Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
5:00 p.m. – Thursday, March 7th, 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, March 7th, 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 other 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 7th, 2024 and the February 20th 2024 special meeting Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion regular meeting on voice call 3 Ayes.

Ordinances:

1. # 2024-02 Authorization to utilize (ARPA) funds to assist with the construction of the Perry County Highway Department Garage. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3
2. #2024-03 To set and establish mileage, hotel and per-diem for County Officials and their constituents. Chairman asked to table for more info.

Resolutions:

1. SUP-24-01 Geranium Solar, LLC for a special use permit for construction of a 300 MW AC solar electric generating facility that will include a 200 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) that will be located northeast of Swanwick, Illinois in unincorporated Perry County, Illinois. Becky Tracy zoning admin. Explained to the board that they held a meeting at the Kof C Hall in Pinckneyville and explained the new project that was coming up and gave the public time to speak on their concerns on this solar project. Mr. Spigoni wanted to speak briefly to the board on how he and his wife were disgruntled on this

particular solar project do to the fact that it was encompassing their house. Mr. Spigoni expressed that every window we look out, we see nothing but solar. Chairman Morgenstern expressed to Mr. Spigoni there is nothing we can do because the state had set laws in place that we cannot over ride. Commissioner Martin also concluded that everyone in the room knows she is not a big fan of solar and if she had her way that things would be different. States Attorney David Searby said it is the law and the county has no jurisdiction to override state laws and to prevent Solar from setting up here. Thomas Gentry from Geranium solar was present to answer any concerns or questions anyone had for Mr. Gentry Mr. Spigoni did ask the question of what kind of revenue does the county generate from these solar farms? Mr. gentry said that did not have the amount of as far as jobs, on the other side of this there will be a substantial amount of property taxes that will come from this solar project an estimated 45 million generated out through 30 years now grant it that the most of your monies will come out from the beginning and slowly reduce down as time goes. With no further discussion Chairman Morgenstern asked if he had a motion on this resolution # 2024 – 17 Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

2. SUP-24-02 April Ferguson to place a 44 x 28 (1232 sf) manufactured home at 514 Cherry Lake Road, DuQuoin, IL 62832. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes

3. Resolution Approve said Properties to be sold at sealed bid auction to go back on tax rolls Permanent Parcel numbers are as listed 2-64-0600-200,210. 2-64-0350-300. 2-531140-180. 2-61-1230-020. 2-61-1530-220. 2-61-1870-260. 2-64-0530-200. 4-44-0030-200. 4-44-0030-210. 4-44-0100-260. 4-44-0110-220. 4-44-0150-190. 4-52-0430-250. 4-52-0420-240. 4-52-0300-2910. 4-52-0330-230. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes

4. Resolution to approve software for government building. County Clerk Robert Kelly explained to the board that he had requested a bid from Mayer networks which came in at $ 10,476.30 and Fidlar Technologies brought in a bid around 14000.00 and with that being said that if we go with Fidlar then Mayer networks would not responsible for any IT work without charging the county. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes

5. Resolution Approve new Cobra and insurance rates previously discussed in previous board meeting. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

6. Approve funding for the White Walnut North Bridge Brian Otten said that was already approved prior board meeting but needed to be redo to the fact pricing had went up since this approved last summer from 535,000.00 to 600,000.00. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3

7. Approve funding for the White Walnut South Bridge. Mr. Otten once again explained same issue with this one so you are just reapproving what you all had passed this past summer. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3

8. Award truck and salt storage building construction to Lake Contracting. Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes

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Public Comments: Sheila Haggard asked the question on immigration and Chairman Morgenstern asked that this what not on agenda and did not want to discuss at this time. Angela Rojak asked the board about the separation of Perry county from Cook County.

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 6:45 P.M.

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

Chairman Morgenstern

Commissioner Folden

Commissioner Martin