



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, April 5, 2018
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, April 5, 2018 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: Commissioner James Epplin, Commissioner Bobby Kelly, and Commissioner Dallas Bigham. The following department heads were also present: County Clerk Josh Gross, States Attorney David Searby, Treasurer Mary Jane Craft, Assessor Becky Winter, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, and County Engineer Brian Otten.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the March 15, 2018 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Bigham moved the minutes of the March 15, 2018 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. Becky Winter and Mary Jane Craft were added to discussion. And Pending Litigation was added under Executive Session for discussion only.

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

APPROVE PERRY COUNTY ORDINANCE ON SOLAR FARMS

Zoning administrator Becky Tracy addressed the board to discuss the Perry County Solar Ordinance. This Ordinance was designed based on similar Ordinances from Kankakee County and Randolph County. This has been a work in progress for a number of months between Becky Tracy and David Searby and is needing to be completed in advance of the proposed Solar Farm breaking ground in Northern Perry County. There are still many steps before this project can officially break ground but this Ordinance completes the first step.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Ordinance 2018-02, ordinance approving Solar Farms in Perry County, 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 2018-2019 LEASE AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION OFFICE

Clerk Gross stated that it is time to renew the lease agreement with the University of Illinois Extension Office for fiscal year 2018-2019. This is the same lease as previous years and the amount has remained unchanged at \$5,297.60 annually.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2018-36, resolution approving the lease agreement between Perry County and the University of Illinois Extension Office, 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 resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATIONS (2)

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

- Pinckneyville Jr Baseball/Softball League (2018-RL-07)
- Du Quoin Elks Lodge (2018-RL-08)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolutions 2018-37-38, 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 resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE BICENTENNIAL FUNDING

Chairman Epplin addressed the board to discuss possible donations being made to the Bicentennial Program here in Perry County. They are needing start up capitol for initial expenses and the local municipalities are all willing to contribute some funds allowing them to get up and running. Perry County is contributing \$250 to assist them in getting off the ground.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-39, a resolution approving Bicentennial Funding, 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 by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE SALE OF COUNTY OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY

The Perry County Agent forwarded resolution to the Board authorizing the sale of trustee-owned surplus properties. The resolution indicates conveyance from the County Agent to the new owners.

- HWK Land Trust (4-53-0160-230)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-40, resolution approving the sale of County Trustee owned surplus property, 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

DISCUSSION

1. **Becky Winter/Mary Jane Craft** – Assessor Winter and Treasurer Craft addressed those in attendance to discuss the new program Devnet Wedge going live on April 15th. This program allows for the public to both view their property records card online as well as pay their Property Taxes. This is a product that will be working initially on its own standalone web site until the County website is up and running then it will be running on both sites. This is another example of Perry County advancing its technology in an attempt to be more user friendly and transparent for the residents of Perry County. It carries a minimum cost to be split between the user funds from both the Treasure and Assessors Offices.

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)
- To discuss “pending litigation” per 5 ILCS 120 2(c)(11)

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 board entered executive session at 2:17 p.m.

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board close the executive session meeting and re-enter regular session. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board re-entered regular session at 2:33 p.m.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

Commissioner Bigham 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 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 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 the Spring Quarter meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

Commissioner Bigham moved the Board adjourn the Spring Quarter Meeting and convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: April 19, 2018