Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
5:00 p.m. – Thursday, November 16th, 2023
Perry County Government Building, Pinckneyville, Il. 62274

A regular meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners convened at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16th, 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 present, Commissioner Martin present and Chairman Morgenstern were present.

The following department heads were also present: Jodi Koester, Chad Howard, Brian Otten, Jeff Ashauer and others Pete Spitler, Travis Lott.

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 moved the agenda for the meeting be approved. Commissioner Folden 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 November 2nd, 2023 regular meetings. Chairman Morgenstern called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Martin made the motion the minutes of the November 2nd, 2023 regular meeting be approved. Commissioner Folden seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

Resolutions:

1. Approve raffle license P.C.H.S. Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.
2. Appoint Guy Alongi to the South-Central Mass Transit District Board. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes
3. Approve Monies to be used from contingency fund for the purchase of election equipment. County Clerk Robert Kelly explained to the board that he (Mr. Kelly) did not have a resolution to hand them for the fact that he could not find one written in his system. States Attorney David Searby said that as long as the board understood what the cost was that it would give the Chairman the authority to sign off when the resolution was written and handed over to the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

4. Approve increase on salary for solid waste manager County Clerk Robert Kelly again explained to the board that he (Mr. Kelly) did not have a resolution to hand them for the fact that he could not find one written in his system or what the pay increase was. States Attorney David Searby said that as long as the board understood what the cost was that it would give the Chairman the authority to sign off when the resolution was written and handed over to the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.
5. Approve 2024 County Board Meeting Dates. Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.
6. Approve 2024 County Holidays Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.
7. Approve Homefield Energy for Perry County Electric energy supplier (AGE) Chairman Morgenstern explained to the board on the situation with County's Aggregate supplier expired in November this year and that he was going to except the responsibility no matter who was at fault of dropping the ball on this matter. The Chairman said he had spoken with Homefield energy and that the county could still sign up with Homefield but there would be a 2-month lag time and that Perry County residents in the unincorporated areas could sign on to Homefield in March and that the two months on Ameren would not be much higher than Homefield. Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

   Discussion: Sheriff Chad Howard wanted to update the board on the problems the jail were facing and needed to act quickly due to the boilers for heat had went bad and needed to be replaced ASAP, and that under statue due to the emergency that they did not have to go to bid to get the heat system up running and repaired, Sheriff told the board that he (Chad Howard) spoke to a heat and air repair Company and that they were looking at around $ 38,000.00 to fix. The Board decided to have Mr. Ashauer to draft up an Ordinance to use ARPA funds to pay for the repairs and ask the clerk to set another special meeting up Monday Morning November 20th at 9:00 A.M. to be approved.

   Next on Discussion Luc from textmygov: VIA phone call Luc with TextMyGov explained to the board what his company provided to possibly help the county on getting the word out on certain items for instance upcoming elections or when tax bills are coming out and due. Luc explained that his company would waive the initial set up fee if the county decided to sign on with their company before December 15th 2023 and the total cost of every office signing on would cost around $ 5500.00 per year. The Commissioner said that they would look into this program more and let the County Clerk know if they would be considering moving forward or not with this program.

Payment of Bills: Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes

Adjourn – Time 6:05 P.M. Special Meeting on November 30th, 2023 (9:00 am)

Chairman; _____

Commissioner; _____

Commissioner; _____