Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, January 9, 2020
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, January 9, 2020 in the County Board Room at the Perry County Government Building in the City of Pinckneyville.

OPENING

Chairman Dallas Bigham 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 Beth Lipe called the roll. The following members answered the call of the roll: Commissioner Susan Hepp, Commissioner Bobby Kelly and Chairman Dallas Bigham were present.

The following department heads were also present: State's Attorney David Searby, Treasurer Mary Jane Craft, Supervisor of Assessment Becky Winter, Sheriff Steve Bareis, County Engineer Brian Otten, Solid Waste & Zoning Officer Becky Tracy and Perry County EMA Doug Clark.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Bigham - Before we approve the agenda, does anyone want to be added to Public Comments? Please add Sheriff Steve Bareis. Chairman Bigham then called for approval of the meeting agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bigham asked for the approval of the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of the December 19, 2019 regular meeting. Chairman Bigham called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Hepp moved the minutes of the December 19, 2019 regular meeting be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION – TO APPROVE RE-APPOINTMENT ROBERT SPENCER TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Zoning Officer Becky Tracy stated that Mr. Spencer is willing to serve again and he has served on this Board since the Zoning Board began. Mr. Spencer's term will end on December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Hepp moved to approve the re-appointment of Robert Spencer to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chairman Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Bigham requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Hepp, Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Bigham. The motion was passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION – TO APPROVE RE-APPOINTMENT MICHAEL KELLY TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Zoning Officer Becky Tracy stated that Mr. Kelly is willing to serve again. Mr. Kelly's term will end on December 31, 2024.

Commissioner Hepp moved to approve the re-appointment of Michael Kelly to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chairman Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Bigham requested

a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Hepp, Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Bigham. The motion was passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION – TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO PERRY COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD (ETSB)

Chairman Bigham, Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Hepp tabled said Resolution.

RESOLUTION – TO APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE

County Clerk Lipe stated that the raffle license for a Benefit for Allison Priebe has been completed and license fee paid.

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the Raffle License for a Benefit for Allison Priebe. Commissioner Hepp seconded the motion. Chairman Bigham requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Hepp, Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Bigham. The motion was passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution was adopted.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Bigham – That moves us down to discussion. County Engineer Brian Otten, Road updates.

CE Otten – Just an update to you and to the papers so we can get the word out. We are filling potholes so if you have an issue, please call 618-357-6556 to have your issue placed on the list. We do have a limited supply of patch due to our supplier experiencing a shortage at this time. When we start snow plowing this year, we will have updates on our Facebook page on what we are going to do and how we are going to do it. We will have primary routes for people to see and know where we are at.

Chairman Bigham – Can you touch base on the issue on Kathleen Mine Road on that bump?

CE Otten – We've been watching this thing for about 6 months now. We're not real sure what it is and what's going on. If it's mine subsidence, we can go fix it today and tomorrow it could be gone, it could all fall in and be gone. We've been in contact with Department of Mines and Minerals and they kind of sided with us and said the same thing. We need to babysit it, see what it's going to do until it quits moving. When it quits moving, we can go in and get it right and fix it. Right now, we're just in a holding pattern.

Commissioner Kelly – I had a call on it wanting to know why it's humped up. I figured it was because it keeps sinking.

CE Otten – We just need it to quit moving. There's that one there that we've gotten a lot of calls on and there's another one, 100-foot south of that on Kathleen, there's another one. And then you go to Green's, go east, there's another one there. And if I remember right, we've surveyed both those other ones, we've taken shots of them and they seem to be sitting still. So, we can come back in a year or so, recheck them, and work on them again, if needed. We've also got a fourth one, on down Green's Market, we just keep watching it also. I think, possibly, that DNR will help us at that time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Bigham – That brings us to Public Comments…Steve…

Sheriff Bareis – I've got a couple things. The one I'd like to begin with is the Resolution that was just tabled. Number 2 on your sheet of paper. As far as a consideration, I'd like for you to look at this for the next meeting. I don't know Cindy Uhe and I don't know her skill set that she could bring to the table but I want you to reconsider recommendation for appointment, I'd like you to consider somebody that has connections with Pinckneyville. We presently have, the only person that lives this way is Ted Harsha that's on that board. With us having to go to this new emergency EMD, emergency medical dispatch next year, even the consideration of Patsy Lipe or Jim Gielow as far as the ambulance service or Pinckneyville fire department are suggestions that I would have us consider a Pinckneyville connection on that board and both would have voices that would help in emergency response.

Chairman Bigham – What did you say the lady's name was?

Sheriff Bareis – Patsy Lipe with the Pinckneyville Ambulance Service and/or Jim Gielow is the fire chief in Pinckneyville. So, this is just as far as a consideration to getting someone who has a vested interest and how 911 runs, those are two I would just like to throw out as possibilities to the Board.

