



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, November 2, 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, November 2, 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, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, Assessor Becky Winter, and Sheriff Steve Bareis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the October 19, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Bigham moved the minutes of the October 19, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Epplin called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. None were needed.

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

**RESOLUTION – RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION**

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

- Du Quoin VFW Post 513 (2017-RL-30)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-128, resolution approving raffle license application and issuing the license as indicated above, be approved. Commissioner Kelly 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.

#### **RESOLUTION – PLACING TENTATIVE 2018 COUNTY BUDGET ON DISPLAY**

Clerk Gross opened discussion on the 2018 Fiscal Year budget. The 2018 General Fund Budget has been a work in progress since July and began with a deficit of \$587,000. This amount has been considerably reduced due to the difficult work of the Elected Officials and appointed department heads. Perry County will experience three layoffs of Full Time staff and a number of Layoffs of part time or seasonal staff. These cuts are not intended to completely correct the financial direction of the county however, they are intended to slow the bleeding. In regard to the General Corporate Fund, there is a deficit of approximately \$11,000 at this time. There was general discussion about revenue reductions both locally and at the state level. Chairman Epplin expressed his gratitude toward the board and office holders who were able to make great strides in reducing expenses for the upcoming year in an effort to put the county back on the right fiscal path.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2017-129, a resolution placing a tentative 2018 County Budget on file for public inspection, 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 Kelly, Commissioner Bigham, and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – PERRY COUNTY BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE**

Clerk Gross stated that to meet the required public inspection timeframe for the 2018 fiscal year budget we need to move our scheduled Board meeting from November 16<sup>th</sup> to November 17<sup>th</sup>. Illinois Statute requires a 15-day viewing period for budgets before they can be approved. By adjusting the date by one day we will meet this timeframe.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-130, a resolution approving the County Board meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> be moved to November 17<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the 15-day budget approval period, 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 Kelly, Commissioner Bigham, and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – APPROVE CHAIRMAN’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PINCKNEYVILLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3)**

The following Hospital Board Members have been contacted and asked if they want to serve a following term on the Board of Directors:

- John Shotton (term expires 12-31-2020)
- Bill Roe (term expires 12-31-2020)
- Larry Wild (term expires 12-31-2020)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolutions 2017-131-133, approving the re-appointment of John Shotton, Bill Roe, and Larry Wild to the Pinckneyville Community Hospital Board of Directors, 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 resolutions adopted.

**RESOLUTION – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE ON COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOARD WITH UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

Chairman Epplin confirmed that the trustee for the County Cooperative Extension Board with the University of Illinois James Engelhardt will resign immediately. The Board Thanks Mr. Engelhardt for his years of service for the local community and wishes him good luck in all his future endeavors.

- James Engelhardt

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2017-134, resolution approving the Chairman's resignation of James Engelhardt from the County Cooperative Extension Board with University of Illinois, 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 on a vote of 3-0 and the resolutions adopted.

**RESOLUTION – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOARD WITH UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

Chairman Epplin confirmed that a trustee for the County Cooperative Extension Board with the University of Illinois is willing to be appointed. This term will be for two years and will expire August 31, 2019

- Austin Winter

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-135, resolution approving the Chairman's appointment of Austin Winter to the County Cooperative Extension Board with University of Illinois, 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 on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

**DISCUSSION**

1. **David Houston –** Mr. Houston addressed the board with a prepared statement. In May when he received his notice that his request for an adjustment has been denied. Based on inequitable comparison of public properties. He felt that his comparable properties were the same as the comparable properties that were used. For six months he has asked the supervisor of assessments why they used the square footage figures that he believes incorrect. He has continued to ask the Board of Commissioners and specifically Commissioner Kelly why the numbers used varied from him. To his knowledge the board has not contacted the board of review to see why those variances have occurred. He has also been told on numerous occasions that the Board of Review does not communicate with residents after there initial process is over and that his only recourse is to file with the State of Illinois. He has since discovered that another Perry County resident was allowed an opportunity to meet with the Board of Review to discuss an open PTax case. This meeting was intended to provide an explanation of their decision and the ability to review/modify it prior the hearing. In August is attorney sent a letter requesting some information from the Supervisor of Assessments. At this time, he has not received a response to that letter.

## **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board recess to executive session,

- To discuss “Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired” Per ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

Commissioner Bigham 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 board entered executive session at 2:15 p.m.

Commissioner Bigham moved the Board close the executive session meeting and re-enter regular session. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board re-entered regular session at 2:29 p.m.

### **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: Commissioner Bigham, Commissioner Kelly, and Chairman 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 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2017.

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Fall Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2017. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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**JOSH GROSS, County Clerk**  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners  
County of Perry, State of Illinois  
Approved: November 17, 2017