



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
6:00 p.m. - Thursday, June 2, 2016  
County Board Room – Perry County Government Building**

A regular meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 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: Chairman Bobby Kelly, Commissioner Sam Robb, and Commissioner James Epplin. The following department heads were also present: Planning and Development Director Jeff Ashauer, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, Supervisor of Assessments John Batteau, County Engineer Brian Otten, and State's Attorney David Stanton.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Kelly asked for the minutes of the May 19, 2016 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and May 19, 2016 Executive Session, be approved. Chairman Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Robb moved the minutes of the May 19, 2016 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and May 19, 2016 Executive Session meeting, be approved. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Kelly called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. Executive Session was removed from the schedule and Attorney Matt Benson was added under discussion.

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

**RESOLUTION – ACCEPT ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING NOV. 30, 2015 FROM EMLING & HOFFMAN**

Harold Emling of Emling & Hoffman, P.C. presented the County's annual audit of accounts for the year ending November 30, 2015. Mr. Emling stated that the County's records were well maintained, and County staff is helpful and cooperative in the course of the audit. The audit presents a clean opinion with minimal internal control issues noted.

As to County's finances, the overall standing of the County has changed little from the previous year. Perry County's total assets were \$10,573,156.00. Total liabilities were \$8,060,819.00. This results in net assets of \$4,627,600. It was noted that the County had one outstanding tax anticipation warrant valued at \$200,000 at the close of the fiscal year. It was noted that the County has a substantial liability of accrued sick and personal time that liability amount is over \$1,000,000. Mr. Emling stressed the importance of getting control of the liability. It represents a large concern for Perry County Government moving forward.

Mr. Emling did stress that the loss of experienced staffs has led to some internal control issues that need to be addressed and recommended Treasurer Craft bring in a third party accountant to assist her office in correcting those deficiencies.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2016-71, a resolution accepting the annual audit of accounts for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 2015 from Emling & Hoffman, P.C., 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 resolution adopted

**RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANT**

Treasurer Craft addressed the board regarding the need for a tax anticipation warrant for the General Corporate Fund. After soliciting proposals from local banks, it is recommended that the County borrow \$200,000 from First National Bank of Pinckneyville, to be repaid at .75% interest. The resolution states that the Treasurer may execute the warrant as necessary.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2016-72, a resolution authorizing issuance of a tax anticipation warrant for the General Corporate Fund in the amount of \$200,000 from First National Bank, 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 by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATIONS (2)**

A raffle license application was presented for approval. Application and fees are in order and approval is recommended for applications, as follows:

- American Cancer Society (Perry County Chapter) (2016-RL-12)
- Pinckneyville Community Hospital (2016-RL-13)

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolutions 2016-73, 74, resolutions approving raffle license applications 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: Chairman Kelly, Commissioner Epplin, and Commissioner Robb. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE SPECIAL USE PERMITS (2)**

Jeff Ashauer, the Planning and Development Director, presented the board with applications for Special Use Permits and recommendations to approve. In both cases these are new mobile homes replacing old mobile homes.

- Ruben Davis – (SUP-15-04)
- Robert & Tammy Willis (SUP-16-05)

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolutions 2016-75-76, resolutions approving Special Use Permits, 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE FEDERAL AID AGREEMENT FOR THE SHAMROCK ROAD OVERLAY**

Engineer Otten addressed the board to discuss the asphalt overlay for Shamrock Road. This is a partnership with IDOT to co fund this and one of the steps in approval is for the county to approve the federal aid agreement. The estimated cost, on the high side, for this project is \$400,000 of which \$280,000 is funded by the Federal Government with a Match from the State.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2016-77, resolution approving Federal Aid agreement for Shamrock Road, 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL DELEGATION AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

Director Tracy explained to the Board that this form is now consisted of two forms that used to be separate. This agreement is good for five years and allows for her to receive her Annual Grant from the state. This approval from the board is the first step in this process. This is exactly what Perry County have been doing for many years previous and by combining the two forms, the state has eliminated some of the paperwork requirements that were previously in place.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2016-78, resolution approving Intergovernmental Delegation Agreement with the IEPA, 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

## **DISCUSSION**

1. **Matt Benson** – Attorney Benson addressed the board to inform them of the Counties interest in the bankruptcies with Peabody and Arch Coal. In both cases the county will be due a significant amount of Property Tax revenue. He has been retained by States Attorney David Stanton who referred to Mr. Benson as the best Bankruptcy attorney in Perry County. Mr. Benson is confident we will receive the funds owed to us but he admitted it may be a while.

## **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **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: Chairman Kelly, Commissioner Epplin, and Commissioner Robb. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and payment warrants granted.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF SPRING QUARTER MEETING**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn and re-convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2016.

Commissioner Robb moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2016. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Submitted:

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**JOSH GROSS, County Clerk**  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners  
County of Perry, State of Illinois

Approved: June 16<sup>th</sup> 2016