



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, October 19, 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 19, 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, Treasurer Mary Jane Craft, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, County Highway Engineer Brian Otten, and University of Illinois Extension Director Lynn Heins.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the October 5, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Bigham moved the minutes of the October 5, 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. The resolution approving the FOP agreement was tabled. Also, Josh Downs was added to discussion and an Executive Session was added.

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 APPLICATIONS (3)**

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

- Perry County Humane Society (2017-RL-27)
- Pinckneyville Shooting Sports Teams (2017-RL-28)
- St Mary Magdalen Church (2017-RL-29)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-121-123, 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 were adopted.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COMPTROLLER**

Clerk Gross addressed the board with the lease agreement between Perry County and the State of Illinois Office of the Comptroller. This is a lease for office space for their local Southern Illinois Representative. This lease is for 1 year with an auto renewal clause at the cost of \$6,000 per year. It includes office furniture and access to general services located in the County Government building. Clerk Gross stated that this is a perfect match for both parties and allows for proper workflow for both parties.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-124, resolution approving the Lease agreement with the State of Illinois Office of the Comptroller, 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 resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE ANNUAL RENEWAL WITH ILLINOIS COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT TRUST FOR WORKER’S COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE.**

This is the annual renewal for the county. The premium for next year for Worker’s Compensation is \$378,012. The annual premium for our Property and Casualty Insurance is \$215,345.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-R-125, a resolution approving annual renewal with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust for Worker’s Compensation Insurance and Property Casualty, 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 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION – ACCEPT RESIGNATION E-911 BOARD**

Chairman Epplin accepted the resignation of Jamie Ellermeyer from the Perry County E-911 board of directors. Mr. Ellermeyer has been an active and involved member in the Board during his tenure as Chief of Police in Du Quoin. His knowledge will be missed.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-126, resolution accepting the resignation of Jamie Ellermeyer on the Perry County E-911 Board of Directors, be adopted. 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 passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION – EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM (911) BOARD**

Chairman Epplin announced his appointment of Leslie Vancil to a partial-term on the Emergency Telephone System (911) Board, for a term of office ending Jan. 31, 2020.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-127, resolution ratifying the Chairman’s appointment of Leslie Vancil to partial terms (ending Jan. 31, 2020) on the County Emergency Telephone System (911) Board, 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 passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution was adopted.

**DISCUSSION**

- 1. Josh Gross** – Clerk Gross gave a second update on the Perry County Budget Process. He disclosed that currently Perry County is still attempting to close the deficit in the County Budget. What started as a \$547,000 deficit has been reduced to a \$124,000 deficit. This has been accomplished through several ways. The Perry County Sheriff’s department is attempting to strengthen their relationship with the Federal Government in a way to increase revenue received through housing of Federal Inmates. This, in conjunction with several cuts projected throughout the Government building and Courthouse, have closed that gap considerably. The county still is firm in the position that it does not want to pass a deficit budget and that the remaining cuts will be made prior to budget approval. Clerk Gross shared a document with those in attendance showing the cuts that have already been made and how those affect each office. He also stated that the remaining cuts will almost exclusively come from the Sheriff’s department and that they should be completed by the end of the month.
- 2. George Guidish** – Mr. Guidish addressed the board about the recent opening on the Board of Directors for South Central Illinois Transit. Mr. Guidish presented the board with a basic make up for his board as it currently stands and the type of individual they would like to be nominated from Perry County. He also gave a rundown of their financial status and a high-level breakdown of how their services are provided across their multi county region. Chairman Epplin thanked him for taking the time to speak with the board and assured him we would find the right person for the position and that we would attempt to move quickly.

3. **Josh Downs** – Mr. Downs wanted to take a moment and introduce himself to the County Board and those in attendance. He will be working for the State of Illinois Comptroller's Office here in Perry County and will be leasing office space from the Perry County Government. Josh has only been with the Office for a few months and will be the liaison for a large section of Southern Illinois.

## **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 2:27 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 2:37 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: 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, November 2, 2017.

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Fall Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2017. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Submitted:

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**JOSH GROSS, County Clerk**  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners  
County of Perry, State of Illinois  
Approved: November 2, 2017