Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
5:00 p.m. – Thursday, December 19th, 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, December 19th, 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 present and Commissioner Morgenstern were present.

The following department heads were also present: David Searby, and others Pete Spitler.

\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 Folden moved the agenda for the meeting be approved. Chairman Morgenstern seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Morgenstern asked that the December 14, 2023 minutes be tabled.

Ordinances: 1. Ordinance setting County Levies fiscal year 2024. County Clerk Robert Kelly explained the process on the levies and the max you can raise them before having a truth and taxation hearing which is anything above .0499% which is the max. Where we have set the counties, portion was at the .0499% due to the fact of increasing wages and increasing two more officers in the sheriff's department and other factors that we are seeing at this point. We are hoping next year we can get started on the new budget in July, due to the fact that is when the state starts their new fiscal year and will be able to see what funding the state will budgeting for and run our numbers to see where we are at. Commissioner was hoping next year (hopefully) his goal is to keep the county portion down. Due to the fact that the tax payers do not like paying increasingly high taxes. (quoted) Commissioner Folden. County Clerk also explained that the ambulance had a large increase from last years levy of .01072 % to this year's rate of 18 % which will take them from last years revenue of $ 315,000.00 to $ 529.000.00 which the increase is greater than .0499 % but due to the fact that they fall under the fire and safety prevention act. Chairman Morgenstern asked for a motion to approve

the ordinance 2023-0-17 Commissioner Folden made the motion Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on roll call 2 Ayes

2.Ordinance setting unit road district levies fiscal year 2024. County Clerk explained that the Engineer Brian Otten had raised his levies to the .0499 % because every year he is trying to capture a rate at .0455 % to allow him to capture funding from the state of $ 200,000.00 other wise we the county road district would be leaving money on the table, in which this is not what we would want to do. We are basically guessing on what are EAV will be for next year so it is hard to make sure when are EAV comes in for next year we know that it will be a .95 % percentage higher than previous year, so the EAV that we used are numbers should come in about .0465 % which it would allow the Unit road to get the extra funding of $ 200,000.00. Chairman Morgenstern asked for a motion to approve the ordinance 2023-0-18 Commissioner Folden made the motion Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on roll call 2 Ayes.

Resolutions:

I. Resolution – Approve Contract with Rice Sullivan, LLC Certified Public Accountants, audit and non-audit for the next three years. Commissioner Folden said that States Attorney David Searby looked at the contract and said that everything looked ok and acknowledge that their pricing was very good for the service they provided for the county. Commissioner Folden made the motion Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on roll call 2 Ayes.

II. Resolution – SUP-23-12 Joel Vancil to place a new 16 x 60 (960 sf) mobile home at property identified as 1-41-0280-011. Commissioner Folden made the motion Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on roll call 2 Ayes.

III. Resolution -- SUP-23-13 Scott Jenkel and Amy Newman to place a new 32 x 64 (2048 sf) mobile home at 3452 Valleyview Lane, Pinckneyville, IL. Commissioner Folden made the motion Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on roll call 2 Ayes.

IV. Resolution: -- Approve (PLAWA) Paid leave for all worker's Act Policy. Commissioner Folden made the motion Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on roll call 2 Ayes.

Discussion:

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

Adjourn – Time 5:35 P.M. to regular meeting on Thursday January 4th, 2023 (5:00 pm)

Chairman; _____
Bruce Morgenstern

Commissioner; _____
Joseph Folden

Commissioner; _____
Jennifer Martin

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Commissioner Folden moved the agenda for the meeting be approved. Chairman Morgenstern seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Morgenstern asked that the December 5th, 2024 minutes be tabled.

