



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, April 6, 2017  
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, April 6, 2017 in the County Board Room at the Perry County Government Building in the City of Pinckneyville.

**OPENING**

Chairman Epplin 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 Epplin, Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Bigham. The following department heads were also present: State's Attorney David Searby, Treasurer Mary Jane Craft, County Engineer Brian Otten, Supervisor of Assessments Becky Winter, Solid Waste Manager Becky Tracy, and Sheriff Steve Bareis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the March 16, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Kelly moved the minutes of the March 16, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Epplin called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. Becky Winter was added to discussion.

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

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS REMAIN IN IMRF**

Clerk Gross addressed the board to inform them of the recent statute change that requires a resolution from the board allowing all elected full time employees to remain IMRF Participants. This action must be taken every two years and is a requirement for continuing in IMRF.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-39, a resolution to approve Perry County Elected Officials Remaining in IMRF, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Bigham, and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE 2017-2018 LEASE AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION OFFICE**

Clerk Gross stated that it is time to renew the lease agreement with the University of Illinois Extension Office for fiscal year 2017-2018. This is the same lease as previous years and the amount has remained unchanged at \$5,297.60 annually.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2017-40, resolution approving the lease agreement between Perry County and the University of Illinois Extension Office, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Epplin, Commissioner Bigham, and Commissioner Kelly. The motion was passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PARTICIPATION**

This is an agreement with Jackson County for Perry County to be able to participate in their Hazardous Waste Collection program, which will be held on June 9, and 10, 2017 at the Jackson County Airport. Our participation fee will be \$5,625.00. This fee is figured by calculating past participation and is being paid for with landfill funds. Perry County will only incur small advertising costs for the program.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-41, a resolution approving the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Participation, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly, and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION – ACCEPT RESIGNATION PERRY COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Chairman Epplin accepted the resignation of Jacqueline Johnson from the Perry County Housing Authority. Mrs. Johnson has been an active and involved member of the Housing Authority Board of Directors for over 2 years.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2017-42, resolution accepting the resignation of Jacqueline Johnson from the Perry County Housing Authority, be adopted. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Epplin, Commissioner Bigham, and Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION – PERRY COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD**

Chairman Epplin announced his appointment of Kim Ransom to a partial term on the Perry County Housing Authority Board, for term of office ending April 14, 2018.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-43, a resolution ratifying the Chairman's appointment of Kim Ransom to partial term (ending April 14, 2018) on the Perry County Housing Authority Board, be adopted. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly, and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE CHIP SEAL BID**

Engineer Otten addressed the board to present our Chip Seal Bid to go to Illini Asphalt as they were the low bidder again this year.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2017-44, resolution approving Chip Seal Bid to Illini Asphalt, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly, and Chairman Epplin. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE MATCHING COUNTY FUNDS FOR THE SHAMROCK ROAD OVERLAY**

Engineer Otten addressed the board to discuss the asphalt overlay for Shamrock Road. This is the final stage of the Shamrock overlay project. To complete this we need to agree on a county matching arrangement. Engineer Otten states that the total project cost should be covered by previously determined funds and the county should have zero out of pocket cost.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-45, resolution approving Matching County Funds for Shamrock Road, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly, and Chairman Epplin. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTIONS – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT TO ELVERADO WATER DISTRICT**

Chairman Kelly confirmed that Natasha Oestricher is willing to serve on the Elverado Water District. This will be an unexpired term.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2017-46, a resolution approving Natasha Oestricher, to be appointed to Elverado Water District, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

### **RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION (3)**

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

- Team Heather Benefit (2017-RL-03)
- Perry County Jail Museum (2017-RL-04)
- Old Du Quoin Cemetery (2017-RL-05)

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolutions 2017-47-49, resolutions approving raffle license applications and issuing the license as indicated above, be approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Epplin, Commissioner Bigham, and Commissioner Kelly. The motion was passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions were adopted.

### **DISCUSSION**

1. **Alex Snedeker/Kevin Kern** – Mr. Kern addressed the board to discuss the upcoming ICRMT training calendar. He strongly recommended trying to attend one of the seminars. They are all covered by our Insurance company and are at no additional cost to the county. Mr. Kern also wanted to cordially invite our County board members to a regional Q&A session. It will provide for a perfect opportunity to attend some training and to work with other County Board members in surrounding counties. Mr. Snedeker wanted to speak to the board briefly about how the transition to Core Source has worked until this point and what the next steps will be. Up to this point things are progressing in a positive manner and our costs, while they seem to be increasing they actually are staying pretty flat. He did state that the new employees in the Treasurer’s office are helping to manage the transition and doing a good job. Mr. Snedeker also stated that it would make sense for Perry County to establish an insurance commission. Clerk Gross stated he believes that will be an excellent idea.
2. **Josh Gross** – Clerk Gross addressed the board to give a brief update on the recent April election. He stated that turnout was low as expected and came in just over 16%. As he hoped, there were no major issues and the unofficial counts were in around 8:30 pm. Clerk Gross did discuss the use of some new equipment this past election. A pilot program was used at one Polling Place where new Electronic poll books were used. These devices are IPAD’s coded for a specific usage and allow for the checking in of voters. These devices are common place in large counties but are currently not in use in the smaller counties throughout the state. Perry County is the first downstate county to attempt to use poll books. The early results of this pilot were extremely positive.
3. **Becky Winter** – Mrs. Winter addressed the board today to give them an update on the tax cycle. She stated that change notices and publication notices will go out on April 7<sup>th</sup>. That starts the 30 day complaint period. After board of review is concluded we are expected to be right on schedule to complete the tax assessment cycle at the same time as last year.

### **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

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

Commissioner Kelly 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 Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Epplin, Commissioner Bigham and Commissioner Kelly. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and payment warrants were granted.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SPRING 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 Spring Quarter meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2017. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

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**JOSH GROSS, County Clerk**  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners  
County of Perry, State of Illinois  
Approved: April 20, 2017