



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, February 15, 2018
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, February 15, 2018 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, Commissioner Bobby Kelly, and Commissioner Dallas Bigham. The following department heads were also present: County Clerk Josh Gross, States Attorney David Searby, Solid Waste Director Becky Tracy, Highway Engineer Brian Otten, and Sheriff Steve Bareis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Epplin asked for the minutes of the February 1, 2018 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, be approved. Chairman Epplin called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Bigham moved the minutes of the February 1, 2018 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. Executive Session was added.

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

ORDINANCE – ESTABLISH PERRY COUNTY TOWING FEE

Sheriff Bareis addressed the board to discuss the new Towing fee he is proposing. This Ordinance was created in conjunction with the States Attorney's office. This will only affect towing relating to a criminal act. Based on last year's numbers this would have affected 54 towing's. Last year the cost study provided by Bellwether shows that this fee is valid and justified and recommended we set a fee of \$200. In comparison the City of Pinckneyville has a fee in place of \$500. This is estimated to add an additional \$5,000 to \$6,000 in revenue to Perry County

Commissioner Kelly moved that Ordinance 2018-01, an Ordinance establishing a Perry County Towing Fee, 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 Ordinance was adopted.

RESOLUTION – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT TO TAMAROA COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Board received a notice from Tamaroa Community Fire Protection District that the term of Tim Bronke will expire April 30th of this year. He has agreed to stay on for another 3-year term, expiring April 30th 2021.

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2018-20, a resolution approving the appointment of Tim Bronke to the Tamaroa Community Fire Protection District, be

approved. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly 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 – PINCKNEYVILLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DIST. APPOINTMENT

Chairman Epplin stated that he was re-appointing Jeff Suchomski as Trustee of the Pinckneyville Rural Fire Protection District. The appointment is for a three-year term ending April 30, 2021.

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-21, a resolution ratifying the Chairman's appointment of Jeff Suchomski to a term on the Pinckneyville Rural Fire Protection District Board of Trustees, 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 was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE SPECIAL USE PERMIT

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.

- Robert and Teresa Knapp – (SUP-18-01)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-22, resolution approving Special Use Permit, 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 Kelly, and Commissioner Bigham. The motion was approved 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 application, as follows:

- Fraternal Order of the Eagles (2018-RL-03)
- Perry County Jail Museum (2018-RL-04)

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolutions 2018-23-24, resolutions approving raffle license applications and issuing the licenses 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. Josh Gross – Clerk Gross addressed those in attendance to discuss the status of Early Voting in Perry County. He stated that the delay in voting is due to an Appellate Court challenge relating to a statewide candidate for Attorney General. Clerk Gross is hopeful for a resolution to the issue on 2-16-2018 when the Appellate Court is expected to announce their decision. The current status of voting is that all military ballots requested have been sent out along with all Republican or Green Party ballots. No Democrat ballots have been sent at this time and those will continue to be held until the verdict is finally rendered. Numerous other counties in the state have taken a similar approach.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board recess to executive session,

- To discuss “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee of the public body.” Per ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

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 board entered executive session at 2:18 p.m.

Commissioner Kelly moved the Board close the executive session meeting and re-enter regular session. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board re-entered regular session at 2:25 p.m.

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. 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 payment warrants were granted.

ADJOURNMENT OF WINTER QUARTER MEETING

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn the Winter Quarter meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Commissioner Bigham moved the Board adjourn the Winter Quarter Meeting and convene the Winter Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: March 1, 2018