



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
2:00 p.m. - Thursday, October 20, 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, October 20, 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 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 Kelly, Commissioner Robb and Commissioner James Epplin. The following department heads were also present: State's Attorney David Stanton, Assistant State's Attorney David Searby, Sheriff Steve Bareis, County Engineer Brian Otten, Planning and Development Director Becky Tracy, and Treasurer Mary Jane Craft.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Kelly asked for the minutes of the October 6, 2016 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, to be approved. Chairman Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Epplin moved the minutes of the October 6, 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. County Engineer Brian Otten was added to discussion, Sheriff Steve Bareis was added to Public Comments, and Kevin Kern is replacing Josh Gross/Sam Robb to speak about the County's Unemployment Insurance.

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

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE HAZZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Emergency Management Director David Searby spoke about the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County, an ongoing program that the county has been working on developing. With this program, the County is eligible for some Federal Funding for mitigation projects. With Board Approval, the county will be compliant with FEMA regulation for the next 5 years.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2016-135, 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 – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION (1)**

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

- St. Mary Magdalen Church (2016-RL-32)

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolutions 2016-136, a resolution approving a raffle license application and issuing the licenses as indicated above, 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 resolution was adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – APPROVE NEW RATES FOR JUROR COMPENSATION**

Clerk Gross explained that the recent Illinois State Statute passed to increase juror compensation has been found unconstitutional so it reverts back to the County Board's decision. Juror rates will go back to how they were set before the Statute changed.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2016-137, a resolution approving new rates for Juror Compensation, 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 Robb, and Commissioner Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution was adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – APPROVE SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Becky Tracy, the Zoning Administrator, presented the board with an application for Special Use Permits and recommendations to approve. This is for a used mobile home replacing an older mobile home.

- Renee Rheinecker – (SUP-16-09)

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolutions 2016-138, resolution approving Special Use Permit, 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.

#### **DISCUSSION**

**1. Kevin Kern** – Mr. Kern wanted to discuss the Unemployment Insurance options provided by Snedeker Risk Management. At this time the savings they have available for Perry County would represent a 21% cut from our current costs. This program has been in existence for a number of years and has shown significant results for all counties that have taken advantage of it. Commissioner Robb expressed his thoughts that this would be a beneficial move for Perry County and would lead to cost savings.

**2. Brian Otten** – IDOT has been doing Bridge repair throughout the State and one bridge in Perry County has been selected. The Bridge is located on Pyatts Blacktop just east of White Tail Road. IDOT has sent the county a notice to post weight limit signs on the bridge for the safety of the Public

**3. Bobby Kelly** – Perry CEO recently had a meeting and Mr. Kelly would like to encourage everybody to get involved and be aware of this organization. This is a group of High School individuals who are interested in entrepreneurship and learning about small business.

**4. Sam Robb** – The Solar Eclipse in 2017 is a major event and a big tourist attraction for Southern Illinois, it may be beneficial for the county to start to prepare for an influx of visitors from all over the world. The Pinckneyville Mayor has been made aware.

#### **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sheriff Steve Bareis** – The Sheriff's Department received a grant in the amount of \$12,331.68 to pay for the cost of overtime of Sheriff's Deputy's throughout the holiday season and the next year to increase patrol occupant protection and DUI enforcement. Press Releases will be made for any check points in the county. As always, the emphasis is on the safety of our community.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Robb moved the Board recess to executive session,

- To discuss "collective negotiating matters" per 5 ILCS 120 2(c)(2)

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 board entered executive session at 2:32 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 3:12 p.m.

#### **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

Board members examined claims presented for payment. The 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 Robb and Commissioner Epplin. 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 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2016.

Commissioner Epplin moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Fall Quarter meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2016. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

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

Approved: November 3, 2016