



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, February 1, 2018
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, February 1, 2018 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: Commissioner James Epplin, Commissioner Bobby Kelly, and Commissioner Dallas Bigham. The following department heads were also present: County Clerk Josh Gross, Assistant States Attorney Marty Beltz, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, Highway Engineer Brian Otten, and Sheriff Steve Bareis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the January 18, 2018 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Bigham moved the minutes of the January 18, 2018 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Epplin called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. Alex Snedeker/Kevin Kern, Becky Tracy, Scott Coleman, and George Guidish were all added under discussion.

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

RESOLUTION – APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Chairman Epplin spoke to those in attendance about a possible road improvement program through the City of Pinckneyville. This project will help eliminate some of the congestion in the downtown area. This project looks like a very positive program for the City of Pinckneyville. It is not intended to hamper the regional project of a four lane expansion.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-13, a resolution approving a letter of support for City of Pinckneyville Road Construction Project, 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 APPOINTMENT OF SAM EASTERLY TO SOUTH CENTRAL TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Chairman Epplin confirmed that Sam Easterly is interested in serving on the South-Central Transit Commission.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-14, a resolution approving the Chairman's appointment of Sam Easterly to the South-Central Transit Commission, 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 – RECOGNIZING ILLINOIS SOUTH TOURISM BUREAU

County Clerk Gross stated that he had prepared a letter of support for the Tourism Bureau, indicating that the County's endorsement carried no financial obligation. Board members agreed to join the Bureau as outlined in this letter of support.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-15, a resolution approving Illinois South Tourism Bureau as the County's recognized tourism entity, 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE AMENDMENT TO PERRY COUNTY HEALTHCARE PLAN

Mr. Kevin Kern with Snedeker Risk management addressed the board in regards to the proposed healthcare modifications. These changes are basically housekeeping issues and pertain to definitions and language uses that need to be updated in regards to the CHIP program. This also pertains to using the relay services options that provide better communication to the Perry County employees about their healthcare plan. These are very straightforward modifications that will not affect coverage in any way.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-16, a resolution approving amendment to the Perry County Healthcare Plan, 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTIONS – APPROVING MOTOR FUEL TAX MATERIALS BID

County Engineer Brian Otten presented a resolution awarding the Motor Fuel Tax materials bids. It was noted there was very little change in cost of materials from the previous year.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2018-16, resolution awarding County and Unit Road District Motor Fuel Tax materials bid for 2018, be adopted. 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 resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WDQN

Clerk Gross addressed the board about a letter of support for WDQN radio station. The station is currently pursuing a license for an FM radio station. While it is not necessary, station owner Jeff Egbert has approached Perry County about including a letter of support in his petition for the station. Perry County Government believes that an FM station would greatly improve the services provided to our residents. For this reason, it makes sense to supply a letter of support.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-18, a resolution approving a letter of support for WDQN, 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 by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION

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

- Old Du Quoin Cemetery (2018-RL-1)

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2018-19, resolution approving raffle license application and issuing the license as indicated 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: Chairman Epplin, Commissioner Bigham, and Commissioner Kelly. The motion was passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution was adopted.

DISCUSSION

1. Alex Snedeker - Mr. Snedeker and Mr. Kern addressed the board to advise them on the status of the Perry County Healthcare Plan. Mr. Snedeker spoke to last year's numbers and how they were slightly higher than the previous year but that the minor increase was primarily due to claims being improperly processed at the end of 2016. When Perry County transferred their service from Health link to Core source a number of claims were not properly executed by Health link forcing their payments to linger over to 2017. Taking that issue into account our health plan ran very well just like it has been for the prior three years. Mr. Kern echoed those comments stating that since Perry County has made the conversion to Snedeker Risk Management they have continued to show savings over their prior provider.
2. Becky Tracy - Director Tracy addressed the Board to inform them of the Mercury Thermometer recycling currently ongoing at the Perry County Government Building, along with the upcoming Paper Shredding Event on April 28th.
3. Scott Coleman - Mr. Coleman asked for assistance with his road concerns in Willisville. Mr. Coleman lives on Lake Drive and spoke to the deteriorating conditions on Lake Rd. He reminded the board of the time when the road was finished stating that when it was made it was mixed with concrete to provide a fantastic road. He is concerned that without improved Maintenance all that extra investment will simply be lost and that road will once again be ruined. Engineer Otten spoke to the road and the process he uses to determine which roads get serviced first and how they are maintained. He agreed to visit Lake Rd and see what can be done to improve the condition of the road. However, he did not commit that it would be improved at this time.
4. George Guidish - Mr. Guidish addressed the board to thank them for the appointment of Mr. Easterly to South Central Transit. He also wanted to inform the board of a development to Perry County's coverage map. Due to increased service need, a route connecting Du Quoin to Nashville has been added. They are also considering the purchase of a local building to use for storage and maintenance of the fleet of buses. Having a representative on the board from Perry County will go a long way to helping with this process.

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 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. 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and payment warrants were granted.

ADJOURNMENT OF WINTER QUARTER MEETING

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn the Winter Quarter meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018.

Commissioner Bigham moved the Board adjourn the Winter Quarter Meeting and convene the Winter Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
 Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
 County of Perry, State of Illinois
 Approved: February 15, 2018