

**SPECIAL PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – December 10, 2020**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. via zoom. Council members in attendance were: President David A Etienne, Luke Thomas, Charles Baumeister, Danny Bolin, Lynn Fulkerson and Earla Williams. Steve Goodson was absent. Sheriff Alan Malone was also present along with Attorney S. Rod Acchiardo. A *Perry County News Representative* was not in attendance.

TRANSFERS

Clerk Rachel Roark requested a transfer of \$1,400.00 from Second Deputy Salary to First Deputy Salary within the County General fund. This is needed because when Rachel was First Deputy before becoming Clerk, there was some benefit time that had to be paid out which left the line item short. Charlie made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 4-0. Danny and Lynn were not on the meeting at this time.

The Perry County Commissioners requested a transfer of \$5,467.00 from Social Security to Furniture & Equipment in the amount of \$1,000.00 and \$4,467.00 to Copy Machine. The new equipment is to purchase a speaker system in the meeting room. The copy machine is shared between three offices and is currently 10 years old and no longer warranted and not eligible for coverage under the maintenance agreement because there are no parts available. We are trading the old one in. Luke made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 4-0. Danny and Lynn were not on the meeting at this time.

The Commissioners also requested a transfer of \$3,000.00 from Travel to Indirect Cost Recovery within County General. This will catch the County up on payments for services through 2019 for IV-D Cost Allocation Plan with Maximus. Also, a transfer of \$2,800.00 from Workers Compensation Insurance to Liability Insurance. This will get the appropriation line out of the red for the end of the year. Earla made the motion to approve both transfers, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 5-0. Danny was not at the meeting at this time.

A transfer request of \$600.00 was made in the Courthouse budget by the Commissioners from Janitorial Cleaning Supplies to Janitorial Cleaning Services. This is for annual carpet cleaning of offices of west side wing of Courthouse. Luke made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 5-0. Danny was not at the meeting at this time.

Commissioners requested \$500.00 to be transferred from Security System to Janitorial Cleaning Services within the Courthouse budget in County General. This is for electrostatic spray sanitation of the Prosecutor Office due to employee having COVID-19. Luke made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 5-0. Danny was not at the meeting at this time.

Danny made it to the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Judge Lucy Goffinet requested a transfer of \$1,340.00 from Travel to Law Books within County General fund. This is to cover the monthly fee for contract with Thomas Reuters which increased without notice. Charlie made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

Alan Malone, Perry County Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$2,000.00 from Health Insurance in Sheriff budget and \$1,196.38 from Health Insurance in Jail budget to Sheriff Pension within the LIT-Public Safety fund. This is for overpayment in the third quarter from this fund and to get the line item out of the red. Earla made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 6-0.

The Commissioners requested \$1,687.00 from Ambulance Equipment to Ambulance Service within the LIT-Public Safety fund. This is subsidizing losses for the

ambulance service. Earla made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CC-20-11

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 \$ 1,400.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-001-1000.18 \$ 1,400.00
SECOND DEPUTY SALARY
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-001-1000.12
FIRST DEPUTY SALARY
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY CLERK'S BUDGET

TRANSFER \$ 5,467.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-068-1000.21 \$ 5,467.00
SOCIAL SECURITY
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-068-4000.41 \$ 1,000.00
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-068-4000.47 \$ 4,467.00
COPY MACHINE

TRANSFER \$ 5,800.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-068-3000.22 \$ 3,000.00
TRAVEL
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-068-3000.43 \$ 2,800.00
WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-068-3000.90 \$ 3,000.00
INDIRECT COST RECOVERY
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-068-3000.42 \$ 2,800.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET

TRANSFER \$ 600.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-161-2000.24 \$ 600.00
JANITORIAL CLEANING SUPPLIES
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-161-3000.14
JANITORIAL CLEANING SERVICES

TRANSFER \$ 500.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-161-3000.52 \$ 500.00
SECURITY SYSTEM
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-161-3000.14
JANITORIAL CLEANING SERVICES
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE BUDGET

TRANSFER \$ 1,340.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-232-3000.12 \$ 1,340.00
TRAVEL
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-232-4000.52
LAW BOOKS
WITHIN: PERRY CIRCUIT COURT BUDGET

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY FUND

TRANSFER \$ 3,196.38
FROM: ACCOUNT #1170-005-1000.23 \$ 2,000.00
HEALTH INSURANCE
FROM: ACCOUNT #1170-380-1000.23 \$ 1,196.38
HEALTH INSURANCE
TO: ACCOUNT #1170-005-1000.35 \$ 3,196.38
SHERIFF PENSION
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF & JAIL BUDGET

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY FUND

TRANSFER \$ 1,687.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1170-068-4000.45 \$ 1,687.00
AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT
TO: ACCOUNT #1170-068-3000.87
AMBULANCE SERVICE
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

