



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, December 21, 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, December 21, 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: Commissioner James Epplin and Commissioner Dallas Bigham. Commissioner Kelly was absent. The following department heads were also present: County Clerk Josh Gross, Assistant States Attorney Marty Beltz, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, and Sheriff Steve Bareis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the December 7, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Bigham moved the minutes of the December 7, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Epplin called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. Special Use Permit for Deborah and Joe Canup was removed from the agenda.

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

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE ELECTION JUDGE RESTURCTURING**

Clerk Gross addressed the board to discuss his proposed changes to Election Judge Scheduling for General Primary's. Due to a recent law change at the state level County's are now allowed to only use 3 election judges per precinct during the General Consolidated Primary's. This is due to the decreased turnout statewide and the difficulty most counties have in recruiting election judges. Once the County Board adopts this new policy it will be a permanent modification that has the ability to save the county \$6,500 per election. Clerk Gross will still have the option to use more judges if he sees a reason to but will now have the ability to only staff three judges.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-155, resolution approving the modification to Election Judge staffing during all Primary Elections, be approved. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Epplin, and Commissioner Bigham. The motion passed on a vote of 2-0 and the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVE SALE OF COUNTY OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTIES  
(11)**

The Perry County Agent forwarded resolution to the Board authorizing the sale of trustee-owned surplus properties. The resolution indicates conveyance from the County Agent to the new owners.

- John R Wild (2-61-0860-010, 2-61-0860-020)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-156, resolution approving the sale of County Trustee owned surplus property, be approved. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, and Chairman Epplin. The motion was approved on a vote of 2-0 and the resolution adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – STATE’S ATTORNEY’S APPELLATE PROSECUTOR PROGRAM**

Assistant State’s Attorney Marty Beltz presented the 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 Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-157, a resolution renewing annual participation in the State’s Attorney’s Appellate Prosecutor program, be adopted. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham and Chairman Epplin. The motion carried on a vote of 2-0 and the resolution adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – AMEND POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Clerk Gross addressed the Board to discuss modifying our Sexual Harassment Policy. With the recent passing of Public Act 100-0554 by the state legislature we are forced to modify our current Policy. While the Perry County Policy currently covers most of the mandates there were a few language changes that needed to be made and a County Ethics Officer needed to be selected to comply with the new law.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-158, a resolution amending the County Policy on Sexual Harassment and Discrimination, be approved. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed by a vote of 2-0 and the resolution adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – APPROVE PERRY COUNTY IDENTITY PROTECTION POLICY**

Clerk Gross addressed the Board to discuss the creation of a new County Identity Protection Policy. This policy is to be based off of the Illinois Identity Protection Act, 5 ILCS 179/1. This Policy is created to protect sensitive Social Security Information from being released to the general public. This policy addresses sensitive documents currently held under county offices. It protects against FOIA as well as partnerships with Contractors and Subcontractors doing work on behalf of Perry County. This Policy requires redacting at all appropriate times. This practice has been in place in Perry County for a number of years however, a specific Policy was not created until this time.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-159, a resolution adopting the Perry County Identity Protection Policy, be approved. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed by a vote of 2-0 and the resolution adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – APPROVE CONTRACT FOR POLICE SERVICES WITH VILLAGE OF TAMAROA**

Sheriff Bareis addressed the board to inform them that he has entered in to a new agreement with the Village of Tamaroa for set hours of police coverage. This contract has not been updated in over 8 years. The new rates for Village of Tamaroa is \$18.00/hr for 20 hours of controlled patrols.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-160, a resolution adopting the new contract for Police Services with the Village of Tamaroa, be approved. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed by a vote of 2-0 and the resolution adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION – APPROVE CONTRACT FOR POLICE SERVICES WITH VILLAGE OF CUTLER**

Sheriff Bareis addressed the board to inform them that he has entered in to a new agreement with the Village of Cutler for set hours of police coverage. This contract has not been updated in over 8 years. The new rates for Village of Cutler is \$16.50/hr for 10 hours of controlled patrols.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2017-161, a resolution adopting the new contract for Police Services with the Village of Cutler, be approved. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham and Chairman Epplin. The motion passed by a vote of 2-0 and the resolution adopted.

### **RESOLUTION – APPROVE SPECIAL USE PERMIT (3)**

Zoning Director Becky Tracy presented the board with an application for a Special Use Permit and recommendation to approve. This SUP is to place a new mobile home.

- Dan Curry – (SUP-17-09)
- Mark Lunnemann Sr., Cynthia Lunnemann, and Mark Lunnemann Jr., (SUP-17-10)
- Brian Greer (SUP-17-11)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolutions 2017-162-164, resolutions approving Special Use Permits, be approved. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Chairman Epplin, Commissioner Bigham. The motion was approved on a vote of 2-0 and the resolution adopted.

### **DISCUSSION**

### **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None was needed.

### **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

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

Commissioner Bigham 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. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Epplin requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Bigham, and Chairman Epplin. The motion was approved on a vote of 2-0 and payment warrants were granted.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF FALL 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 Fall Quarter Meeting sine die and convene the Winter Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2017.

Commissioner Bigham moved the Board adjourn the Fall Quarter Meeting sine die and convene the Winter Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2017. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Submitted:

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**JOSH GROSS, County Clerk**  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners  
County of Perry, State of Illinois  
Approved: January 4, 2017