



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, May 4, 2017
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, May 4, 2017 in the County Board Room at the Perry County Government Building in the City of Pinckneyville.

OPENING

Chairman Epplin 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.

Deputy County Clerk Yvonne Morris called the roll. The following members answered the call of the roll: Chairman Epplin, Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Bigham. The following department heads were also present: State's Attorney David Searby, Treasurer Mary Jane Craft, Solid Waste Manager Becky Tracy, EMA Director Charles Genesio, Highway Engineer Brian Otten, and Health Department Administrator Barb Taylor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the April 20, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Bigham moved the minutes of the April 20, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Epplin called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. EMA Director Charles Genesio and Jack Turpin were added to discussion.

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

RESOLUTION – PINCKNEYVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DIST. APPOINTMENT

Chairman Epplin stated that he was re-appointing John Nehrkorn as Trustee of the Pinckneyville Rural Fire Protection District. The appointment is for a three-year term ending April 30, 2020.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-54, a resolution ratifying the Chairman's appointment of John Nehrkorn to a term on the Pinckneyville Rural Fire Protection District Board of Trustees, be adopted. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Epplin. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT TO TAMAROA COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Board received a notice from Tamaroa Community Fire Protection District that Byron Sticker's term expired April 30th of this year. He has agreed to stay on for another 3 year term, expiring April 30th 2020

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2017-55, a resolution approving the appointment of Byron Stricker to the Tamaroa Community Fire Protection District, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTIONS – CUTLER COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Chairman Epplin announced his re-appointment of John Lyons Sr to a 3-year term on the Cutler Community Fire Protection District, for term of office ending April 30, 2020.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-56, resolution ratifying the Chairman's re-appointment of John Lyons Sr to full three-year term (ending April 30, 2020) on the Cutler Community Fire Protection District, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly, and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTIONS – PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Chairman Epplin announced his re-appointment of Brice Harsy to a 3-year term on the Perry County Board of Public Health, for term of office ending February 28, 2020.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2017-57, resolution ratifying the Chairman's re-appointment of Brice Harsy to full three-year term (ending February 28, 2020) on the Perry County Board of Public Health, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly, and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION (2)

The raffle license applications were presented for approval. Applications and fees are in order and approval was recommended for application, as follows:

- Skylair Carson Benefit (2017-RL-06)
- Pinckneyville Community High School Foundation (2017-RL-07)

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolutions 2017-58-59, resolutions approving raffle license applications and issuing the license as indicated above, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Epplin, Commissioner Bigham, and Commissioner Kelly. The motion was passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions were adopted.

DISCUSSION

1. **Mary Jane Craft** – Treasurer Craft addressed the board in preparation to the upcoming switch from BBAM to CIC for Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable. The change to BBAM while saving the county thousands of dollars has not worked as we had hoped. After receiving multiple presentations from CIC and a three month long negotiation process we believe the time has come to make a change for the benefit of the County. This change will involve a considerable financial investment moving forward however we should realize some savings in decreased cost in other places and better overall financial security for the residents of Perry County.
2. **Charles Genesis** – EMA Director Genesis addressed the board in reference to the recent flooding experienced in Perry County. There has been extreme strain placed onto the local roads and systems in Perry County. He is recommending that we formally file a declaration of emergency in Perry County. It allows for potential funding options from Springfield if we do find ourselves in a challenging position due to all this flooding. Next week we will be opening a flood resource center allowing Perry County residents to notify us of the damages relating to the severe flooding we have experienced. No financial assistance is guaranteed by this Declaration, however, it provides options and permits Perry County to make assistance available using existing resources. Chairman Bigham asked if Director Genesis had an idea how much water and damages we have experienced so far. He was unclear at this point simply due to the amount of unreported water at this point. He will be conducting some press releases to make sure the general public is aware of their options and resources available.
3. **Jack Turpin** – Mr. Turpin addressed the board in reference to the Senior Services Program in Pinckneyville. He is the recently appointed CEO of this volunteer organization that has been in existence for 23 years. He is taking this moment to inform the Perry County Board about the program and asking the county board to educate themselves on this program and see if there are any opportunities to find additional funding for this program. Mr. Turpin has already spoken to Mayor Spencer and individuals at the banks in Pinckneyville as well as

the senior coordinators at Du Quoin to see if there is room for this program to grow. He believes this is a program that can add value to citizens of Pinckneyville and would allow a benefit for all of their seniors to benefit.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None was needed

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

Commissioner Kelly 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 Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Epplin, Commissioner Bigham and Commissioner Kelly. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and payment warrants were 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 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18th 2017.

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18th 2017. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: May 18, 2017