



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Thursday, October 6, 2016
County Board Room – Perry County Government Building**

A regular meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2016 in the County Board Room at the Perry County Government Building in the City of Pinckneyville.

OPENING

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Kelly, Commissioner Robb and Commissioner James Epplin. The following department heads were also present: State's Attorney David Stanton and Treasurer Mary Jane Craft.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Kelly asked for the minutes of the September 15, 2016 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, to be approved. Chairman Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Epplin moved the minutes of the September 15, 2016 regular Board of Commissioner's 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. Executive Session was removed from the agenda and a resolution approving the "Grow and Eat Local Proclamation was added" We also removed the agenda item Approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Perry County Board and County Highway Foreman. Finally Sam Robb was added under discussion. The agenda was approved as amended.

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

RESOLUTION – APPROVE CHANGING SIGNATORIES OF 911 CHECKING ACCOUNT

Treasurer Craft presented to the County Board the need to update the signatories on the 911 checking account opened at Du Quoin State Bank. Due to recent personnel changes with the E911 director. Doug Clark will replace Randy Dement as the E911 Coordinator and will also be the second signatory.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2016-129, a resolution approving Doug Clark to replace James R. DeMent as the signatory, 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 passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE NEW PERRY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

Chairman Kelly confirmed that Courtney Loos has accepted the offer from Perry County to replace Jennifer Foutch as our new Public Defender. This is an unexpired term and will be covered for the foreseeable future.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2016-130, a resolution approving Courtney Loos to be appointed to Perry County Public Defender, 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 passed by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVING E.M.A. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A memorandum of understanding between the Emergency Management Agency and the Egyptian Area Agency on Aging was presented for approval. The M.O.U. outlines the agency's cooperation in case of a local disaster, including contact and services specifically designed to assist older persons needing assistance. This is similar to agreements adopted with other area facilities formalizing their assistance in the event of a disaster.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2016-131, a resolution approving a memorandum of understanding between the Perry County Emergency Management Agency and Egyptian Area Agency on Aging, be approved. 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 carried on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION (2)

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

- Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce (2016-RL-30)
- Pinckneyville Community High School District 101 (2016-RL-31)

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolutions 2016-132-133, resolutions approving raffle license applications and issuing the licenses as indicated above, be approved. Chairman Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Kelly, Commissioner Robb, and Commissioner Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions were adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE “PERRY COUNTY GROW AND EAT LOCAL CAMPAIGN”

Clerk Gross addressed the county board to read the Proclamation from the Perry County Home and Community Education Association. They are asking for support in making the week of October 10 thru October 15 officially the “ Grow and Eat Local Campaign for Perry County” Chairman Kelly stated that he is proud that the County Board is able to assist such a great organization for such a great cause.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2016-134, a resolution approving the “Perry County Grow and Eat Local Campaign”, be approved. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Kelly, Commissioner Robb, and Commissioner Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions were adopted.

DISCUSSION

1. **Josh Gross** – Clerk Gross addressed the Board by giving them an update on where the first drafts of the Perry County Budget currently set at. At this time we have a deficit budget of \$290,000. The Board has stated that they want to have a surplus budget this year in the amount of \$200,000. This leaves us \$490,000 to cut from the current budget proposals. The board will take the next ten days to review the drafts and will then ask the Clerk to forward their recommendations on to the individual departments. We are hopeful to have some of the changes complete by the second meeting in October.
2. **Sam Robb** – Commissioner Robb addressed those in attendance on a variety of topics that he was informed of at two conferences he has attended since the last board meeting. Commissioner Robb stated a number of recent modifications to current laws have impacted all the counties throughout the State of Illinois. He had a variety of suggestions they may directly impact our budget process. Commissioner Robb also shared some financial figures he has received from Snedeker at their most recent conference. One number that was a glaring issue is our worker's compensation premiums. Perry County is more than double the county average from all of Snedekers other clients. This once again convinces him that we have some issues in our workers compensation management and these issues must be corrected. He again is asking the papers to take a look at the specific issues involved in Perry Counties Workers Compensation crisis.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

Commissioner Eplin 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 Robb and Commissioner Eplin. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and payment warrants were granted.

ADJOURNMENT OF FALL 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 Fall Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2016.

Commissioner Eplin moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Fall Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2016. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Submitted:

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

Approved: October 20, 2016