (term expires 12-31-2018)

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolutions 2015-144-146, approving the re-appointment of Arlan Carson, Kevin Batteau, and David Piersen to the Pinckneyville Community Hospital Board of Directors, be approved. Chairman Kelly 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

#### **RESOLUTIONS – MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Kelly announced his appointment of James Shillinger to the Perry County Mental Health (708) Board. The appointment is to complete the Term recently vacated by Sherry Dunn for four-year terms ending June 30, 2018.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolutions 2015-147, resolution ratifying the Chairman’s appointment of James Shillinger, as a member of the Perry County Mental Health (708) Board for a partial four-year term ending June 30, 2018, be adopted. 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION**

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

- VFW Post 513 (2015-RL-43)

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2015-148, resolution approving raffle license application and issuing the license 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 resolution adopted.

#### **DISCUSSION**

1. **Jeff Egbert** – Mr. Egbert asked the board about the conflicting media reports about what happened at last week’s Executive session of the county board meeting. Mr. Barkey proceeded to give Mr. Egbert a timeline of exactly what happened and how the entire process developed prior to the time of the board meeting. He notified that any decisions taken by Mr. Otten were approved through him as our labor attorney and that the decision to close the highway department was his to make. Mr. Egbert again reiterated that while that is all well and good his original question as to if Mr. Otten’s had the authority to idle the workforce or was this a decision the board took still remained unanswered. And whether or not the board discussed this action during executive session. Commissioner Robb stated that yes Brian informed the board during executive session of his plans. Chairman Kelly and Commissioner Robb both agreed that yes this was discussed during executive session.
2. **Bobby Kelly** – Chairman Kelly wanted to take this moment to voice his support and the support of the Board of Commissioners to County Engineer Brian Otten. While there have been some difficult moments in recent weeks in reference to

the Highway Department, the board feels that Engineer Otten has done a great job. He explained that when they went through the hiring process to find the right person for the job Mr. Otten separated himself from the rest. And to this point nothing has changed their minds about that decision.

### **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None Needed

### **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 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2015.

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board adjourn the Fall Quarter meeting and reconvene the Fall Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2015. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Submitted:

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**JOSH GROSS, County Clerk**  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners  
County of Perry, State of Illinois  
Approved: December 3, 2015