



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, June 1, 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, June 1, 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.

County Clerk Josh Gross 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, Solid Waste Manager Becky Tracy, Sheriff Steve Bareis, Assessor Becky Winter, Treasurer Mary Jane Craft, and Highway Engineer Brian Otten.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the May 18, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Bigham moved the minutes of the May 18, 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. None were needed.

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

RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION (3)

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

- Wyatt Eisenhower Memorial Fund (2017-RL-08)
- This Able Veteran (2017-RL-09)
- Nubability/Family for a Cause (2017-RL-10)

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolutions 2017-67-69, 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.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN JACKSON, PERRY, MONROE, AND RANDOLPH COUNTIES SUPPORTING A FOUR LANE EXPANSION ALONG 127 AND 152

Chairman Epplin addressed those in attendance to update them on the proposed highway improvements in our region. The first step in moving this project along is to enter into an Inter-governmental agreement with the other impacted Counties of Monroe, Jackson, and Randolph. This will then allow for the Municipalities involved to also join the agreement. While this project is still at a complete standstill due to lack of funding it is important to continue pushing this project to the front of the line for when funding does become available. Chairman Epplin explained to those in attendance about the recent

meetings that have occurred and discussed the timelines of future meetings. While this project is still viewed as a long term project it could potentially move along rather quickly if the funding becomes available.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-70, a resolution approving the inter-governmental agreement between Perry, Jackson, Monroe, and Randolph Counties, be approved. Commissioner Kelly 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.

DISCUSSION

1. **Dave Houston** – Mr. Houston addressed the board today to discuss his displeasure with the Board of Review process and his current house appraisal. Mr. Houston commented that he has been a property owner in Perry County for 15 years. He took his notes to the assessor's office and did not get any results from that. However, he is more displeased by his board of review experience. He presented them information and felt the Board of Review acted as if they did not need to review his information. He believes that the square footages being stated in the values for his home and other comparable homes are not being calculated correctly. He believes that two story homes are not assessed properly and that the single story homes are left to cover those burdens. He states that the minutes clearly show that Mr. Kelly was in attendance while he was not in attendance at any of the board of review meetings. He believes that the board of review is overpaid and that they do not warrant enough work to justify these salaries. He believes that the board of review does not serve as a check and balance for the supervisor of assessments office. He felt ignored with his complaints. He also believes that their decision was made without any input from a Perry County resident. He also points out that there has not been a reassessment conducted in Perry County in over 30 years. Commissioner Bigham stated that all counties are struggling to complete a reassessment. Assessor Winter did want to state that the square foot discrepancy Mr. Houston stated was based off of information gathered from her office and that the Board of Review did have all of the correct information.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kelly 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)

Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Bigham and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the board entered executive session at 2:19 p.m.

Commissioner Bigham moved the Board close the executive session meeting and re-enter regular session. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board re-entered regular session at 2:36 p.m.

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, June 15th 2017.

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15th 2017. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: June 15, 2017