



## **Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – March 19, 2015**

The Winter Quarter meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 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, Sheriff Steve Bareis, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, EMA Director David Searby, Planning and Development Director Jeff Ashauer, Supervisor of Assessments John Batteau, Circuit Clerk Kim Kellerman, and County Engineer Brian Otten.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Kelly asked for the minutes of the March 5, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and March 5, 2015 Executive Session, be approved. Chairman Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Epplin moved the minutes of the March 5, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and March 5, 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. There were none.

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 – APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH GTS (GOV TECH SERVICES)**

Clerk Gross explained that a part of Treasurer Craft's software conversion will include a change to GTS for our credit and debit processing. This change should accomplish two things. First is will allow for an easier way for Taxpayers to pay their taxes online once her site is up and operational. Second, the county should see a slight decrease in the amount of cost associated with processing the credit and debit payments. GTS came very highly recommended from B-BAM the accounting software provider Treasurer Craft is in the process of switching to.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2015-24, a resolution approving a contract for service with GTS (Gov Tech Solutions) for credit and debit processing, 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 resolution adopted.

### **RESOLUTION – APPROVE MHMP SUB GRANT REVISION**

Emergency Management Coordinator Searby addressed the board to discuss this minor Grant revision. Mr. Searby stated that this is a simple follow-up to our current plan. SIU does need a sub grant for the same period of time that our current State Grant runs through. This change accomplished that.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2015-25, a resolution approving the MHMP Sub Grant Revision, 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 Robb, Commissioner Epplin, and Chairman Kelly. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOR COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

County Clerk Gross presented a contract from the University of Illinois Extension office. According to the Extension Office, the university is asking every county to adopt a standard contract for the extension property tax levy proceeds. This appears to be standard practice for the providers of various voter-approved levies. The County also has current contracts for other tax-funded services such as ambulance, senior citizens services, ETC. The contract is for the coming year in the amount of \$75,000

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2015-26, a resolution approving an extension of our existing agreement with the University Of Illinois Extension Center 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 resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATIONS (6)**

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

- Wyatt Eisenhower Memorial Ride (2015-RL-4)
- Pinckneyville Knights of Columbus (2015- RL-5)
- Old Du Quoin Cemetery (2015-RL-6)
- Southern Illinois Tomahawks( 2015-RL-7)
- PCHS Baseball (2015-RL-8)
- Du Quoin Elks Lodge #884 (2015-RL-9)

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2015-27-32, resolutions approving raffle license applications and issuing the licenses 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.

**RESOLUTION – PINCKNEYVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DIST. APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Kelly stated that he was re-appointing Jeff Suchomski as Trustee of the Pinckneyville Rural Fire Protection District. The appointment is for a three-year term ending April 30, 2018.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2015-33, a resolution ratifying the Chairman's appointment of Jeff Suchomski to a term on the Pinckneyville Rural Fire Protection District Board of Trustees, be adopted. 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 the resolution adopted.

**DISCUSSION**

1. **Kim Kellerman** – Clerk Kellerman gave the board an update on how the past fee collection is going. She is just shy of collecting \$35,000 in unpaid fines and fees. This is a very large amount for the size of our county. Mrs. Kellerman is also running the pilot program for a collection agency to collect the County's Child Support Maintenance Fund. This is a mandatory fee set by state statute and is sometimes hard to collect. The Circuit Clerks office sends out a notice every March. Many times these notices are ignored and end up costing the county considerable money in postage, office supplies, and manpower. The Circuit Clerks office has also began collecting payments with credit and debit cards. This has greatly increased cash flow by collecting money much quicker.
2. **Jim Lamczyk** – Mr. Lamczyk is here to address the board to discuss County Sponsorship for a new waterline being constructed. He is representing Greenwood Creek Nation he is currently applying for a Greater Egypt grant to cover a large portion of the cost associated with the new water line. This would be to fix a need for additional water for the north east portion of Perry County. This second line would also provide a backup source in the case of an emergency disaster. This line would be a seven mile line. Greenwood Creek Nation is a not for profit organization. Chairman Kelly asked that Planning and Development Director Ashauer assist Mr. Lamczyk in drafting this letter of support. Mr. Ashauer is glad to assist in anyway.

## **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board recess to executive session,

- To discuss “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee of the public body.”  
Per ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

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 board entered executive session at 2:18 p.m.

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board close the executive session meeting and re-enter regular session. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board re-entered regular session at 2:37 p.m.

## **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 OF WINTER QUARTER MEETING SINE DIE**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn the Winter Quarter meeting sine die and convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2015.

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board adjourn the Winter Quarter meeting sine die and convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2015. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

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**JOSH GROSS, County Clerk**  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners  
County of Perry, State of Illinois  
Approved: April 2, 2015