Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
5:00 p.m. – Thursday, March 6th, 2025
203 North Walnut Street, Pinckneyville, Il. 62274

A regular meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners convened at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6th, 2025 at the Pinckneyville Community Center Building in 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, Commissioner Martin and Chairman Morgenstern were present.

The following department heads were also present: State's Attorney David Searby and several others were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Morgenstern - Before we approve the agenda, does anyone want to be added to the agenda or Public Comments? Mike Kovic asked to be put on. Commissioner Martin 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. Chairman Morgenstern 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 20th, 2025, Chairman Morgenstern called for corrections. There were none. Commissioner Martin made the motion, Commissioner Folden second the motion, on voice vote 3 Ayes

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Approve Raffle License #2025-RL6 St. Paul UCC: Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

2. Approving joint agreement with IDOT for Kathleen Mine Road Pipe Culvert Extension. #2025-R15. Mr. Otten explain to the board that this is an agreement between IDOT and Perry County highway on extending and repairing a culvert on Kathleen mine road. Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

3. Approve designating Discover Downstate Illinois Bureau as Perry County's Tourism Provider #2025-R16. Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

4. Approve Gerald Zmudzinski to be Reappointed as trustee to the Tamaroa Community Fire District #2025-R17 Commissioner Folden made the motion Commissioner Martin second the motion on roll call 3 Ayes.

Discussion: Chairman Morgenstern spoke on giving work changes on remodel board granted to sign change orders as they come through. $6895.48 for removal and replace old black cast iron pipe Over head coil doors for assessor's office down stairs and w need an extra door for board room and removal of a wall from the assessor's office in which came a total of $16236.97. And the cost of adding the board room door was $5895.45. Chairman Morgenstern briefly discussed attending meetings VIA by phone and the only reason why to call in and still be a voting member. Mr. Searby said we already have statues that lay this out, so there really nothing we need to do at this point and time.
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Public Comments: Wayne Hawkins wanted to know why the county did not remove the vicious dog from the residents where it attacked one of my employees. You did nothing you failed us the tax payers of Perry County Stated (Mr. Hawkins) Commissioner Martin explained to the people in attendance, " look I did what was by the law and our Ordinance" Sherry Kovic spoke up and said it says rite there in your ordinance that you are to take the dog when some is viciously attacked and quarantine them for 10 days why would you trust the pet owners when already got away from her to attack this pour lady and tear her up, what not keep this from happening again. Commissioner again said I was following state law and I felt that I was doing everything by law I was supposed to do. Mr. Hawkins again expressed no you did nothing put the trust back in the owner's hands when they already failed safe guarding people to maintain their pet, you have 65 kids running around the community center, just across the street and you are putting all these kids and everyone that comes around here at risk. Commissioner you know I am understanding but my thought why has no one has reported this dog ever being a nuisance or running at large if this dog was a problem over here, I always tell everyone take pictures write the time and date for hard evidence or just call it in but no one ever did, why? I am asking all of you. My Kovic said we don't care what you think how the law reads and we do not or want to call department of AG we are speaking with you, the board stated Mr. Kovic. We want to know what are you going to do to fix this problem, that is what we are all here for, not to hear excuses are how you are interpreting the law apparently you do not understand your own Ordinances Stated Mrs. Kovic. County Clerk Robert Kelly ask the chairman if he could step in and basically told Mr. Hawkins that all you are wanting to hear is the board will look into this and make the rite changes so this will not happen again Mr. Hawkins replied Thank You Bobby for saying that! That is all we are here asking for! There was a lot of discussion back and fourth when Chairman Morgenstern intervened, and called for a quick end to the debate "we are all done," Chairman Morgenstern replied, I have made my commitment we will find out what we can, where we need to be and then we will go from there. It will be on the next agenda Thursday March 20th meeting.
Kent Smith from the Veterans support group explain to the board what they do and was coming to the board of passing a resolution to be able to implement a levee for the Veterans organization that helps and assisting veterans when in need, utility bills mortgages. There will be a board made up of veterans that will help on making sure monies are used properly, this will be reported to post 647 and 513 in DuQuoin. There will be one person from Perry County on the board but must be a veteran, but will not be

able to vote. With your current EAV we are looking at bringing in around $ 95000.00 in which that would be a calculated rate of .0289% from the general fund.

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.
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ADJOURNMENT OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING
There being no further business to come before the Board, the Commissioner Folden made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Martin second the motion on voice call 3 Ayes 6:30 P.M.
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Robert Kelly, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois

Approved: March 20th, 2024

Chairman Morgenstern

Commissioner Folden

Commissioner Martin