

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES – JULY 28, 2022**

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, Danny Bolin, Charles Baumeister, Keith Huck and Earla Williams. Lynn Fulkerson and Paul Malone were not in attendance. Sheriff Alan Malone was in attendance for the meeting and so was a *News Representative*. Attorney S. Rod Acchiardo was not present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

There was one item added to the agenda. It was:

1. ARP Committee

Danny made the motion to accept as amended, seconded by Keith. Motion carried 5-0.

**COMMENTS**

Sherri Flynn thanked the Council for her appointment to the ARP Committee. She said when this committee was first formed, they followed the Robert Rules of Order. She said she is displeased with the Commissioners for wanting to change the makeup of the committee in midway of the year. She said she thought we went in for who was on the committee. The chairman of the ARP was taken off to have fewer members. The committee was not sought out concerning this decision. She said there has always been a quorum at the meetings. There was more discussion on this.

**TRANSFERS**

Auditor Pam Goffinet explained that she needed to transfer \$6,125.34 from Deputy Shared to Deputy within the Auditor’s budget in County General fund. She informed the Council that this is the remaining appropriation sitting in the Deputy Shared line item. After the last meeting, I was given a full-time position to replace the deputy shared position so this moving the appropriation over to the correct line item to pay from. She also commented that she hopes she won’t have to ask for additional later on to make up the difference. She is hoping she can transfer within her budget. Earla made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, requested \$60,000.00 from Culverts and \$60,000.00 from Gas and Oil of the Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted fund to the Local Road/Bridge Matching Grant fund which is part of our match for the Community Crossings Grant. This is made up the rest of the match. The county received \$1,465,000 this year for the grant. Keith made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 5-0.

**TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**CC-22-06**

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**

<b>TRANSFER</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,125.34</u></b>	
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #1000.11111.000.0002</b>	<b>\$ 6,125.34</b>
	<b>DEPUTY-SHARED</b>	
<b>TO:</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #1000.11105.000.0002</b>	
	<b>DEPUTY SALARY</b>	<b>\$ 6,125.34</b>
<b>WITHIN:</b>	<b>PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR’S BUDGET</b>	

**HIGHWAY RESTRICTED FUND**

**TRANSFER** \$120,000.00  
**FROM:** ACCOUNT #1173.23201.000.0531 \$ 60,000.00  
CULVERTS  
**FROM:** ACCOUNT #1173-23101.000.0533 \$ 60,000.00  
GAS & OIL  
**TO:** ACCOUNT #9141.00585 \$120,000.00  
LOCAL RD/BRIDGE MATCHING GRANT FUND  
**WITHIN:** PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGET

**PROPERTY REASSESSMENT FUND**

**TRANSFER** \$ 3,500.00  
**FROM:** ACCOUNT #1224.21100.000.0008 \$ 3,000.00  
POSTAGE  
**FROM:** ACCOUNT #1224.32100.000.0008 \$ 500.00  
TRAVEL  
**TO:** ACCOUNT #1224.31500.000.0008 \$ 3,500.00  
CYCLICAL REASSESSMENT  
**WITHIN:** PROPERTY REASSESSMENT FUND

ADOPTED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2022.

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DAVID A ETIENNE /S/  
EARLA J WILLIAMS /S/  
KEITH HUCK /S/  
DANNY BOLIN /S/  
CHARLES BAUMEISTER /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/  
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

The Perry County Clerk, Rachel Roark, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$600.00 for Postage Meter Lease within the County General fund. Auditor Goffinet said she had the information to report on Rachel’s request. She said she forgot to put this in the budget for this year to cover the Southern Business Machines yearly contract. Charlie made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested an additional appropriation for Fuel & Oil for Police Cars in the amount of \$40,000.00 from the County General fund. He said he hopes this will get them through the rest of the year. He said in April the bill was \$5,800.00, May was \$5,400.00 and June was \$6,300.00. It varies each day when they go out. Keith made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

Warren Taylor, County Coroner, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,000.00 for Autopsy Fees from County General also. He said he is in the red in that line item currently. It costs \$1,800.00 each time. There is no way to determine when they will have one. He said this will cover the \$340.00 in the red, the last autopsy done two weeks ago and for extra ones in the future. Danny made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 5-0.

