Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
5:00 p.m. – Thursday, April 20th, 2023
3764 State Route 13/127 Pinckneyville, Il. 62274

A regular meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners convened at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at the Perry County Government Building, Pinckneyville, IL.62274

OPENING

Chairman Bruce morgenstern called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by those in attendance.

County Clerk Robert Kelly called the roll. The following members answered the call of the roll Commissioner Folden, Commissioner Martin and Chairman Morgenstern were present.

The following department heads were also present: Assistant State's Attorney Marty Belts, Jeff Ashauer, Becky Tracy, and others Pete Spitler Pinckneyville Press, and Travis Lott CJ. Solar staff Scott Novak, Sean Pluta, Shane Shields.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Morgenstern - Before we approve the agenda, does anyone want to be added to Public Comments? Chairman Morgenstern then called for approval of the meeting agenda.
Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Chairman Morgenstern asked for the approval of the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of the April 20th, 2023 regular meeting. Chairman Morgenstern called for corrections. There were none. Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion all in favor 3 Ayes

Ordinances: # 1. #2023-06 Amendments to the ordinance for allowing solar farm development throughout Perry County was Tabled and asked to be put on the May 18, 2023 to be voted on.

1. Resolution: -- SUP-23-03 Snapdragon Solar, LLC – 28 MWac solar energy facility generally located to the south and north of IL-13 on properties abutting Snapdragon Road in Perry County, Illinois. The Two solar projects have an estimate cost of 77 million dollars in total investment and are under the umbrella of Birch Creek Development a St. Louis based company. Said Scott Novak. Shane Shields a director of Greenfield development at Birch Creek said the Snapdragon project is a 200-acre footprint on an overall 314-acre tract. The Two Blues solar project will have a 254-acre solar footprint, both solar projects will have a somewhat 40-year life span. Shields noted that they are hoping to start construction sometime in early 2025 and completion in 2026. Scott Novak said this is not a community solar farm this will go on the grid for various users. Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.
2. Resolution: -- SUP-23-04 Two Blues Solar, LLC – 40 MWac solar energy facility generally located to the east and west of Purple Martin Road and north and south of Bowles Bottom Road in Perry County, Illinois. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

3. Resolution – Approve Raffle License Miss Juneteenth of Southern Illinois. Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

4. Resolution: -- 2023- 23 to Establish and implement a Budget Stabilization. Commissioner Folden asked that this would be tabled do to other process that needs to be done and asked to be put on the May 18th meeting to be voted on.

5. Resolution: -- Re-Appointment Todd Kellerman to the Pinckneyville Rural fire Department Board. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes

6. Resolution: -- Re-Appoint Mike Davison to the Tamaroa Community Fire Protection District Trustee's. Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

7. Resolution: -- Approve Raffle License Sacred Heart Church. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

Discussion: Robert Kelly County Board addressed the board about statutory fees that the state is implementing on RHSP Rental Housing Support Program fees which will be when the recorder office records and they are increasing by $10.00 which $9.00 dollars goes to the state and $1.00 goes to the recorder's storage Doc. Account. Mr. Kelly said that he has been speaking with his Zone 1 group which consists of 38 County Clerks on what everyone else is doing in their county some are having cost studies done in which Mr. Kelly brought a bid from Bellwether that other counties are using to do their study. Commissioner Folden wanted to look at Contract in which Mr. Kelly presented just for the Board to look at and give them some ideas for them to think about. Then Commissioner Folden proceeded to say (as throwing the contract back across table stating I don't need a snake oil salesman taking 6000.00 from tax payers for something I and the clerk can do with a few excel sheets from other offices on what their fees and process are. County Clerk Kelly explained that this was only informational and they did have to make any decision that night. Commissioner Folden Expressed that how hard of work that our county clerk has put in and very Thankful for the time he puts in to keep our county on tract in his office with state making so many changes that they (Springfield) is making it really keeps our Clerk Busy. Thank you, Mr. Kelly, again for all your hard work.

Public Comments:

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Board members examined claims presented for payment.

Commissioner Folden moved to approve the payment of bills. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. On roll call 3 Ayes.

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 Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion all in favor 3 Ayes Meeting adjourned time 5:46 P.M.

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Robert Kelly, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: May 4th, 2023