NAY

AYE

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

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT – NEW STEEL ROAD

Alvin Evans with Perry County Development Corporation came before the Council asking for a financial support letter for the new Steel Road project application. This project is an 80/20 match. David said he had questions for Alvin and Alvin has already answered all the questions he had. He said he had no problem signing the letter. David thought this should be brought before the whole board instead of just him as President. Alvin said the application is to extend Steel Road to Switzer Road which would create a 2nd entrance road to Waupaca. This will improve safety access into the factories. This will be done with TIF excess funds. Alvin said we are looking at TIF #3 and #4 for the money. They already approved projects. This project match will be about two million total. He said there should be enough funds. This came before the Council since they are the fiscal agency of the County. Luke asked if the Redevelopment Commission was aware of this project especially if TIF money is being used. Alvin said they are aware of it but not brought before them yet at a meeting. David said he will sign the letter. Charlie made the motion to approve the letter, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Judge Lucy Goffinet requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000.00 for Compensation Pauper Attorney within the County General fund. This is to cover pauper attorney claims and expenses for jury trials. Luke made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

The Perry County Health Department requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$29,300.00 for Overtime, \$2,245.00 for Social Security, and \$3,285.00 for Retirement within the County Health fund. This is to pay for overtime during COVID - 19 from October 25th to rest of the year. The process changed that we could no longer pay from the CARES ACT fund. This way we will have to reimburse the fund after we receive the money. Lynn made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 6-0.

The County Commissioners requested \$31,305.00 for an additional appropriation for Ambulance Service within the LIT-Public Safety fund. This is to supplement the current budget to cover ambulance service losses. Administrator Teresa Kanneberg spoke up saying this amount is the difference from what was asked for in the budget and what the Council allowed in 2020. She said we still owe over \$24,000.00 to get caught up to the end of September. It will leave a little left over to go to future losses for rest of the year. Luke commented that they just approved a transfer of \$1,687.00. He said we could appropriate around \$13,000.00 to get to \$200,000.00 as was approved for next year. He said if we do the whole request, it gives them some funding. We understand and want to help with the losses but we are short also because of the income tax.

Tom Hauser said the EMS is the responsibility of the County and not the Hospital. The intent of the contract is that the Hospital manages the EMS at no cost to them. They submit a budget every year. With respect, it is reimbursing the Hospital. The amount it is costing us, is 1/3 or 1/2 of the surrounding counties. He said we are getting a good deal. These are his thoughts as Commissioner. It is our responsibility to provide EMS to the County. David said he was concerned based on studies. The expenses are substantial and we have cuts in revenue. We are trying to be proactive. We do not have Rainy Day funds as Spencer and Dubois have. We do want to do what we can.

Danny asked why do we keep giving funds as we do and why we keep coming up short all the time. Tom said this year is different. Other Counties are higher. He said this was explained by the Hospital at previous meeting of runs versus COVID. In 2021, it should be better. Tom said the Public Safety Tax was passed to supplement the Jail and the EMS. In 2020, the budget asked for was \$216,000.00. The Commissioners are only asking to take the amount to what was originally asked for. He said he talked with the Hospital and they are increasing reimbursements and what to do for cost savings. Tom also informed them that other counties pay out what is budgeted. Over the years, the Hospital didn't need all the subsidies, but this year is different. David said this is true about not using all budgeted some years. Tom said we are getting a bargain. Luke and Tom took what Mr. Jim Childers said at the budget hearing differently. Luke thought it was they were not asking for any more at all and Tom thought no more than what they asked for originally.

Lynn asked if there was any CARES ACT money to help with this. Tom said in the beginning we were told flat no, that you can't use it for loss of revenue. Since then, the rules have changed. We have already spent a lot of the money for quality expenses. Auditor Goffinet explained that according to the new rules, whatever is left in the CARES ACT fund after all the expenses, the left-over money is transferred to County General. Then the Council can appropriate it as they see fit. Tom said we did buy a new ambulance which we would have needed in 2021. This saved the County \$190,000.00 for a few years. Danny asked if any of the Council members were involved in the distribution of the CARES ACT money. Tom said it was structured by the Commissioners and the applications were coming to the EMA.

Luke said according to the figures, there will be \$9,000.00 to go to the General fund from the CARES ACT. He said we can do an additional appropriation in January and give to the EMS. Luke made a motion for the amount of the additional appropriation for \$13,313.00 and do the \$9,000.00 of CARES ACT money, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 6-0.

Earla said she would like to see more in writing of revenue and expenses for EMS. David said they are going to have to have a meeting with the Hospital. Hospital CEO Brian Herwig commented that he appreciated Tom's words. It is the County's responsibility. He said we are operating the best we can. Their revenue is based on transports and labor. Brian said expenses go up. He also said they have started doing their billing on runs different for transports. He commented to the Council that he is sorry the other counties have other funding sources. What the County doesn't pay goes to the Hospital.

