



Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – May 21, 2015

The Spring Quarter meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 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, Circuit Clerk Kim Kellerman, Supervisor of Assessments John Batteau, County Engineer Brian Otten, and Planning and Development Director Jeff Ashauer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Kelly asked for the minutes of the May 7, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and May 7, 2015 Executive Session, be approved. Chairman Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Epplin moved the minutes of the May 7, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and May 7, 2015 Executive Session, 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. Commissioner Robb and Supervisor of Assessments John Batteau asked to be added to Public Comments.

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

RESOLUTION – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT OF STEVE BAREIS TO ANIMAL CONTROL ADMINISTRATOR

Chairman Kelly stated that he was appointing Steve Bareis as Animal Control Administrator. This position was most recently held by Tim Russell. Upon Mr. Russell passing Sheriff Bareis assumed interim control of Animal Control and has agreed to complete the remainder of this term. Under Statute 510ILCS 5/2.01 "Administrator" means a veterinarian licensed by the State of Illinois and appointed pursuant to this Act, or in the event a veterinarian cannot be found and appointed pursuant to this Act, a non-veterinarian may serve as Administrator under this Act. The appointment is to complete a three-year term ending January 31, 2018.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2015-40-46, resolution ratifying Chairman's appointment of Steve Bareis to Animal Control Administrator, 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 Epplin, Commissioner Robb, and Chairman Kelly. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE IMRF PROTECTIVE LEAVE FOR KAREN HEISNER

County Employee Karen Heisner had missed 10 months of service due to a medical condition back in 2001. Mrs. Heisner having been through a retirement seminar with IMRF was made aware that she can buy back that lost time to help improve her Retirement Pension. Before she is allowed to buy that time back IMRF requires the County to approve this through a resolution. The costs associated with buying back this lost time are assumed by Mrs. Heisner and not Perry County.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2015-47 resolution approving IMRF protective leave for Karen Heisner, 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE ADJUSTMENT TO JUROR WAGES

Circuit Clerk Kellerman addressed the board on the issue of House Bill 2641 which will mandate certain wages be paid to potential Jurors. These new Juror wages are to be set at \$25 for day one and \$50 for any subsequent days served. These pay raises are to be potentially offset by increased Fees charged by the Circuit Clerk's office on Civil Jury Trial demands. That fee is paid by the claimant who requests the Jury trial. This bill also eliminates the reimbursement for Juror travel.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2015-48, a resolution approving increases to Juror Wages and Civil Jury Trial fees 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

DISCUSSION

Brian Otten – Engineer Otten updated the board of the loss of State Funding for Roads due to Governor Rauner sweeping money from the Highway funds for the General Fund. This process which was originally thought to be unallowable will lead to a reduction of Highway revenue by \$15,000 or 2.1% of total budget and \$27,000 or 2.3% of total Unit Road Budget. Due to increased expenses and flat revenue these cuts will force the County to dip into its limited savings to cover the loss. If this trend continues the savings funds will be depleted in a number of years.

John Batteau - Assessor Batteau advised the Board that his office has received the final multiplier of 1.00 from the state. This was exactly what the County wanted. The tax extension process has now moved over to the County Clerk's office for rate development.

Sam Robb – Commissioner Robb asked those in attendance if any were aware of substantial increases in utility costs in the near future. While attending a recent UCCI meeting he was informed of a northern county that is experiencing a significant rate increase. Henry County informed those in attendance that they were under the impression this increase would be felt throughout the state. No one in attendance had heard of the potential increase. Commissioner Robb cautioned for all to keep their eyes and ears open.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Kelly called for comments from the public or announcements from department heads. There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None was needed

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, June 4th 2015.

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 4th 2015. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: June 4, 2015