



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, October 5, 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, October 5, 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: Assistant State's Attorney Marty Beltz, Sheriff Steve Bareis, Treasurer Mary Jane Craft, and 911 Coordinator Doug Clarke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the September 21, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Bigham moved the minutes of the September 21, 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. Howard Baxter was added to the meeting Agenda.

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

ORDINANCE – APPROVE STRUCTURE NUMBERING ORDINANCE 33-9-2

Clerk Gross and 911 Coordinator Doug Clarke addressed the board to discuss this Ordinance change. Previously all street signs were made by the 911 department and then placed by the highway department. Due to legislative changes this responsibility is now exclusively on the Perry County Highway Department. This ordinance completes that conversion process and allows for the Highway Department to begin making signs. This process has been on hold for almost 2 years so there is a great need for sign maintenance at this point.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Ordinance 2017-3, ordinance approving amending structure numbering Ordinance 33-9-2, 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 ordinance was adopted.

RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATIONS (2)

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

- Pinckneyville Correctional Center Employee Benefit Fund (2017-RL-25)
- Pinckneyville Community High School (2017-RL-26)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-119-120, resolutions approving raffle license applications and issuing the licenses as indicated above, be approved. Commissioner Kelly 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 was adopted.

DISCUSSION

1. **Howard Baxter** – Officer Baxter addressed the board regarding the matter of Curtis Miller and his amber lights. The issue of Mr. Miller using his amber lights during his paper delivery route has been discussed at the State Police Headquarters in Du Quoin and after multiple conversations with Mr. Miller and Senator Schempf the decision has been made to allow him to use amber lights while delivering. However, the current lights he is using are excessive and must be removed. He can use one revolving light during his delivery route and must first pass inspection from the Illinois State Police. This decision should be a positive one and should allow Mr. Miller some improved safety without confusing fellow travelers.
2. **Josh Gross** – Clerk Gross gave a brief update on the Perry County Budget Process. He disclosed that currently Perry County has a deficit budget of \$557,000. He explained that all options are on the table at this time including layoffs. However, he did stress that layoffs are the last resort and that the County Board would only consider that after all other options are discussed. There will be many follow-up meetings that will hopefully clarify the situation more. He will be delivering another update at the board meeting on October 19th.
3. **Mike Pulke** – Mr. Pulke addressed the board about several road concerns he has in the North-East part of Perry County. Mr. Pulke read statements and allowed discussions from others in attendance. Those that spoke or had prepared statements read by Mr. Pulke were: Marty Conway, Bob Morgan, Bob Restoff, John Brenflek, Andrew Harris, and Larry Spetanski. Their concerns focused on two roads Blue Jay and Seagull Roads while Robin and Corgan were also discussed. They are concerned about the amount of traffic that flows on the gravel roads in that area and a very dangerous intersection at Robin and Corgan. Sheriff Bareis and Commissioner Kelly agreed that both the intersection is dangerous, and that the condition of those roads need to be addressed. Mr. Harris stated examples of mismanagement of those roads as well as damage being done by mowing teams in that area. Damage involved culverts being destroyed and signs being ripped out of the ground. They are asking for the County Board to get involved and stress the importance of road maintenance in that part of the county. They are also concerned about the safety of the dangerous intersection. Clerk Gross stated he would get with Engineer Otten early next week to address their concerns and develop a plan to address the roads.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF FALL 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 Fall Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Fall Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: October 19, 2017