



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, September 7, 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, September 7, 2017 in the County Board Room at the Perry County Government Building in the City of Pinckneyville.

OPENING

Chairman Pro-Temp 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 Kelly and Commissioner Bigham. The following department heads were also present: State's Attorney David Searby, Assessor Becky Winter, Sheriff Steve Bareis, Circuit Clerk Kim Kellerman, EMA Director Charles Genesio, Treasurer Mary Jane Craft, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, and Public Health Director Barb Taylor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Pro-Temp Kelly asked for the minutes of the August 17, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Pro-Temp Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Bigham moved the minutes of the August 17, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Pro-Temp Kelly called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. Mary Jane Craft and Rhonda Shubert were added under discussion.

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

RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION

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

- Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce (2017-RL-20)
- Immaculate Conception Church (2017-RL-21)
- Sacred Heart Church (2017-RL-22)
- St Bruno Catholic Church (2017-RL-23)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolutions 2017-109-112, resolutions approving raffle license applications and issuing the licenses as indicated above, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Pro-Temp Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, and Commissioner Kelly. The motion was passed on a vote of 2-0 and the resolutions were adopted.

RESOLUTIONS – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT TO MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD (3)

States Attorney Searby addressed the board to explain the Proposed Administrative Rule Change with the Assistance of EMA Director Chuck Genesio. Attorney Searby explained that this rule change was developed by the new Illinois EMA Director and that this will put in place requirements that are simply unattainable. The director appears to be placing an undue burden on the local counties and municipalities with no valid justification. Mr. Genesio agrees with Mr. Searby that these requirements will be unattainable given our

current financial abilities. He also states that if this change is adopted it will directly impact the Grant funding EMA receives causing yet another financial hardship on the citizens of Perry County. Mr. Genesisio explained that several the other southern counties have taken similar steps as have many local municipalities. He is also working in accordance with local leaders in the Illinois Legislature to make sure that this change is fully reviewed and questioned rather than passing without addressing how large of an impact it will make in the local rural counties.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2017-113, resolution approving the Board's Opposition to proposed Rule change to Administrative Rule 29 II in Administration Code 301, be adopted. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Pro-Temp Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Kelly, and Commissioner Bigham. The motion was approved on a vote of 2-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT TO PERRY COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Chairman Pro-Temp Kelly announced his appointment to the Perry County Housing Authority Board. The appointment is for a partial term ending April 14, 2018.

- Mary Gish

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-114, a resolution approving Mary Gish, to be appointed to Perry County Housing Authority Board, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Pro-Temp Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, and Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed by a vote of 2-0 and the resolution adopted.

DISCUSSION

1. **Rhonda Schubert** – She is asking for Perry County to endorse national 4-H week the first week of October. After having a great year last year Perry County is close to 200 members. Commissioner Kelly stated how lucky Perry County is to have Rhonda and her commitment and passion for our kids. This will be up for formal approval next board meeting
2. **Charles Genesisio** – Mr. Genesisio stated that this has been pretty much covered in the Resolution approved above. He educated the board on the fact that he has applied for a \$25,000 grant and expects to hear something soon. He also stated that he will be helping some of the local hospitals with their upcoming events and procedures to assist with the disaster preparedness.
3. **David Houston** – Mr. Houston addressed the board again about how his reassessment was handled. He stressed that he has spoken with the Perry County Assessor again. He stated that she seemed more willing to discuss this with Mr. Houston again. During this meeting, a police officer showed up and continued to remain her during their discussion. A second officer and the sheriff also arrived at the situation. Mr. Houston then asked the Sheriff if he would ask the Assessor if she felt threatened at any time during their meeting. Sheriff Bareis asked to speak at that time. He stated that he would like a moment to clarify this moment. He stated that Mr. Houston was putting a slant on the story that is not accurate. Yes, the Perry County Assessor stated that she never felt threatened however, there were other employees that did feel threatened due to the tone of voice being used by Mr. Houston. Mr. Houston then continued to justify that there was never an intent to be disorderly or threatening. Clerk Gross then asked exactly what answers he is not getting. Mr. Houston stated that he is getting drawings for buildings and their square footage was not being used accurately compared to the drawings he was given. Mr. Houston also stated that he has not been given a direct answer about why this was used by the Assessor. Assessor Winter then stated that she cannot speak to the thought process of the Board of Review and why they made the determinations they made. Mr. Houston then turned to Commissioner Kelly and stated that if he had been at the meeting he could shed some light on this matter. Commissioner Kelly stated that yes, he did not attend any meetings this year due to an extreme amount of work from his other commitments. And that is why he has since resigned from the board and appointed another individual to that board. Mr. Houston then stated that Mr. Kelly has promised to protect and listen to all the citizens of Perry County and that by missing this meeting he is not keeping that promise. Mr. Bigham stated again that Mr. Houston continues to come in here asking the same questions and continues to get the same answers from the board and other elected officials. Mr. Houston then asked should there not be some oversight on

this board since the reassessments are not being done correctly in his opinion this makes the board of review that much more important. Clerk Gross then stated that there is no oversight necessary for this board. That the board itself is the oversight for the Perry County Assessor's Office. Clerk Gross stated that he respects that Mr. Houston continues to come in here educated however, enough is enough because there will be no new answers given through the county board process. Mr. Kelly stated that he did speak with Jeffery Robinson from the board of review and that Mr. Robinson stated his assessment is correct and that he is not changing it. Mr. Kelly also stated that he is not sure of the reasoning as to why Mr. Houston continues to attend the meetings but if his purpose it to make Mr. Kelly look bad that he has done a lot for Perry County and that he will continue to do good work for Perry County. Mr. Houston stated again that he has concerns with their reasons for why those numbers were used and that he will continue to come here and ask these questions.

4. **David Searby** - Mr. Searby is asking the ability to pass a county Ordinance similar to what Jackson County has in place that will allow the county to recuperate some of the costs incurred through inmate medical costs. The federal Government will no longer pay costs for inmate housing. The state will also not pay for inmates not currently convicted. This leaves the burden to pay entirely on the County. To this end we would like the ability to sue the individuals for costs incurred. While we expect we will not fully receive money to cover the costs this may help alleviate part of the burden. Sheriff Bareis fully supports this decision and provided some example of what these costs do look like. This will need board approval next meeting and this will not be used every time but when we have that ability to use this it has potential to help the county offset some of the costs.

5. **Mary Jane Craft** - Mrs. Craft would like to end process of cafeteria plans. These plans have continued to grow in amounts of paperwork required and that this process is becoming cumbersome on her staff. She is recommending that we do not offer these plans any longer and that most of the employees can simply add them themselves if they see a need for the extra coverage plans.

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 Pro-Temp Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham and Commissioner Kelly. The motion was approved on a vote of 2-0 and payment warrants were granted.

ADJOURNMENT OF SUMMER 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 Summer Quarter meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21st 2017.

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Summer Quarter meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21st 2017. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: September 21, 2017