



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, August 3, 2017  
County Board Room – Perry County Government Building**

A regular meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, 2017 in the County Board Room at the Perry County Government Building in the City of Pinckneyville.

**OPENING**

Chairman Epplin 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: Chairman Epplin, and Commissioner Bigham. The following department heads were also present: State's Attorney David Searby, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, and County Engineer Brian Otten.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the July 20, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Bigham moved the minutes of the July 20, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin 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 for Pending Litigation was added. And Resolution appointing Krista Strait was tabled.

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

**RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATIONS (2)**

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

- Perry Randolph Friends of the NRA (2017-RL-17)
- Perry County Home and Community Education Association (2017-RL-18)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolutions 2017-92-93, resolutions approving raffle license applications and issuing the licenses as indicated above, be approved. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Epplin, and Commissioner Bigham. The motion was passed on a vote of 2-0 and the resolutions were adopted.

**RESOLUTION – ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM PERRY COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD**

Clerk Gross read a letter he received from Kimberly Ransom resigning her position with the Perry County Housing Authority Board due to serious health concerns.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-94, a resolution accepting the resignation of Kimberly Ransom from the Perry County Housing Authority Board., be approved. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 2-0 and the resolution adopted

## **DISCUSSION**

1. **Steve Bookstaver** –Mr. Bookstaver addressed the County board about the conditions of a neighbor's property at his City Lake house. Mr. Bookstaver shares a number of pictures showing old vehicles and other assorted items on the property that appear not in good order. Mr. Bookstaver asks the board for any assistance they can provide. He also asks why the board only meets at 2pm during the day and since this is a public meeting suggests that it should be held later. Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy addresses the board to explain the updates on the property in question. She states that she has spoken to the gentleman and that he has shown slight improvements. She also stated that she has been very successful getting other property issues resolved and that if you trust the system it will work. She did also state that she is not in favor of a new Ordinance and that it would not be enforceable due to the large agriculture base that would be negatively impacted by such an Ordinance. She closed by stating that the property in question is due for the next step which involves being served cleanup papers by the sheriff's office. She states that usually they see the most improvement at that time.

## **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Bigham moved the Board recess to executive session,

- To discuss "pending litigation" per 5 ILCS 120 2(c)(11)

Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Epplin, and Commissioner Bigham. The motion passed on a vote of 2-0 and the board entered executive session at 2:33 p.m.

Commissioner Bigham moved the Board close the executive session meeting and re-enter regular session. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board re-entered regular session at 2:44 p.m.

### **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

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

Commissioner Bigham 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. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Epplin, and Commissioner Bigham. The motion was approved on a vote of 2-0 and payment warrants were granted.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF SUMMER 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 Summer Quarter meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Commissioner Bigham moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Summer Quarter meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2017. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

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**JOSH GROSS, County Clerk**  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners  
County of Perry, State of Illinois  
Approved: August 17, 2017