Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, November 5, 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, November 5, 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. Treasurer Mary Janes Craft led in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by those in attendance.

Dep. Clerk Tory Woods called the roll. The following members answered the call of the roll: Chairman Dallas Bigham was present with Commissioner Bobby Kelly attending by phone. Commissioner Susan Hepp was absent.

The following department heads were also present: Assistant State's Attorney Marty Beltz, County Engineer Brian Otten and Treasurer Mary Jane Craft.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Bigham - Before we approve the agenda, does anyone want to be added to Public Comments?

Commissioner Kelly moved the agenda for the meeting be approve except for possibly tabling the discussion of hiring a surveyor for excess properties. Chairman Bigham agreed to table the discussion and 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 October 15, 2020 regular meeting. Chairman Bigham called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Kelly moved the minutes of the October 15, 2020 regular meeting be approved. Chairman Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF NICK DOLCE FROM THE PERRY COUNTY HOUSING BOARD COMMISSION

Chairman Bigham – Do you have anything on Nick's resignation, years served or anything,Tory?

Dep. Clerk Woods – Just that he resigns from the Housing.

Chairman Bigham - Do I have a motion on that please?

Commissioner Kelly moved to accept the Resignation of Nick Dolce from the Perry County Housing Board Commission. Chairman Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Bigham requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Bigham. The motion was passed on a vote of 2-0-1 and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF KATHY WEST FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

Chairman Bigham – Kathy is going to be moving to the Carbondale area, Jackson County and has to leave the board. Do I have a motion on that please?

Commissioner Kelly – I'll make that motion, Kathy served well on that board and I hate to see her leave. I will accept her resignation and best wishes to her.

Chairman Bigham – She was one of the original members of that 708 Board. And she's done a heck of a job with that.

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the Accept the resignation of Kathy West from the Mental Health (708) Board. Chairman Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Bigham requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Bigham. The motion was passed on a vote of 2-0-1 and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN CHILDS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

Chairman Bigham – I think with John Childs, he just retired, he was the director at Five Star Industries and he said he'd like to be on that Board and Kathy mentioned his name and I think he will be a great asset to that Board. Do I have a motion on that please?

Commissioner Kelly moved to accept the Appointment of John Childs to the Mental Health (708) Board. Chairman Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Bigham requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Bigham. The motion was passed on a vote of 2-0-1 and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH HUTCHINSON ENGINEERING FOR DESIGN OF GREEN'S MARKET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

County Engineer Otten – Brian explained that about a year ago when we contracted with Hutchinson for the design and realignment of this bridge on Green's Market Road. They applied for a special bridge grant because the project will be a million dollars or more. He thinks there has only been one other project that was granted this grant and it was in Pulaski County. They applied for it and actually received it so we will be getting a grant to the amount of $1,000,080.00 for the replacement and realignment of the bridge. So that brings us to Phase II, which is detailing the plans of the project. Hutchinson Engineering will continue Phase II for us. Their contract is for $86,000.00. We did negotiate with them and were able to cut around $8,000.00 off that cost. Project date is 2025. We will have another grant that we will apply for, it is a Highway Safety Improvement Grant. They will look at stats and see what crash data is.

Chairman Bigham – That is a bad intersection there. Do I have a motion on that please?

Commissioner Kelly moved to accept the Agreement with Hutchinson Engineering. Chairman Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Bigham requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Bigham. The motion was passed on a vote of 2-0-1 and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE

Chairman Bigham – We have 1 Raffle License Application. It is for the Pinckneyville Community High School #101.

Dep. Clerk Woods – It is a recurring application.

Chairman Bigham - Do I have a motion to approve this Raffle License?

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the Raffle License. Chairman Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Bigham requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Bigham. The motion was passed on a vote of 2-0-1 and the License was approved.

DISCUSSION

Chairman Bigham – We are going to table the discussion of hiring a surveyor for surveying excess properties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Board members examined claims presented for payment.

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the payment of utility bills at this time until we have time to look over the remainder of the bills. Chairman Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Bigham requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Bigham. The motion was approved on a vote of 2-0-1.

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 regular meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Chairman Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Submitted:

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BETH LIPE, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: November 19, 2020