



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
9:00 a.m. - Monday, November 14, 2016  
County Board Room – Perry County Government Building**

A regular meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016 in the County Board Room at the Perry County Government Building in the City of Pinckneyville.

**OPENING**

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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: Chairman Kelly, Commissioner Robb and Commissioner Epplin. The following department heads were also present: Assistant State's Attorney David Searby, County Engineer Brian Otten, Planning and Development Director Becky Tracy, and Treasurer Mary Jane Craft.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Kelly asked for the minutes of the November 3, 2016 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, to be approved. Chairman Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Epplin moved the minutes of the November 3, 2016 regular Board of Commissioner's meeting, be approved. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- I. Chairman Kelly called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. Alex Snedeker was added to discussion, and Executive Session reason was modified to too "the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee of the public body." Per ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

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

**ORDINANCE – APPROVE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA**

Assistant States Attorney Searby spoke about the new Ordinance in length. He stated that this Ordinance is designed to set strict limits and fines in place for any individuals guilty of handling Drug Paraphernalia and sets clear language in place to protect the county from these infractions.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Ordinance 2016-3, an ordinance approving Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 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 passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

**ORDINANCE – APPROVE CANNABIS CONTROL ORDINANCE**

Assistant States Attorney Searby also spoke to the effectiveness of a new cannabis Ordinance. The fines associated with this Ordinance mirror the Paraphernalia Ordinance essentially imposing a double fine on anyone found to be in possession of both items. These two Ordinances when worked together grant Perry County Sheriff's Deputies additional tools when policing the citizens of Perry County

Commissioner Robb moved that Ordinance 2016-4, an ordinance approving Cannabis Control Ordinance, be adopted. 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 – SCHEDULE SPECIAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

Clerk Gross reminded the board that the budget must be ratified prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> and that a special meeting will be needed to accomplish that task. Based on meeting the minimum 15 day timeline for viewing and the calendar for November the best day to conduct a special meeting will be November 29, 2016.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2016-153, a resolution to approve a special Board of Commissioners meeting on November 29, 2016, 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 resolutions adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION (1)**

The raffle license application was presented for approval. Application and fees are in order and approval was recommended for application, as follows:

- VFW Post 513 (2016-RL-37)

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolutions 2016-154, a resolution approving a raffle license application 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: Chairman Kelly, Commissioner Robb, and Commissioner Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution was adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – ACCEPT RESIGNATION PERRY COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Chairman Kelly accepted the resignation of Joe Folden from the Perry County Housing Authority. Mr. Folden has been an active and involved member of the housing authority board of Directors for over 3 years.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2016-155, resolution accepting the resignation of Joe Folden from the Perry County Housing Authority, be adopted. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Kelly, Commissioner Robb, and Commissioner Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – PERRY COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD**

Chairman Kelly announced his appointment of Keenen Rice to a partial 5-year term on the Perry County Housing Authority Board, for term of office ending April 14, 2018.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2016-156, a resolution ratifying the Chairman's appointment of Keenen Rice to partial five-year term (ending April 14, 2018) on the Perry County Housing Authority Board, be adopted. 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 – PLACING TENTATIVE 2017 COUNTY BUDGET ON DISPLAY**

Commissioner Robb opened discussion on the 2017 Fiscal Year budget. County Clerk Gross distributed draft copies of the budget. In regard to the General Corporate Fund, there is a surplus of approximately \$45,000 at this time. There was general discussion about revenue and spending projections. Chairman Kelly expressed his gratitude toward the board and office holders who were able to make great strides in reducing expenses for the upcoming year in an effort to put the county back on the right fiscal path.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2016-157, a resolution placing a tentative 2017 County Budget on file for public inspection, 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.

## **DISCUSSION**

**1. Josh Gross** – Clerk Gross addressed those in attendance with some election night updates. Clerk Gross was quite pleased with the voter turnout setting a new county record for largest voter turnout. We were able to vote over 10,000 people between early voting and the actions on Election Day. While there were small issues like there are with every election as a whole it was a very smooth process. Clerk Gross stressed his satisfaction with both his staff and election judge team and how they all conducted themselves on Election Day as well as the months prior.

**2. Alex Snedeker** – Mr. Snedeker addressed the board to discuss the new rates for the health insurance beginning January 1, 2017. He expressed his satisfaction over the stability of the Counties health Plan and that while Health insurance costs are rising all over the Country Perry County has remained fairly flat. He shared the new rate structure with the board and asked for them to approve the new rates in a future meeting so they can take effect on time on January 1, 2016.

## **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Robb 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 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 board entered executive session at 9:21 a.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 9:54 a.m.

### **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

Board members examined claims presented for payment. The 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: Chairman Kelly, Commissioner Robb and Commissioner Epplin. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and payment warrants were granted.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF FALL QUARTER MEETING**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn and re-convene the Fall Quarter meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2016.

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Fall Quarter meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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**JOSH GROSS, County Clerk**  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners  
County of Perry, State of Illinois

Approved: November 29, 2016