Assessor Mendy Lassaline requested \$5,000.00 for Data Release within the Property Reassessment fund. This is because Aumentum Tech is charging the County to get our data for the new system. Mendy said this is needed for switching her software from MVP to X-Soft. She called around to other counties and they were charged also. This was probably in the original contract. Charlie made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,545.00 for Hazard Pay, \$2,340.00 for Social Security, \$3,425.00 for Retirement, and \$8,640.00 for Taser Maintenance Contract within the Inmate Housing fund. Auditor Goffinet said this pay is the same as the Overtime pay allowed for the Health Department. We cannot pay it straight from the CARES ACT anymore. The rules changed. The Taser Maintenance Contract is to upgrade to new tasers. There are no parts for the old ones. Danny made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 20-CC-11

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:

COUNTY

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
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PERRY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

#1000-232-3000.11	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	6	0
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COMPENSATION PAUPER ATTORNEY

COUNTY GENERAL

FUND TOTAL:	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		
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HEALTH FUND

PERRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

#1159-610-1000.13	\$ 29,300.00	\$ 29,300.00	6	0
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OVERTIME

#1159-610-1000.21	\$ 2,245.00	\$ 2,245.00	6	0
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SOCIAL SECURITY

#1159-610-1000.22	\$ 3,285.00	\$ 3,285.00	6	0
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RETIREMENT

PERRY COUNTY HEALTH

DEPT FUND TOTAL:	\$34,830.00	\$ 34,830.00		
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LIT PUBLIC SAFETY FUND

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#1170-068-3000.87	\$ 31,305.00	\$ 13,313.00	6	0
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AMBULANCE SERVICE

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY

FUND TOTAL:	\$ 31,305.00	\$ 13,313.00		
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PROPERTY REASSESSMENT FUND

PERRY COUNTY ASSESSOR

#1188-008-3000.18	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	6	0
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DATA RELEASE

PROPERTY REASSESSMENT

FUND TOTAL:	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		
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INMATE HOUSING FUND

PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF

#4929-005-1000.18	\$ 30,545.00	\$ 30,545.00	6	0
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HAZARD PAY

#4929-005-1000.21	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340.00	6	0
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SOCIAL SECURITY

#4929-005-1000.22	\$ 3,425.00	\$ 3,425.00	6	0
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RETIREMENT

#4929-005-3000.61	\$ 8,640.00	\$ 8,640.00	6	0
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TASER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

INMATE HOUSING

FUND TOTAL:	\$44,950.00	\$ 44,950.00		
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ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

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FORM 144'S – HEALTH AND SHERIFF

With the additional just being approved for the Health and the Sheriff for their salaries, the Council also has to approve the salaries to be put on the Salary Ordinance with the Form 144. For the Sheriff and Jail employees being paid Hazard pay from the Inmate Housing fund, the amounts are: Deputies \$1255.00, Deputy \$420.00, Jailers \$1255.00, and Jailers \$630.00. This is a onetime pay. There is a difference in the amounts because of how long they have been employed. Charlie made the motion to approve the salaries, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 6-0.

The hourly amounts of pay for the Health Department for the Overtime pay are: Health Nurse \$28.40 per hour, Public Health Initiative Nurse \$25.30 per hour and Sanitarian \$22.86 per hour. This is used for the overtime earned during the COVID-19 crisis. Luke made the motion to approve the salaries, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

David said he was shocked when he read the paper. There is a misunderstanding about the nurses' salaries. He said this goes back to our budget public hearing meeting in July. They are paid from more than one fund and it all has to be included in their total salary. He said the figures in the paper are not factual. Danny said hopefully we get this clarified. David said the nurses do a great job. For the overtime they are doing, they are getting compensated for this from the CARES ACT. He said Sara Gehlhausen, Health

Nurse, checked on him several times while he was in the Hospital . He knows they have put a lot of time in. What is in the paper is not true, you have to take all sources of income into effect. Luke commented that the Health Department is part of the levy. If we increase wages here, then we have to reduce it somewhere else. We can only raise so much each year. I am glad they have found other sources for their income. Charlie commented that at budget hearing, the information on salaries that was provided is comparative to nurses at the Hospital and other counties. There was more discussion about their overtime work. Luke stated that the nurses are doing great work but the story in the paper shouldn't be that they are underpaid. The paper only quoted what was being paid from the Health fund. Charlie said now we have all the salaries on the Salary Ordinance.

Luke also mentioned about the article on the EMS. There has been an increase in funding every year since 2016. He said we are trying to do more.

There being no further business, Luke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0, with adjournment at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes approved this 28th day of January, 2021.

President, Perry County Council

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