

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES – MAY 23, 2019**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were: President David Etienne, Luke Thomas, Charles Baumeister, Danny Bolin, Steve Goodson, Earla Williams and Lynn Fulkerson. A news media representative from the Perry County News was present, along with S. Rod Acchiardo, County Council Attorney. Chief Deputy Auditor, Connie Berger, attended the meeting due to the Auditor being at Auditor's Conference.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of April 25, 2019 had been mailed to the Council for their review. There being no changes or revisions, Earla made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

**REQUEST TO FILL POSITION**

Deputy Prosecutor, Doug Goerss, attended the meeting and explained that the current IV-D Child Support Attorney had resigned and now they would like to fill that position. He explained that this position helps to enforce the child support laws. The county will receive some reimbursement back from the State on this position. They would like to start the new person on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Luke made the motion to approve this request and Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**TRANSFERS**

Perry County Clerk requested a transfer within the Clerks budget in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Postage to Warrants. Danny made the motion to approve the request and Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Perry County Treasurer, Paul Alvey, explained that he would like to hire the former County Treasurer to help with getting everything balanced since the Spring Tax deadline. He requested a transfer of \$2,000 from Second Deputy to Clerical Assistant within the Treasurer's budget. Charlie made the motion to approve the request and Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Perry County Highway Department requested a transfer of \$661.00 from Salt to Unemployment. It was explained that since we are a government entity we pay unemployment on a reimbursable basis when anyone qualifies for unemployment. Lynn made the motion to approve the request and Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Perry County Auditor requested the following transfer from within the Plat Book Fund: \$500.00 from Printer Maintenance and \$345.00 from Equipment Repair to Backup Console for a total of \$845.00. Deputy Auditor, Connie Berger, explained that these Backup Consoles will be kept in the Courthouse and the Sheriff's Department for backing up information. Steve made the motion to approve the request and Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Perry County Highway Department requested a transfer from the line item Bituminous within the MVH Restricted Fund in the amount of \$150,622.08 to the Local Rd/Bridge Matching Grant Fund. This is the 25% match that the county has to pay on the Community Crossings Grant. Luke made the motion to approve the request and Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

Perry County Assessor, Mendy Lassaline, requested a transfer from within the Property Reassessment fund in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Postage to Appraisal Fee. Mendy explained that KK Troy LLC filed an appeal on their assessment asking for it to be reduced from approximately 7 million to 3 million. The request was denied by the local Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, and so now KK Troy LLC has filed with the State. This \$2,000.00 is the retainer fee that will be paid to a company that will represent Perry County at the hearing with the State. Charlie made the motion to approve the request and Steve seconded the request. Motion carried 7-0.

**TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**CC-19-4**

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION IN THE FOLLOWING NAMED BUDGET; NOW THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING MADE BUDGET:

**COUNTY GENERAL FUND**

**TRANSFER \$ 1,500.00**  
**FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-001-3000.21 POSTAGE**  
**TO: ACCOUNT #1000-001-2000.23 WARRANTS \$ 1,500.00**  
**WITHIN: CLERK'S BUDGET**

**TRANSFER \$ 2,000.00**  
**FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-003-1000.13 SECOND DEPUTY**  
**TO: ACCOUNT #1000-003-1000.16 CLERICAL ASSISTANT \$ 2,000.00**  
**WITHIN: TREASURER'S BUDGET**

**PLAT BOOK FUND**

**TRANSFER \$ 845.00**  
**FROM: ACCOUNT #1181-002-3000.62 EQUIPMENT REPAIR \$345.00**  
**FROM: ACCOUNT #1181-002-3000.63 PRINTER MAINTENANCE \$500.00**  
**TO: ACCOUNT #1181-002-4000.45 BACKUP CONSOLE \$ 845.00**  
**WITHIN: AUDITOR'S BUDGET**

**MVH RESTRICTED FUND**

**TRANSFER \$ 150,622.08**  
**FROM: ACCOUNT #1173-531-2000.33 BITUMINOUS**  
**TO: ACCOUNT #9141-000-6408 LOCAL RD/BRIDGE**  
**MATCHING GRANT \$ 150,622.08**  
**WITHIN: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

**MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND**

**TRANSFER \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**FROM: ACCOUNT #1176-531-2000.43 SALT**  
**TO: ACCOUNT #1176-533-1000.24 UNEMPLOYMENT \$ 661.00**  
**WITHIN: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

**PROPERTY REASSESSMENT**

**TRANSFER \$ 2,000.00**

**FROM: ACCOUNT #1188-008-3000.21 POSTAGE**

**TO: ACCOUNT #1188-008-3000.16 APPRAISAL FEE \$ 2,000.00**

**WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY ASSESSOR'S BUDGET**

ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF MAY, 2019.

