



Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – January 22, 2015

The Winter Quarter meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015 in the County Board Room at the Perry County Government Building in the City of Pinckneyville.

OPENING

County Chairman Bobby Kelly called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by those in attendance.

County Clerk Josh Gross called the roll. The following members answered the call of the roll: Commissioner Sam Robb, Commissioner James Epplin and Chairman Bobby Kelly. No members were absent. The following department heads were also present: State's Attorney David Stanton, Supervisor of Assessments John Batteau, Sheriff Steve Bareis, County Engineer Brian Otten, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, 911 Administrator Randy Dement, Public Health Director Barb Taylor, and General Assistance Supervisor Natalie Brand.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Kelly asked for the minutes of the January 8, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, January 8, 2015 Executive Session, be approved. Chairman Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Epplin moved the minutes of the January 8, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, January 8, 2015 Executive Session meeting, be approved. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Kelly called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. Barb Taylor was added to Discussion along with Sam Robb. Eric Milam was added to Public comments section. Also Resolution item reducing the size of the Perry County Emergency Telephone System Board was tabled until a future meeting.

Commissioner Robb moved the agenda for the meeting as amended, be approved. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT OF MADISON H. PRESSWOOD TO PERRY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Chairman Kelly confirmed that Madison H. Presswood is willing to serve on the Perry County Emergency Management Agency. This appointment was at the behest of Emergency Management Director David Searby. This term is an unexpired appointment.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2015-8, a resolution approving Madison H. Presswood be appointed to Perry County Emergency Management Agency, be approved. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, Commissioner Epplin and Chairman Kelly. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTIONS – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENTS TO PERRY COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD (2)

Chairman Kelly announced his appointments to fulfill the Perry County Emergency Telephone System Board. This is a four year appointment ending on February 1, 2019

- David Durkota
- Steve Bareis

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2015-9-10, resolutions appointing David Durkota and Steve Bareis to positions on the Perry County Emergency Telephone System Board to terms ending February 1, 2019, be approved. Commissioner Robb

seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, Commissioner Epplin, and Chairman Kelly. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION

Raffle license applications were presented for approval. Application and fees are in order and approval is recommended for application, as follows:

- Perry County Sportsmen Club (2015-RL-1)

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2015-11, resolution approving raffle license application and issuing the license as indicated above, be approved. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Epplin, Commissioner Robb, and Chairman Kelly. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

DISCUSSION

Josh Gross – Clerk Gross first discussed an issue the county was just made aware of with the elevator in the south Government building. In the bottom of the elevator shaft there is a sump pump that needs a metal cover added, the shaft also needs a ladder installed to reach the pump in the bottom. Clerk Gross also discussed a bid recently received from The Bellwether Consulting Group. They specialize in cost analysis studies on County assessed fees. They charge a fee to provide this analysis and it is the boards feeling that this fee is on the high side and needs more discussion.

Becky Tracy – Director Tracy addressed our current waste disposal process explaining that we have five trash pick up locations and they are used by two different providers. She is interested in consolidating our hauling to just one provider. She believes that some incentives currently in place with the landfill might be able to provide us some leverage to receive very low bids. The county currently spends \$3,600 roughly in hauling fees annually. Commissioner Robb inquired to see if there are any existing contracts in place that may prevent us from shopping around.

Barb Taylor – Mrs. Taylor presented her associate Nicole Marlow to discuss their no smoking initiative. Mrs. Taylor has already spoken to Sheriff Bareis about placing no smoking signs around the courthouse. Mrs. Marlow wanted to update the county on the progress they have made so far. She discussed that their approach to date has been focused on prevention and so far she has received a good response from the city and school boards. While the city councils have not set any policies in place they have allowed no smoking signs to be placed near children play areas. The schools have allowed for more placement. All of the Pinckneyville schools have no smoking signs in place. They are now looking to provide these signs at all county facilities.

Sam Robb – Commissioner Robb was present for a webinar discussing hiring policies. It focused on pre-employment testing. This webinar discussed the many benefits of pre-employment testing and the cost savings associated with hiring the right person. There are many future webinars scheduled and all are expected to provide great value.

Eric Milam - Mr. Milam took exception to some of the comments made by Director Tracy in regards to the potential waste disposal changes. His company provides service to three of the counties five disposal sites. He stressed that he does have a contract in place with Perry County to provide service to those three locations. He explained that he has been allowed one free dump at the landfill as a condition to providing our disposal service and that Director Tracy had contacted the landfill to stop that free dump. He stated that since he provides our service at cost in exchange for the free dump and if that incentive is indeed taken away our cost for disposal services will be forced to increase. He stated that he believes these potential changes are personal and are due to a difficult relationship he has with Director Tracy. He also referenced a personal Dump site that he is aware of and made Director Tracy aware of over 30 days ago. Director Tracy stated that she has contacted the property owner and has provided them an extension to get the site cleaned up due to the wet ground and difficulty of removing the refuse.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Kelly called for comments from the public or announcements from department heads. There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None Needed

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Board members examined claims presented for payment. Board agreed to pay all bills as presented.

Commissioner Epplin moved that all claims against the General Corporate Fund and all claims against special purpose funds, be approved (see attached), with General Corporate Fund expenses to be prioritized according to policy. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, Commissioner Epplin and Chairman Kelly. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and payment warrants granted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn and re-convene the Winter Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 5th 2015.

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Winter Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 5th 2015. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: February 5, 2015