Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
5:00 p.m. – Thursday, January 4th, 2024
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, January 4th, 2024 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 and Commissioner Morgenstern were present.

The following department heads were also present: David Searby, Jodi Kester, Brian Otten, Jeff Ashauer and others LeeAnn Herrera, JW Huppert, Pete Spitler, and Phil Schimanski.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Morgenstern - Before we approve the agenda, does anyone want to be added to Public Comments? Chairman Morgenstern asked that JW Huppert be put on discussion for Heating system for the jail, 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 approval of the December 14th, 2023 minutes first. Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on voice call 2 Ayes. Then of the December 21st, 2023 minutes Commissioner Folden made the motion Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on voice called 2 Ayes

Resolutions:

I. Resolution –Nominate and vote on vice-chairman for fiscal year 2024, Chairman Morgenstern made the motion that Commissioner Folden be Vice-Chairman, for fiscal year 2024 Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

II. Resolution – Approve agreement between Perry County Government and Charter Communications. There was a lot of series of question from the commissioners for Ms. LeeAnne. Commissioner Folden and Mrs. Martin wanted to extract the 5 year's extra on the original contract extending it with out Board approval if not notifying Charter communications in time before automatically extending the contract for additional 5 more years after the original contract expired. Commissioner Folden made the

motion be approved after the 5 years removed from contract for Chairman to sign Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes

III. Resolution --. To Appoint FOIA (Freedom of Information Act Officer) Chairman Morgenstern brought to the board Yvonne Morris which currently works in the clerk's office has agreed to except the position, and will be transferring to the Assessor's Office soon. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

Discussion: JW Huppert Heating and Air to discuss the hot water heater and domestic water situation at the Perry County jail. Mr. Huppert explained the situation with the old system and how much the system was costing the county the system that was installed initially. Mr. Huppert said that there was a better system that he could construct at a lower cost and work more efficient as far as operating cost to the jail. The Board asked Mr. Huppert to submit a bid, do to the fact that the board was using a grant that required 2 bids, prior to awarding the project to a company to replace the old system.

Payment of Bills: Commissioner Folden made the motion Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on roll call 2 Aye

Adjourn – Time 5:50 P.M. to the next regular meeting on Thursday January 18th, 2023 (5:00 pm)

Chairman; _____
Bruce Morgenstern

Commissioner; _____
Joseph Folden

Commissioner; _____
Jennifer Martin