Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
5:00 p.m. – Thursday, February 15th, 2024
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, February 15th, 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 Bobby kelly called the roll. The following members answered the call of the roll: Commissioner Folden present, Commissioner Martin and Chairman Morgenstern were present.

The following department heads were also present: State's Attorney David Searby, Jeff Ashauer, Jodi Koester Treasure, Brian Otten Engineer and guest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Morgenstern - Before we approve the agenda, does anyone want to be added to Public Comments? Rita Schwebel asked to be put on discussion. 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 February 1st, 2024, Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion regular meeting on voice call 3 Ayes.

Resolutions:

1. Approve reappointing Jeff Ashauer as the (ARPA) Administrator
   Chairman Morgenstern addressed the board needing to reappoint Mr. Ashauer as the ARPA administrator for another year. Chairman asked the board that he would like to increase the stipend to $1500.00 from $1000.00 which was in the original agreement. Chairman Morgenstern explained that do to the extra work load that has been added to Mr. Ashauer that was not original agreed upon is why he the Chairman was asking for increase. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.
2. Approve Raffle License D.Q. Chamber of Commerce Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.
3. Approve Raffle License Elks lodge 884 Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

4. Award White Walnut Bridge Reconstruction Section 20-00149-00-BR to C-Hill civil Contractors. Brian Otten Highway Engineer explained that this was bidded on last year and that it came in higher than what they thought it would so they went back and discovered they could use a bond that they had to help cover the cost of

$535.555.00 and that there were 3 bids that came in. Mr. Otten explained that he himself has contacted the schools of the road closer on White Walnut in which the project will not start after the schools will be out for summer break and the project will only last for about a month and a half this summer starting around the end of May 2024. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes

Discussion: Rita Scwebel spoke to the board on the referendum that she would like the board to put on the November Ballot of getting a census of separating Cook county from the rest of the Sate and creating a new State. Board members told Mrs. Schwebel that she would have to do her due diligence and bring back to the board in which Mrs. Schwebel already had in hand. The board look into what they need to do to put on as a referendum when the time is ready to do so.

2.James Mayer from Mayer networks came to explain some situations they have been dealing with and wanting to address them with board and what his company does for the county of going up a beyond the scope of actually what everyone to understand what is actually in the contract. Mr. Mayer also explained the situation with the County Clerk's office with upgrades that needs to be implemented on the new system from the state called Apex and his vendor Fidlar. Mr. Mayer explained how the licensing works and why their needs be a certain amount of licensing for this program, and also told the board of their continuing 24-hour support that safe guards the county from initial problems that could happen at anytime and reboots they have to perform after hours due to the fact That they cannot do this while business hours for disruption in their offices.

3.Jeff Ashauer asked the board that they would hold a special meeting to expediate the process of bringing in a engineering firm to get good 3 bids or more to subsequently to understand the importance on exactly what the jail needs to correct the old furnace and hot water systems. And receive bids that are comparing apples to apples. Chairman Morgenstern asked the County Clerk to schedule a special meeting on February 20th at 8:00 A.M.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS; Chairman asked for a motion to make payment of the bills, Commissioner Martin made the motion, Commissioner Folden second 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 Folden made the motion, Commissioner Martin second the motion on voice call 3 Ayes 6:15 P.M.

Submitted:

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Robert Kelly, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: March 7th, 2024

Chairman Morgenstern

Commissioner Folden

Commissioner Martin