



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, May 3, 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, May 3, 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, Assistant States Attorney Marty Beltz, Sheriff Steve Bareis, Assessor Becky Winter, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, and County Engineer Brian Otten.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the April 19, 2018 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Kelly moved the minutes of the April 19, 2018 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Commissioner Bigham 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 Bigham moved the agenda for the meeting be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE PERRY COUNTY AS A GUN SANCTUARY COUNTY

Chairman Epplin stated that he received his first shotgun at 13 years old and that he fired an M-1 30 minutes ago. Admittedly he is far from antigun. However, he does have concerns about adults fearing for gun violence at schools and at churches, and for the police officers who are in harms way when they start their shift. For those reasons he will be voting against this. Commissioner Kelly stated he first saw this about two weeks ago and that he strongly agrees with this position. He believes the second amendment is exactly what we are supporting here. He believes that most of the people here in Perry County would support this and is glad to bring it up for a vote. Commissioner Bigham seconded what Commissioner's Epplin and Kelly stated. He went on to say that many people who supported him during his time campaigning have contacted him to voice their support of the second amendment and that he feels the same as Commissioner Kelly in that this is a stance the majority of Perry County residents believe in. Clerk Gross addressed that there were three points that were removed from the Template Resolution we were given. Those sections simply addressed Bump Stocks, standing against the legislature passing new gun laws, and finally allowing the local county employees to ignore these new laws if they pass.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2018-50, a resolution making Perry County a Gun Sanctuary, be approved. 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. Chairman Epplin voted Nay. The motion passed by a vote of 2-1 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PARTICIPATION

This is an agreement with Jackson County for Perry County to be able to participate in their Hazardous Waste Collection program, which will be held on June 9, and 10, 2018 at the Jackson County Airport. Our participation fee will be \$5,625.00. This fee was determined by calculating past participation and is being paid for with landfill funds. Perry County will only incur small advertising costs for the program.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-51, a resolution approving the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Participation, 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 INCREASING THE MINIMUM SURPLUS AUCTION SALE FROM \$600 TO \$750

Clerk Gross addressed the board to explain how the surplus auction sale process works. This is the process for the county unloading parcels that go back for taxes and carry very little value. This process happens on average 10 times per year in Perry County. While costs incurred have continued to rise, the cost billed has stayed flat for more than a decade. The Perry County Tax Agent has requested that we raise this cost by a nominal amount to cover their increased costs and the county's increased cost of doing business. Out of the \$150 increase only \$50 will remain with Perry County.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2018-52, resolution approving increasing the minimum surplus auction sale amount from \$600 to \$750, be approved. Chairman Epplin 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 by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION

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

- Wyatt D Eisenhower Memorial Fund (2018-RL-12)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-53, resolution approving raffle license application and issuing the license 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 – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Chairman Epplin confirmed he is recommending that Perry County re-appoint Brian Otten to his position as County Engineer. Chairman Epplin believes Brian is doing a good job and should be reappointed. Commissioner Kelly echoed Chairman Epplin's sentiment and believes Engineer Otten should be reappointed. Commissioner Bigham stressed his opposition to the idea and believes the Engineer Otten is not properly executing the job of County Highway Engineer. He stated that he will be voting against this resolution.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2018-54, a resolution ratifying Chairman's appointment of Brian Otten as Perry County Highway Engineer, be approved. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Epplin. Commissioner Bigham voted Nay. The motion passed by a vote of 2-1 and the resolution adopted.

DISCUSSION

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 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, May 17, 2018.

Commissioner Bigham moved the Board adjourn the Spring Quarter Meeting and convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: May 17, 2018