



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m. – Thursday, December 8, 2016
County Board Room – Perry County Government Building**

A regular meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2016 in the County Board Room at the Perry County Government Building in the City of Pinckneyville.

OPENING

County Clerk Josh Gross called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Dallas Bigham, Commissioner James Epplin and Commissioner Bobby Kelly. No members were absent. The following department heads were also present: County Clerk Josh Gross, States Attorney David Searby, and Circuit Clerk Kim Kellerman.

ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN FOR 2017

County Clerk Gross called for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Fiscal Year 2017. Commissioner Kelly nominated Commissioner Epplin for Chairman. Commissioner Bigham seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Hearing no other nominations, Commissioner Kelly moved that nominations be closed and Commissioner Epplin be elected as Chairman by acclamation. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and Commissioner Epplin assumed the Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the November 29, 2016 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Kelly moved the minutes of the November 29, 2016 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Epplin called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. Executive Session was removed from the agenda.

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

ORDINANCE – ESTABLISHING 2017 COUNTY HOLIDAYS

County Clerk Gross presented a resolution establishing County Holidays for 2016. Dates when County Government offices shall be closed include: Monday, Jan. 2 (New Year's Day), Monday, Jan. 16 (Martin Luther King Day), Monday, Feb. 13 (Lincoln's Birthday), Monday, Feb. 20 (Presidents' Day), Friday, April 14 (Good Friday), Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day), Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day), Monday, Sep. 4 (Labor Day), Monday, Oct. 9 (Columbus Day), Friday, Nov. 10 (Veterans' Day), Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving), Friday, Dec. 22 (Christmas Eve), Monday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day), and Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 (New Year's Day).

Commissioner Kelly moved that Ordinance 2016-07, an ordinance establishing the 2017 County holidays, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye:

Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE – ESTABLISHING 2017 COUNTY BOARD MEETING TIMES

County Clerk Gross presented a resolution establishing County Board meeting dates and times. Meetings will continue to be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Meeting dates include: Winter Quarter: Jan. 5, Jan. 19, Feb. 2, Feb. 16, Mar. 2, and Mar. 16. Spring Quarter: Apr. 6, Apr. 20, May 4, May 18, Jun. 1, and Jun. 15. Summer Quarter: July 6, July 20, Aug. 3, Aug. 17, Sep. 7 and Sep. 21. Fall Quarter: Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 16, Dec. 7 and Dec. 21. Meeting times will be held at 2 p.m.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Ordinance 2016-8, an ordinance establishing the 2017 County Board meeting times, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE – APPROVING 2017 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX LEVY

County Clerk Gross reviewed the proposed 2017 County property tax levy ordinance, as discussed at previous meetings held for budget purposes. Total levy is \$3,496,116. The levy is an approximate 3.1% increase from the previous year and thus a Truth-In-Taxation hearing is not required. There are some increases throughout the budget in an attempt to bring the County back into balance fiscally. These increases paired with appropriate cuts should hopefully get the County back to a balanced budget in future years.

The levy is broken down as follows:

<u>Levy Line Item</u>	<u>2017 Levy</u>	<u>Change+/-</u>
Corporate	\$560,000	\$13,000
IMRF	\$645,000	\$20,000
Highway	\$194,877	\$10,410
Bridge	\$97,438	\$5,205
Mental Health	\$223,000	\$0
Tuberculosis	\$10,000	\$0
Federal Aid Highway Match	\$97,438	\$5,205
Highway Rock & Gravel	\$97,438	\$5,205
Tort Judgments & Gen. Liability	\$575,000	\$0
Social Security	\$385,000	\$12,000
General Assistance	\$40,000	\$30,000
Extension Education	\$78,925	\$3,925
Ambulance	\$300,000	\$0
Health Services	\$154,000	\$0
Senior Adult Services	\$38,000	\$0
Total County Levies	\$3,496,116	\$104,950
Difference	3.1% increase	

Commissioner Kelly moved that Ordinance 2016-09, an ordinance levying property taxes for the County for the 2017 tax year as presented above, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE – APPROVING 2017 UNIT ROAD DIST. PROPERTY TAX LEVY

County Board reviewed the proposed 2017 Unit Road District property tax levy ordinance, as discussed at previous meetings held for budget purposes. Total levy is \$645,438. The levy is a 4.9% increase compared to the previous year and thus a Truth-In-Taxation hearing is not required. Tax rates should be stable or slightly lower with minimal assessment value increases. The levy is broken down as follows:

<u>Levy Line Item</u>	<u>2014 Levy</u>	<u>Change +/-</u>
Road and Bridge	\$293,000	\$-5,000
Bridge	\$92,233	\$5,205
Social Security	\$39,000	\$0
Unemployment Insurance	\$4,000	\$0
IMRF	\$46,000	\$0
Tort Judgments & Gen. Liability	\$159,000	\$30,000
Audit	\$7,000	\$0
Total Unit Road District Levies	\$645,438	\$29,795

Commissioner Kelly moved that Ordinance 2016-10, an ordinance levying property taxes for the Unit Road District for the 2017 tax year, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the ordinance adopted. and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the ordinance adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Becky Tracy, the Zoning Administrator, presented the board with an application for Special Use Permits and recommendations to approve. This is for a used mobile home replacing an older mobile home.

- Thomas Stevers – (SUP-16-10)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolutions 2016-167, resolution approving Special Use Permit, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Bigham, and Chairman Epplin. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE PERRY COUNTY HEALTH CARE RATES FOR 2017

Clerk Gross explained that there are new rates for the 2017 Health Care premiums. These new rates were presented to the board two meetings prior by Snedeker Risk Management. The rates for 2017 will actually represent a decrease from the 2016 rates. This is mostly attributable to a lower than expected claims year.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolutions 2016-168, a resolution approving the new Perry County Healthcare rates, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly, and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S RE-APPOINTMENT TO PERRY COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Chairman Epplin confirmed that Marilyn Pick is willing to be re-appointed to the position of member for the Perry County Zoning Board of Appeals. This term will be for five years expiring December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolutions 2016-169, a resolution approving the Chairman's appointment of Marilyn Pick to the Perry County Zoning Board of Appeals, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly, and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE MODIFICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE

Curtis Miller addressed the Perry County Board asking that they amend the current Ordinance allowing Newspaper Delivery vehicles the ability to use an amber warning light while in the process of delivering for both their safety but also the safety of passing motorists. Clerk Gross and States Attorney Searby both expressed their support for this safety procedure. States Attorney Searby asked for some additional time to complete the paperwork allowing for this Resolution to pass. Chairman Epplin agreed and asked to table the resolution until the December 15th County Board meeting.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolutions 2016-170, a resolution approving modification of the Perry County Motor Vehicle Ordinance, be tabled. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly, and Chairman Epplin. The motion was tabled on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution was tabled.

DISCUSSION

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None was needed

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

Commissioner Kelly 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 Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Epplin, Commissioner Bigham and Commissioner Kelly. 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 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016.

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Fall Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Submitted:

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

Approved: December 15, 2016