NAY

AYE

DAVID ETIENNE /S/  
LUKE THOMAS /S/  
STEVE GOODSON /S/  
EARLA WILLIAMS /S/  
CHARLES BAUMEISTER /S/  
LYNN FULKERSON /S/  
DANNY BOLIN /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/  
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Sheriff Alan Malone requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$879.00 for Sheriff Salary within the County General Fund. This request will bring his salary to ½ of what the State pays to the Prosecuting Attorney effective July 1, 2019. Charlie made the motion to approve the request and second was made by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested an additional appropriation within the LIT-Special Legislation Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00 for Repair Building & Fixtures. Steve made the motion to approve the request, and Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Perry County Highway Department requested an additional appropriation within the Covered Bridge Fund in the amount of \$6,750.00 for Restoration of Huffman Mill Bridge. It was stated that Perry County shares the expenses with Spencer County on the covered bridge. Lynn made the motion to approve the request and Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 19-CC-06**

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAN WAS APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE TAXING UNIT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED OUT OF THE FUNDS NAMED AND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED, SUBJECT TO LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME:

<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
<b><u>PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF</u></b>				
#1000-005-1000.11 SHERIFF SALARY	\$ 879.00	\$ 879.00	7	0
<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 879.00</b>	<b>\$ 879.00</b>		

**LIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION FUND**

<b><u>PERRY COUNTY JAIL</u></b>				
#1114-380-3000.61 REPAIR BUILDING & FIXTURES	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	7	0
<b>LIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION FUND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>		

**COVERED BRIDGE FUND**

<b><u>PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY</u></b>				
#1134-531-3000.97 RESTORATION OF HUFFMAN MILL BRIDGE	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 6,750.00	7	0
<b>COVERED BRIDGE FUND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 6,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,750.00</b>		

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**AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

The County Council had before them a request to amend the salary ordinance for the position of Clerical Assistant within the Treasurer’s budget. County Treasurer, Paul Alvey, requested an amount of \$15.00 per hour. He explained that this was between what a second deputy and a first deputy makes at this time. Lynn made the motion to amend the salary ordinance and Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE**

Perry County Recorder, Jane James, explained that she had researched the law and found that she would be able to pay for parts of the Recorder’s budget from the Recorder’s Records Perpetuation Fund as long as an Ordinance was passed by the County Council. She stated that for the 2020 budget year she is willing to pay for Office Supplies and Other Services and Charges in the amount of \$4,098.00 from the Recorder’s Records Perpetuation Fund. Danny made the motion to approve the Ordinance and Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. (See Attachment “A” Ordinance O-CC-19-1)

**PERRY COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS**

Kyla Schroeder with the Perry County 4-H Fairgrounds Committee thanked the Council for their yearly support. She discussed with the Council some of the projects that they have been working on – new roof on outside building; worked on and updated the outside restrooms; new pens in swine barn and sign at top of the hill. New projects include updating the lighting and electric service at the arena along with painting several buildings. She stated that all committee members are volunteers. She said that the estimated cost to operate the fairgrounds is \$4,500.00 a month. They do charge to rent the buildings, but they also give free rentals to some organizations. Kyla stated that for the 2020 budget the 4-H Fairgrounds Committee is requesting \$10,000.00.

**PROPOSAL ON INCOME TAX CHANGES**

Council President, David Etienne, explained that the Council held a workshop last week to discuss the proposal of changing the current local income tax rates. Council Attorney, S. Rod Acchiardo, stated that he believed the council could amend or rescind the current ordinance. Council member Luke Thomas stated that he had done some revenue estimates on how the revenue will shift within the funds. He stated that several people have been concerned how this shift will affect the Public Safety funds. He stated that by using the 2019 figures for Public Safety he estimates the following revenues in the Public Safety funds for the following taxing units.

Perry County from \$104,000 to \$124,000 new revenue

Tell City from \$66,000 to \$68,000 new revenue

Cannelton from \$14,000 to \$17,000 new revenue

Luke stated that by lowering the tax rates it will shift money to other funds and cause an increase in other funds.

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, attended the meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the Income Tax Rates. He stated that he was not attending the meeting to tell them how to do their job and he didn't know if what they were proposing was right or wrong. He explained that when the Ordinance was passed in 2012 the County Council at that time irrevocably pledged funding for the bond issue. When the bonds were sold the bond holders knew that the money would not go away. He also stated that if not enough is collected in the LIT Special Legislation fund to cover the bond payments, property taxes will be used to make the payments. Chris also stated that by state statute we have to keep 125% coverage in the fund to make payments. He said the State Board of Accounts will check that coverage when we are audited. It was the intent at the time the bonds were taken out to pay them off early and the earliest they could be paid off would be 2022. It is estimated that at that time it would be around \$7 million dollars to pay off the bond. He also stated that if this change is made it could affect our bond rating with Standard & Poor's. There was discussion on the proposed tax between the County Attorney and Council members. No action was taken on the changing of the local income taxes at this meeting.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET SCHEDULE**

Chief Deputy Auditor, Connie Berger, explained that the Auditor had provided each council member with a tentative budget schedule for the 2020 budget cycle. She explained that the dates that the Council Members need to be aware of are: September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 and September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> for the all-day budget sessions that will start at 9:00 a.m. All members stated that these dates will work for them.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council Member, Luke Thomas, had information on a program that is sponsored by United Way of Perry County titled Building a Trauma Informed Community. All community leaders are invited to attend the program on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

County Sheriff, Alan Malone, invited all Council members to an open house of the new firing range located on Old Highway 237. The open house will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> from 11-1 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the council, Danny made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

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President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:  
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Pamela L Goffinet, Perry County Auditor*