



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
2:00 p.m. - Thursday, June 16, 2016  
County Board Room – Perry County Government Building**

A regular meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</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 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: 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, Circuit Clerk Kim Kellerman, Perry County Health Department Director Barb Taylor, and Assistant State's Attorney David Searby.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Kelly asked for the minutes of the June 2, 2016 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Epplin moved the minutes of the June 2, 2016 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. Executive Session was removed from the schedule and Jeff Ashauer asked to move his discussion topic to before the final resolution due to the fact that they are linked.

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

**RESOLUTION – RECOGNIZE THE GILBERT BIGHAM FAMILY SHOWING JERSEY CATTLE SINCE 1916.**

Clerk Gross provided those in attendance with some statistics about the Gilbert Bigham family and their successful run showing Jersey cattle for over 100 years. The County Board chose this opportunity to recognize the Bigham family on this great accomplishment. They have shown the same breed of Jersey cattle for 100years and through 4 generations. There will be a ceremony recognizing this accomplishment at the Perry County Fair on Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm. All are invited to attend.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolutions 2016-79, resolution recognizing the Gilbert Bigham family showing Jersey cattle for 100 years, 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS (3)**

Three liquor license applications were presented for approval. Applications and fees are in order for the following:

- W Equine Escape D.B.A The W (2015-LL-01, Class A)
- Double Eagle Inc. D/B/A Red Hawk County Club (2015-LL-02, Class A)
- Pyramid Depot LLC (2016-LL-03, Class C)

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolutions 2016-80-82, resolutions approving liquor license applications and issuing Class A licenses to the following: W Equine Escape D.B.A The W (2015-LL-01) and Double Eagle Inc. D/B/A Red Hawk County Club (2014-LL-02) and issuing Class C License to Pyramid Depot LLC (2016-LL-03) 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, Chairman Kelly. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

#### **RESOLUTIONS – MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD APPOINTMENTS (2)**

Chairman Kelly announced his re-appointments to the Perry County Mental Health (708) Board. The appointments are for four-year terms ending June 30, 2020.

- Mike Wilson
- Cheryl Salger

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolutions 2016-83-84, resolutions ratifying the Chairman's re-appointments of Mike Wilson and Cheryl Salger, respectively, as members of the Perry County Mental Health (708) Board for full four-year terms ending June 30, 2020, 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT OF GEORGETTE HOUGHLAND TO PERRY COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS BOARD**

Chairman Kelly confirmed that Georgette Houghland is willing to serve on the Perry County Tuberculosis Board. This is a three year term ending June 30, 2019.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2016-85, a resolution approving Georgette Houghland, to be appointed to Perry County Tuberculosis Board, 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 – APPROVE REVOLVING LOAN FUND LOAN WITH BARR TRUCKING**

Planning and Development Director Jeff Ashauer discussed an upcoming revolving loan for Barr Trucking in the amount of \$170,000. This loan would be to help facilitate the construction of a new building. The Revolving Loan Committee, including Treasurer Craft, Planning and Development Director Jeff Ashauer, and Commissioner Epplin, has met and recommend approval. Director Jeff Ashauer explained that the Revolving Loan Fund has approximately \$180,000 on deposit and is available for loans to qualifying businesses in the County. Both the cities of Du Quoin and Pinckneyville have similar Revolving Loan programs, but the County may extend loans to businesses anywhere in the County, whether inside the cities or elsewhere. There has been additional priority from federal and state funding sources to make this money available to stimulate the economy. The County has had a good track record with revolving loan repayments.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2016-86, resolution approving Revolving Loan Fund Loan to Barr Trucking, 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. **Jeff Ashauer** – Director Ashauer wanted to thank the board for their support over the years. He also wanted to thank some individuals who he had the pleasure of working with closely through many of his County ventures. First he took a moment to thank Gary Reidelberger who has been the only Chairman the Zoning board has ever had. Mr. Ashauer spoke to the excellent teamwork that has occurred on the zoning board since its inception. He also spoke to the noticeable improvements that have occurred county wide based on the recommendations through the zoning board. Next Mr. Ashauer introduced Sheila Sharehofer. She is the managing director of South Central Mass Transit and manages the workflow of the six county areas. She handles 165 employees and a budget larger than the county budget. Mr. Ashauer covered an analysis done by Western Illinois University. SCT has more trips per population than any other place in the state. It also has the second lowest operating costs. It also makes

the second largest profit of comparable organizations in the state. He considers Mrs. Sharehofer to be one of the "Rockstar" administrators in the state. Finally Mr. Ashauer wanted to take a moment to thank Mark Barr. Mr. Barr has grown a local family business to one of the most profitable and efficient businesses in Perry County. This growth has benefitted the people of Perry County greatly and has led to a number of new, well-paying jobs for Perry County residents. In closing Mr. Ashauer spoke to how much he has enjoyed his time working for Perry County.

#### **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. With the exception of the claim for the Chevrolet Silverado purchased through the Perry County Sheriffs office.

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 SINE DIE**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn the Spring Quarter meeting sine die, and convene the Summer Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2016.

Commissioner Robb moved the Board adjourn the Spring Quarter meeting sine die and convene the Summer Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2016. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Submitted:

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

Approved: July 7<sup>th</sup> 2016