



Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – April 16, 2015

The Spring Quarter meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 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, County Clerk Josh Gross, Supervisor of Assessments John Batteau, Circuit Clerk Kim Kellerman, Treasurer Mary Jane Craft, and University of Illinois Extension Director Lynn Heins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Kelly asked for the minutes of the April 2, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Epplin moved the minutes of the April 2, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners 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. Chairman Kelly received a letter from Representative Jerry Costello to be read in Public Comments. Clerk Gross added an Executive Session "To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the public body" Per ILSC 120/2 (c)(1)

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 – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT TO TAMAROA COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Board received a notice from Tamaroa Community Fire Protection District that Larry Galbraith's term expires April 30th of this year. He has agreed to stay on for another 3 year term, expiring April 30th 2018.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2015-37, a resolution approving the appointment of Larry Galbraith to the Tamaroa Community Fire Protection District, 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 by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY OWNED TRUSTEE PROPERTY

Joseph Loucks paid his Delinquent Taxes, a total of \$1,235.19, directly to the Perry County Agent. The ownership of mobile home, parcel number 54-011-30, goes back to Mr. Loucks and back on the tax rolls.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2015-38, a resolution approving the conveyance of County Owned Trustee Property, 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 resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE 2015 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REPORT FOR GREATER EGYPTIAN

The Board received a letter from Greater Egyptian outlining this development. The letter asks Perry County to adopt the 2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report , so they can continue to receive funding from the EDA (Economic Development Administration).

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2015-39, a resolution approving the 2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report for Greater Egyptian, 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 by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE COUNTY POLICY AND PROCEDURE HANDBOOK

This resolution has been tabled.

DISCUSSION

Lynn Heins – Lynn is the new County Director for the University of Illinois Extension Office. She works with Unit 26, which includes 5 local counties: Perry, Randolph, Jackson, Franklin, and Williamson. She introduced herself to the board and informed them of upcoming events happening with the extension in Perry County. These include: a Passport Party presenting the cultures of Germany and Pennsylvania, an 8th Grade Teen Conference, and the 5th and 6th grade Farm and Home Safety Day.

Josh Gross- We have the County's Contract with Devnet Inc. This company is our Tax software vendor. This program is used by three of our Offices: Supervisor of Assessments, County Clerk, and Treasurer, to figure and collect Property Taxes. The cost is \$42,869.85 a year and this is a 5 year contract. The contract total is: \$214,349.25. Devnet is a very good vendor. They have always provided us with excellent customer service and support.

Josh Gross - The Consolidated Election was April 7, 2015. The results will be finalized on Tuesday, April 21st and certified to the State. The county had a voter turnout of 26.9% which is the highest of all Southern Illinois Counties.

Mary Jane Craft – Mrs. Craft provided an update for the board on the new Accounting software, BBAM. Employee Training for the new software will start on Monday, April 20th. Fundware, the county's old accounting software company was going to charge \$9,300.00 to format the County's data, but using a programmer suggested by BBAM, we have been able to transfer data for \$3,000 payable over 3 years and interest free. The Treasurer's and County Clerk's office will be using this software. Yearly savings for switching programs will be \$13,000 for the first 3 years and \$19,000 thereafter.

Bobby Kelly – Chairman Kelly received a letter from Jerry Costello's office, our 116th district State Representative. As a part of the Illinois Commerce Commission's Crossing Safety Improvement Program, Perry County has received a grant of \$550,000 to improve the safety of Railroad crossings. These improvements will include: Automatic flashing light signals, gates, and the installation/reconstruction of approaches. The Board wishes to thank Jerry Costello for the attention to the matter and for securing the county this significant grant.

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 2:24 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 2:43 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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn and re-convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 7th 2015.

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 7th 2015. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: May 7, 2015