1. **Ordinances:** 1. 2024-09 Final Expenditure Authorization and Project Obligation ARPA Administrator Jeff Ashauer explained to the board of how the final expenditure of the last of the funds from the federal were going to be appropriated due to the fact we have to have all monies allocated. Before the end of this fiscal year. We have done all we can to get a lot of things done to keep low maintenance. This is to obligate the rest of the monies. What we have done calculated again the number of contracts that are ongoing we subtracted the original poor mans $60,000.00 balances of the current cash value which is $144,073.92 remains unallocated. The county board agreed to set that money aside for change orders coming for the government building renovation project, with anything left over going to a priority list of projects. We have no idea what that's actually going to be, Ashauer said of the change orders, we know that there's a few coming, because now that we're into the demolition, we kind of see some of the things that nobody, no human

being, could see before they actually tore some of this stuff out. We did notice, you know, we have a change order coming to you to build a firewall that everybody thought was there, that was not there. We are going to have to spend some of this $144,000 on this after that the remaining will be going to do furniture for the treasures office which that had not received any monies to that office yet. Next would be $7500.00 friends of Pyramid State Park. Thirdly would be $6500.00 to Perry County Animal Control which was largely untouched by ARPA funds. Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

Resolutions:

1. SUP-24-07: Reeses Hill Solar, LLC, an entity of Carson Power to construct, operate and maintain the Reeses Hill Solar, LLC project, a 4.25 MW AC ground mounted community solar array on parcel 1-64-0080-140, owned by Jason Ohlau, in unincorporated Perry County. The proposed project will occupy approximately 22 acres of the overall parcel consisting of approximately 228 acres. #2024 – 108. Becky Tracy Zoning Manager the zoning board met yesterday with Carson solar project with their Reese Hill solar project they are putting in a 4.25 MW solar community project on 22 acres over a parcel over about a 228 acres parcel after their presentation, the zoning board voted unanimously for the project and also approved a special use permit, and we do have the people from Carson power for you all to ask question. Becky said that is still talking to David Searby with this community host agreement this project is unique this will be the first that we will receive something on like that it is the good will for Carson Power because there is nothing in our ordinance yet to force it but I will be speaking with David Searby about updating our Ordinance to do that. This will be a onetime fee this will be over the tax revenues building permit and other fees up and beyond that and once they flip the switch they will owe us $25000.00. But David and I are not comfortable yet about talking about it about what we see in the future, but this is something Carson Power gracious enough agreed to do. Chairman Morgenstern made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 2 Ayes. Commissioner Martin abstained from voting.
2. Accept the resignation of Wayne Wildermuth from the Zoning Board of Appeals. #2024 – 109 Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.
3. Approving Raffle License Unlimited Play. #2024 – L 23 Commissioner Martin made the motion Commissioner Folden second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.
4. Appoint Yvonne Morris To the Office of Supervisor of Assessment #2024 – 110. County Clerk Kelly explained to the board that since SOA Josh Smith resigned and did not do the swearing in because of excepting another job from Williamson County SOA position. With that the board in

December 5th, 2024 meeting declared a vacancy in the SOA office and that the Chairman would send a letter notifying both parties of the vacancy in which was held prior Democratic position. And that the Chairman of the Democratic Party submitted a name to the Chairman for appointment and the name had to hold a Licensing for Supervisor of Assessment. Yvonne Morris was the selection, from the Chairman of the democratic party submitted to the Chairman. The chairman asked for a motion. Commissioner Martin made the motion Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on roll call 2 Ayes. Commissioner Folden had left the meeting prior to this motion due to other obligations.

5. Approve County Highway Maintenance costs. #2024 – 111 Commissioner Martin made the motion Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on roll call 2 Ayes.

Discussion: Commissioner Martin expressed to the public that the Perry County Animal Control started a new adoption program and as of yesterday already had two adoption already done.

Payment of Bills: Commissioner Martin made the motion Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on roll call 2 Ayes

Adjourn – Time 5:58 P.M. to Special meeting on Monday December 30, 2024 (9:00 a.m.) Commissioner Martin made the motion to adjourn Chairman Morgenstern second the motion on roll call 2 Ayes.

Chairman; _____
Bruce Morgenstern

Commissioner; _____
Joseph Folden

Commissioner; _____
Jennifer Martin