



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, May 17, 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 17, 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, and County Engineer Brian Otten.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the May 3, 2018 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Kelly moved the minutes of the May 3, 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. Executive Session was removed, and Karen Wolfe from the Regional Office of Education was added under discussion.

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

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Zoning Director Becky Tracy presented the board with an application for a Special Use Permit and recommendation to approve. This SUP is to place a new mobile home.

- Daniel and Kristi Henry – (SUP-18-07)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-55, resolution approving Special Use Permit, 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 Kelly, Chairman Epplin, Commissioner Bigham. The motion was approved on 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:

- Tamaroa Community High School Alumni (2018-RL-13)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-56, 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 – AUTHORIZING TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANT**

Clerk Gross addressed the board regarding the conditional need for a tax anticipation warrant for the General Corporate Fund. Currently Perry County's finances are facing a payroll shortfall and are hoping that additional funds will arrive to delay the need for an additional tax anticipation warrant. The resolution states that the Treasurer may execute the warrant on or before June 7, 2018.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2018-57, a resolution authorizing conditional issuance of a tax anticipation warrant for the General Corporate Fund in the amount of \$300,000, 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 Kelly, Commissioner Bigham, and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

## **DISCUSSION**

1. Brian Otten – Engineer Otten addressed those in attendance with his plan for the upcoming weeks. This past winter's hard freeze had taken a toll on Perry County's roads. The Highway department has recently completed their trial with a hot box which will allow for patching to happen all winter long. They are purchasing a hot box so that they will allow for patching all winter long. This should greatly help with the ability to patch holes during the slower months and should alleviate some of the work during the busy summer months. Additionally, Perry County can use the millings from the IDOT road projects for free. This is allowing the county to work much easier and more efficiently. Currently the highway department is on schedule for all current projects and things are moving along properly. He also reminded the public to contact his office directly to make them aware of issues that are arising on the roads.
2. David Searby – State's Attorney Searby addressed those in attendance about the Southcentral Transit Board. Currently the board make up consists of in his opinion, an unbalanced amount of representation. He was recently contacted by the Clinton County States Attorney about this matter and they are in agreement about filing an action to address a proper balance of board members based on population and usage. Currently Marion county holds a majority of the board. This Board governs Perry, Clinton, Marion, and Jefferson Counties. Jefferson is yet to get involved in the court case.
3. Josh Gross – Clerk Gross addressed those in attendance about the roll-out of the County Wide Website taking place on June 7<sup>th</sup>. This website has been a work in progress for nearly 10 months and is finally ready to roll-out live next month. This website will encompass the entire county and should provide Perry County residents so benefits not currently available. Clerk Gross did state that this site will always be a work in progress as he expects it to continue to grow as new items are needed and added.
4. Karen Wolfe – Ms. Wolfe wanted to give the County Board an update on how things are running in the Regional Office of Education. They held their annual institute and had over 1000 teachers in attendance. They are also in the process of hiring their bus drivers and have held two trainings with over 85 in attendance each time. They have identified over 600 students who have been identified as homeless. They are now offering fingerprinting at all locations for several different services. This is a growing aspect of their services. They have done 14 compliance visits on local superintendents. They are working on the teacher shortage since that is a common theme from all their compliance visits. They are working with SIU on a program to grow your own teachers. They currently have 310 active subs on their subs list. They are always actively looking for proper subs if anyone is looking for some additional income. They currently have 18 pilot districts to improve resiliency for students and teachers to understand more of the trauma that students encounter daily. Finally, they are working on the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation to try and identify resiliency trends and how best to solve them.

## **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, June 7, 2018. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Submitted:

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**JOSH GROSS, County Clerk**  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners  
County of Perry, State of Illinois  
Approved: June 7, 2018