



**Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, March 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, March 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, and Sheriff Steve Bareis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Commissioner Bigham moved the minutes of the March 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. Ordinance Approving the Perry County Solar Farm was tabled. Resolution approving county conveyance was mistakenly left on the agenda from the previous meeting and the SUP 18-01 for Joe Canup was actually changed to Variance 18-01.

Commissioner Bigham moved the agenda for the meeting be approved as amended. 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 was recommended for application, as follows:

- Pinckneyville Knights of Columbus (2018-RL-06)

Commissioner Kelly moved that Resolution 2018-28, resolution approving raffle license application 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 resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT TO PERRY COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Chairman Epplin announced his appointment to the Perry County Housing Authority Board. The appointment is for a partial term ending April 14, 2019.

- Matt Benson

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolution 2018-29, a resolution approving Matt Benson, to be appointed to Perry County Housing Authority Board, 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 – APPROVE SPECIAL USE PERMITS

Zoning Director Becky Tracy presented the board with an application for a Special Use Permits and an application for a Variance Permit and recommendations to approve.

- Joe Canup – (Variance -18-01)
- Joe Canup – (SUP-18-02)
- John Wild - (SUP-18-03)
- JoAnn Bishop – (SUP – 18-04)
- Charles Woodside – (SUP-18-05)

Commissioner Bigham moved that Resolutions 2018-30-34, resolutions approving Special Use Permits and Variance Permits, 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.

DISCUSSION

1. **Beth Cassidy/ Judge Daniel J Emge – Probation Update –** Judge Emge addressed the board to discuss a new program created by himself and the Probation Department, the Public Defender and State's Attorney's Offices. This is for Washington and Perry County. This is for individuals who have nonviolent felony convictions. This is a sentencing option for people who are either Addicts or individuals with mental health disorders. This is a voluntary program. Individuals will be invited into the program to defer their sentencing. This involves multiple trips to probation, counseling, and testing phases. The program is designed to be a better option for those being sentenced and is expected to assist in providing rehabilitation rather than simply sending the to Department of Correction. This program does provide an opportunity to eliminate the guilty plea by completing this program. This also provides some flexibility to the probation office and the prosecutors offices. This program should provide some positive options for people attempting to beat their addiction. This is also fully funded through a state grant and will be at no expense to the citizens working through the process.
2. **Bobby Kelly –** Commissioner Kelly addressed the board to discuss the upcoming event for Autism and ADHD (Neighbors Helping Neighbors). This event is scheduled for April 14, from 8:30am to noon. This is an event put on by Tri-County Special Education and is open to all. Commissioner Kelly stated that he donated \$100 to the cause and that he is hoping many others follow his lead and do the same.

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

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 2:31 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 3:02 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 SINE DIE

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn the Winter Quarter meeting sine die and convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

Commissioner Bigham moved the Board adjourn the Winter Quarter meeting sine die and convene the Spring Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Chairman Epplin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: April 5, 2018