The County Commissioners requested an additional in the amount of \$45,000.00 for Care of Patients in Institutions within County General. Keith made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 5-0.

The Perry County Planning & Zoning department requested \$5,000.00 for County Zoning Maps within the Riverboat-County Share fund. Charlie commented that they are mandated by law to update the maps every so often. There is \$5,000 budgeted but it is

not enough. The Commissioners still have to approve the contract with Indiana Regional 15 to do the maps. This will only be used for the maps. Danny made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Charlie abstaining.

The Perry County Commissioners requested \$37,234.00 for an additional appropriation for Consulting Services with the ARP-2021 Coronavirus Local Fiscal fund. Commissioner Tom Hauser informed the Council that the ARP committee agreed to use Baker Tilly Consulting to review some of the grant applications that have been submitted. They will pay an hourly rate. This amount is a not to exceed amount. This is 1% of the total ARP money the county received. Keith made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Charlie abstaining.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 22-CC-08**

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 CLERK</u></b>				
#1000.37200.000.0001 POSTAGE METER LEASE	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	5	0
<b><u>PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF</u></b>				
#1000.23101.000.0005 FUEL & OIL FOR POLICE CARS	\$ 40,000.00	\$40,000.00	5	0
<b><u>PERRY COUNTY CORONER</u></b>				
#1000.31700.000.0007 AUTOPSY FEES	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	5	0
<b><u>PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u></b>				
#1000.39106.000.0068 CARE OF PATIENTS IN INSTITUTIONS	\$ 45,000.00	\$45,000.00	5	0
<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 92,600.00</b>	<b>\$92,600.00</b>		
<b><u>RIVERBOAT FUND</u></b>				
<b><u>PERRY COUNTY PLANNING &amp; ZONING</u></b>				
1191.24103.000.0101 COUNTY ZONING MAPS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	4	0
<b>RIVERBOAT FUND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>		
<b><u>ARP-2021 CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL</u></b>				
<b><u>PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u></b>				
#8950.31101.000.0068 CONSULTING SERVICES	\$ 37,234.00	\$37,234.00	4	0

ADOPTED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2022

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DAVID A ETIENNE /S/  
 EARLA J WILLIAMS /S/  
 KEITH A HUCK /S/  
 DANNY BOLIN /S/  
 CHARLES BAUMEISTER /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L GOFFINET /S/  
 PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT – FORM 144’S - GRANTS**

The Council had before them form 144’s, Statement of Salaries and Wages, from the health department for Emergency Preparedness BP4 Grant and the Health Immunization Grant.

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| 1. Emergency Preparedness grt - | \$1,682.80 | Nurse Supervisor      |
|                                 | \$1,682.80 | Nurse                 |
|                                 | \$1,682.80 | Sanitarian            |
|                                 | \$1,682.80 | Insurance Coordinator |
|                                 | \$1,682.80 | Registrar             |

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| 2. Health Immunization grt.- | \$10,140.00 | Nurse Supervisor        |
|                              | \$10,140.00 | Nurse                   |
|                              | \$ 6,240.00 | PR/Data Entry           |
|                              | \$30,102.80 | PR/Data \Entry          |
|                              | \$ 6,240.00 | Financial & Budget Mgr. |

The grants were approved at a prior meeting but this form was forgotten. Charlie made the motion to approve the form 144’s, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

**ASSESSOR – REQUEST TO CHANGE SHARED DEPUTY TO A PART TIME POSITION**

Assessor Mendy Lassaline was not present for the meeting. Keith commented that his concern is we bought new computers, new software to tie all the offices together, he said he hoped it would be efficient as not to eliminate employees but the work. He said you would hope if we are more efficient, it would take less employees. David said he had some questions concerning Tyler Technology doing the reassessment work. He wanted to know who we had before them and when did we start using them. Keith made the motion to table the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