Secondly, talking with Ms. Hepp, she's aware but I don't know if the other two board members are aware, with this cyber security need of increasing technology and safety, Windows 97 Pro is basically becoming obsolete and we have to upgrade all the computers in the County to Windows 10. There are a number of machines possibly upwards of 20 within the County offices that will have to be completed replaced. That's something that has not been budgeted for. I know Doug Clark and I for one has been doing a competitive bid process and has got us down to a pretty good level of $638.00 or something like that.

E911 Doug Clark – A little less than that on the last bid. It's actually dropped a little since then.

Sheriff Bareis - It's actually dropped a little since then. A piece. We've actually gotten into a bidding war between a couple of companies. So, what the Board needs to consider is that this is something that has to be done, it's not a choice and we have to consider where the money is going to come from. Just for future's sake as we venture in and some of the department heads have to replace computers, they need to know how to do it since there are a number of computers that just can't take an upgrade.

Treasurer Craft – The sheets that I've given you in your boxes, it shows who's all, each computer that needs to be replaced. There's 13 that need to be upgraded and 20 that need to be replaced.

Sheriff Bareis – Does that include my office?

Treasurer Craft – Yes.

Sheriff Bareis – I just wanted you to be aware of this upgrade.

Chairman Bigham – Did Mayer have a certain date of something?

Treasurer Craft – I just got the list this morning on the computers that needed to be replaced or upgraded and they are supposed to be working on a price from them too so I don't know what they've come up with yet. Since this is all the same network that there can be breeches in it and then once, we've got 6 months to get it changed is what they said, and after that 6 months then there won't be any upgrades and then like our accounting software will not do any upgrades to us because they don't want any breeches in there to go any place either and our tax programs too.

County Clerk Lipe – And that spreadsheet does not include my elections computers because the State Board has already paid for them and there are upstairs, they just haven't been installed yet.

Treasurer Craft – And it says that on that. It does.

Chairman Bigham – So Mayer just came in and dropped the bomb?

Treasurer Craft – Well, they kind of did but there are not our programmers like CIC and Devnet.

County Clerk Lipe – My GBS. We've been having some troubles lately.

Treasurer Craft – Most of them didn't start saying all this until December, really and truly. Which I didn't realize Windows 7 was obsolete because in my office alone I only have 1 computer that's good because that's Jodi's because I had to get hers new, last year, I think, and they made it to where it's a beefed up one because it's got payroll and everything on it. But, my computer, the 2 front computers and Kim's computer will all have to be replaced.

E911 Doug Clark – Dallas, can I speak for that? Like the Sheriff said, with the LEADS computer, that's a requirement by the Illinois State Police, the LEADS network, (could not hear Doug)…LEADS connection is time sensitive in the Sheriff's office. They say the 14th of January…

Treasurer Craft – Did they give you a timeline?

E911 Doug Clark – They said the 14th of January.

Commissioner Hepp – That's next week!

Sheriff Bareis – That's for my office because of the Illinois State Police.

Chairman Bigham – Like you said, that's next week. They didn't give you much time, did they?

Sheriff Bareis – Well, we've been getting bids for a bit but I wasn't aware of the timeline until last week.

Commissioner Hepp – Well, will you have any working that aren't running on Windows 7? Like do you have 1 or…if it doesn't happen by January 14th?

E911 Doug Clark – The 2 primary computers, the LEADS computers, I'm working with my IT people to get the upgrades because when we ordered them 2 years ago we built them with a version of 10 when Windows put it out…(could not hear Doug) So the 2 primary computers that touch LEADS besides a couple others, those are the ones that we are most concerned with but…

Commissioner Hepp – So we won't be shut down then? That's my question.

Sheriff Bareis – No, no…we just need to get those 2 upgraded…

Commissioner Hepp – David, would you be able to review Mayer's contract if we have to purchase from them or if we can?

State's Attorney Searby – Yes.

Treasurer Craft – I'll stay on them and make sure they get that to me because they said that if we buy as a County, it's going to be a heck of a lot cheaper rather than go by department.

State's Attorney – I'd just like to jump in and make a comment while we are in Public Comments. I just want to give a good job shout out to Becky Tracy. Becky does her job without question, she's on top of some cases that she's got going on right now. There's certain things I have to be kept in the loop of with the State IEPA all the time like she does but she's had some really nit-picky cases she's been dealing with and I just want to give her a good job on that because I appreciate it. So, everybody should appreciate it too cause she does a lot of hard work.

Chairman Bigham – With no further discussion, we will move on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Board members examined claims presented for payment.

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the payment of bills when money becomes available and if their budget lines allow it and they are not over budget. Commissioner Hepp seconded the motion. Chairman Bigham requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Hepp, Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Bigham. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board adjourn and convene the next meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Commissioner Hepp seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

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BETH LIPE, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: January 23, 2020