Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
9:00 a.m. – December 14, 2023
Perry County government Building

A special meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday December 14, 2023 at the Perry County Government Building, Pinckneyville, IL.62274

OPENING

Chairman Bruce morgenstern called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by those in attendance.

County Clerk Bobby kelly called the roll. The following members answered the call of the roll: Commissioner Folden present, Commissioner Martin present and Chairman Morgenstern was present.

The following department heads were also present: Jodi Koester, Brian Otten, and others Pete Spitler Press.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Morgenstern - Before we approve the agenda, does anyone want to be added to Public Comments? then called for approval of the meeting agenda. Commissioner Folden moved the agenda for the meeting be approved. Commissioner Martin 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 30, 2023 special meeting, and the December 7th 2023 regular meeting. Chairman Morgenstern called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Folden made the motion the, minutes of the November 30, 2023 special meeting and the December 7th 2023 regular meeting to be approved. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

Discussion: County Board levies for fiscal year 2024.

The board had discussions on several levies that they would vote on December 21; 2023 which would be the 4th Tuesday of December is the cut of date to be filed with the County Clerk's office. Commissioner Folden explained to the board that when Mr. Nerhkorn came to a regular meeting November and expressed the importance of the board Increasing their levy do to the fact that they have not had an increase since 2015 and how they are short falling, and that they are running in the red and do not know that they will be able to sustain at this rate

and if nothing is done they will have to close up shop, and the County will have to out source service that will cost the county a heck of a lot more for the tax payers. Commissioner Folden expressed that the board needs to at least increase their levy to 18% to capture the amount they need to keep running which about $ 529,000.00 from $ 315,000.00 from previous year. Chairman Morgenstern commented if we do not do this we will lose our ambulance service. Commissioners also agreed to max out the tax up to the 4.99% and to keep from having a truth and taxation hearing. The corporate fund helps supply the general fund which pays salaries and General county expenses, that line item is $707,632.00 will increase to $747,007.00 for FY 2023 payable 2024. County Treasure Jodi Koester explained To the board that increasing the levy to the max on the IMRF, Tort and General Liability insurance, Social Security and Unemployment Insurance line items is because of the increase in salaries this year and two new deputies in the Perry County Sheriff's Department, and that she (Jodi Koester) said I do not know if

we can levy enough to cover these things at this point. Commissioner Folden commented on the recent rise on inflation and how it plays into the county finances. Commissioner Folden also expressed that we have been through two years of the highest inflation at 8% so that is 16% and the county has to buy fuel and other necessities. Commissioner Folden also commented that large increase will be marginal increase on their tax bill due to an anticipated rise in the county's (EAV) the county's EAV is projected to increase 9.5% from $ 293,968,979.00 to $ 321,896,032.00 in Fiscal year 2024 an increase of $ 529,144.00. Assessor Josh Smith said when our EAV grows all of our taxing bodies should drop. Commissioner Folden also explained owners with a $50,000.00 assessment may see a $5.00 increase, a $14.00 increase with a $150,000 assessment and a $20.00 increase with a $200,000 assessment and that Mr. Folden would be surprise if there is any increase in the county's tax bill when we finalize the tax bills.

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 made the motion Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on voice call 2 Ayes. Time 10:05 A.M.

Chairman Morgenstern moved the Board adjourn and convene the next regular meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted:

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