**COMMISSIONERS – REQUEST TO FILL ADMINISTRATOR POSITION**

Commissioner President, Tom Hauser, came before the Council to request to fill the position of the Administrator that is vacated. He said that Teresa Kanneberg resigned from the position on July 29, 2022. He said extra work falls on the Auditor until someone is hired. He informed them that the Commissioners gave proper notice for advertisement. Teresa was also the ERC for River Road for the county, and Jared Hedinger with the Highway department is going to be the new ERC. Tom did say that Teresa would come back to help the new person for a limited time. He is also requesting the Council to negotiate consulting time. The Council thanked her for her work. Keith made the motion to allow the request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 5-0.

**2023 COUNCIL BUDGET APPROVAL**

The 2023 budget for the Council was mailed to them for their review before the meeting. David went over the budget amounts submitted. All members were in full agreement for no increase in their salary for 2023. Charlie made the motion to approve the budget amounts, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

**UPDATE ON DETENTION CENTER BONDS**

David informed the Council members that Auditor Pam Goffinet paid off the bonds on July 27, 2022 and the tax will go away on January 1, 2023. He said he is working on modifying the tax rate and increasing the Certified Shares by .02, PSAP-LIT Public by .02 and EDIT for a maintenance fund by .05. For the extra EDIT percentage

for maintenance will bring in around \$200,000.00 in a year. The current rate for LIT now is 1.81 and it will go to 1.40. David said he has done the draft and is working with Jason Semler with Baker Tilly Consulting to make sure the paperwork is correct. Auditor Goffinet explained the LIT money that is coming in. David said there will be a public hearing in the LIT changes before the September 22, 2022 regular meeting. He did talk with Fred Van Dorf with the Department of Local Government Finance and he said we will not collect any money from the 2012 Bond for 2023. We will just to the end of 2022.

### **ARP COMMITTEE MEMBER MAKEUP**

Keith spoke about the action at the last Commissioners meeting on the makeup of the ARP committee. He said before he was on the Council, this Council agreed with the Commissioner and the public to form a seven member ARP committee. He said there has never been a problem of having a quorum at the meetings. Keith stated how could the Commissioners have the power to change the makeup of the committee. There have been two more resignations since then of Erin Emerson and Tara Damin. Sherri Flynn commented that now the committee is down to three people, one Commissioner, one Council and one individual member to represent the public. She said as one person, she cannot speak for the community. She asked why are they kicking people off the committee that want to be on there. Their first meeting, they were assured by both boards there would be a three-tier process for issuing the money. First the ARP committee recommends, the Commissioners approve and the Council appropriates the funds. Yet, this committee was changed by two Commissioners without the committee's input. She said they hope to award a lot of money in the months ahead. Commissioner Tom Hauser spoke up they do appreciate the work done by Randy Cole and Sherri Flynn. The question asked at their meeting was if Randy was voted to be placed on the ARP

Committee. The answer was no. He was not appointed to the committee by the Commissioners. Sherri then asked why did the Commissioners decide to change the number of members. Tom commented there are two Commissioners on the committee and that is a quorum. He asked if that was fair. J. R. Flynn stated that Attorney Chris Goffinet said it doesn't matter how many Commissioners are on there. He stated all three Commissioners could be members. Tom said he hated that Erin and Tara resigned from the committee, but Randy was just not appointed by the board when he became a commissioner. Keith asked what happened as to why it became an issue. Charlie commented that he was appointed when he was on the Council and he asked the Commissioners if they appointed him from their board. They did not. Tom said it was not his intention for him not to be on the board. David commented they can still fix this. Tom said if he made a mistake, he was sorry. The Commissioners cannot take action tonight. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting. They need to advertise for six weeks to get applicants for the public appointment. There was a lot more discussion on this. David asked if they want to go back to seven members. It was unanimous by the Council to have a seven-member committee. Charlie made the motion to appoint Keith to the ARP committee, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Keith abstaining. Tom publicly apologized to Randy Cole.

There being no further business to come before the council, Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0, with adjournment at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

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President, Perry County Council

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