



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. - Thursday, March 17, 2016
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, March 17th, 2016 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: Chairman Bobby Kelly, Commissioner Sam Robb, and Commissioner James Epplin. The following department heads were also present: County Clerk Josh Gross, Health Director Barb Taylor, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, Supervisor of Assessments John Batteau, County Engineer Brian Otten, and State's Attorney David Stanton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Kelly asked for the minutes of the March 3, 2016 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and March 3, 2016 Executive Session, be approved. Chairman Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Robb moved the minutes of the March 3, 2016 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and March 3, 2016 Executive Session meeting, be approved. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Kelly called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. Executive Session was removed from the agenda, and the reappointment of Dr. Shawn Beckemeyer was modified from the Cutler Fire Protection district to the Coulterville Fire protection district. Treasurer Craft was added under the discussion topics. The agenda was approved as amended.

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

RESOLUTION – STATE'S ATTORNEY'S APPELLATE PROSECUTOR PROGRAM

State's Attorney David Stanton presented Board with an annual resolution renewing participation in the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor program. The annual cost is \$7,000. The service allows additional legal assistance for specialized areas like labor law and drug forfeiture services. This program also handles all cases from the County which are appealed in the Fifth District Appellate Court. This usually amounts to 50-60 cases annually and is well worth the cost.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2016-29, a resolution renewing annual participation in the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor program, 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 carried on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted

RESOLUTIONS – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The following Individual has been approached to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee. She has been selected because of her experience and would be important additions to the Committee:

- Patsy Lipe (term expires 11-30-19)

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolutions 2016-30, approving the appointment of Patsy Lipe to the Local Emergency Planning Committee, 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 Robb, Commissioner Epplin, and Chairman Kelly. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

RESOLUTION – COULTERVILLE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DIST. APPT.

Chairman Kelly stated that he was re-appointing Dr. Shawn Beckemeyer as Trustee of the Coulterville Community Fire Protection District. The appointment is for a three-year term ending April 30, 2019.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2016-31, a resolution ratifying the Chairman’s appointment of Dr. Shawn Beckemeyer to a term on the Coulterville Fire Protection District Board of Trustees, 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.

RESOLUTION – PINCKNEYVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DIST. APPOINTMENT

Chairman Kelly stated that he was re-appointing Robert G. Templeton as Trustee of the Pinckneyville Rural Fire Protection District. The appointment is for a three-year term ending April 30, 2019.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2016-32, a resolution ratifying the Chairman’s appointment of Robert G. Templeton to a term on the Pinckneyville Rural Fire Protection District Board of Trustees, 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 – APPROVING U. OF I. EXTENSION OFFICE BUDGET

The Board was presented with a 2016/17 budget proposal for the University of Illinois Extension Office. The Extension Board met recently and approved this draft. Expected income and expenditures are \$137,200.22 with a property tax levy requested at \$77,000. The budget is slightly lower than the previous year, with the property tax levy request unchanged.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2016-33, a resolution approving the 2016/17 University of Illinois Extension Office budget, be approved. Chairman Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, and Chairman Kelly. Commissioner Epplin voted present. The motion passed on a vote of 2-0 and the resolution adopted.

DISCUSSION

1. **Mary Jane Craft**– Treasurer Craft addressed the board to inform them of a new program that will be taking effect in her office for the upcoming tax cycle. This will allow taxpayers to pay using a credit/debit card both in office and online. The vendor Gov-Tech also will have a website available to the public for them to view their tax bill online. While all of these changes are beneficial to the taxpayer some of these were a direct result of the many ongoing changes happening with the Illinois Funds accounts at the state level. Some of these changes would have been made regardless of the new vendor or not. So this was the perfect time to add the new relationship with Gov-Tech and allow for the benefits of the new services.

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: Chairman Kelly, Commissioner Epplin, and Commissioner Robb. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and payment warrants granted.

ADJOURNMENT OF WINTER QUARTER MEETING SINE DIE

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn the Winter Quarter meeting sine die and convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016.

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board adjourn the Winter Quarter meeting sine die and convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Submitted:

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

Approved: April 7th 2016