

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 12, 2023**

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 (DE), Keith Huck (KH), Earla Williams (EW), Paul Malone (PM), Stan Goffinet (SG), Kelli Harding (Kelli) and Gale Garner (GG). Sheriff Alan Malone, and Auditor Kristinia Hammack were also present. There was no *Attorney* or *News Representative* present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

DE stated the purpose of the meeting was to adopt the budget. There were a couple of changes.

**1. SAPS**

At the last budget workshop, the Council was speaking with Judge Lucy Goffinet and she was helping to elevate the budget with her SAPS fund. A change was made in General and failed to go back and change SAPS. This amount was \$690.00.

KH made a motion to approve, seconded by PM. Motion carried 6-1.

**2. Health Department**

The amount that was requested was more than was advertised to the DLGF (Department for Local Government Finance) on September 1<sup>st</sup> by \$4,727. DE stated this can be corrected by moving funds within the categories or submit the salary increase by an additional appropriation made the first of the year. He believes there is a possibility to move within the group insurance. Auditor Hammack stated the Group Insurance as it stands now is over budgeted. Decreasing this by \$5,000 is a possibility, and should someone have a life changing event, it could be addressed later.

DE asked if retirement included Dr. Marcum, Health Officer, and Tara Lucas, Health Nurse Supervisor stated he does not get retirement.

PM made a motion to cut Health Insurance by \$5,000, seconded by KH. Motion carried 4-3.

**3. Highway**

The amount that was requested was more than was advertised to the DLGF on September 1<sup>st</sup> by \$26,630. Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, requested to decrease New Equipment from \$50,000 to \$23,000. DE verified with Howell that was his intention to reduce this, and he verified.

KH made a motion to accept, seconded by GG. Motion carried 6-1.

DE then read the dollar amounts and tax rates as follows:

**County Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates**

<b>Funds</b>				
<b>Fund Code</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adopted Tax Levy</b>	<b>Adopted Tax Rate</b>
0005	Casino/Riverboat	\$29,300	\$0	0.0000
0101	General	\$6,234,581	\$4,366,100	0.7158
0124	2015 Reassessment	\$122,136	\$114,200	0.0187
0254	Local Income Tax	\$65,800	\$0	0.0000
0702	Highway	\$2,878,156	\$0	0.0000
0706	Local Road & Street	\$420,000	\$0	0.0000
0790	Cumulative Bridge	\$386,900	\$406,200	0.0666
0801	Health	\$305,281	\$291,000	0.0477
2391	Cumulative Capital Development	\$266,500	\$272,800	0.0447
2411	Economic Dev Income Tax Credit	\$1,121,656	\$0	0.0000
		<b>\$11,830,310</b>	<b>\$5,450,300</b>	<b>0.8935</b>

**Home-Ruled Funds (Not Reviewed by DLGF)**

<b>Fund Code</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Adopted Budget</b>
9500	Surveyor Corner Perpetuation	\$19,470
9501	Identification Security	\$ 6,400
9502	Clerk Record Perpetuation	\$18,650
9503	Plat Book	\$12,316
9504	Sales Disclosure	\$ 4,327
9505	Jury Fee	\$ 3,000
9506	Inmate Housing	\$39,894
9507	Supplemental Adult Probation	\$113,737
9508	Pretrial Diversion	\$29,100
9509	Supplemental Public Defender	\$ 3,650
9510	Statewide 911	\$283,000
9511	County Elected Official Training	\$ 4,900
9514	Emergency Planning/Right to Know	\$ 3,767
9515	Enhanced Access	\$ 16,490
9516	Jail Operations	\$307,836
9517	Surplus Surtax & Wheel	\$225,000
9518	LIT-Dedicated to PSAP	\$340,000
9519	LIT-Public Safety	\$669,577
9520	Sex & Violent Offender	\$ 1,400
9522	Community Corr Project Income	\$ 0
9523	Community Correction Gt 2020	\$ 0
9530	Guardian Ad Litem	\$ 0
		\$2,102,514

PM made a motion to accept, seconded by KH. Motion carried 4-3.

#### **Airport Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates**

<b>Fund Code</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adopted Tax Levy</b>	<b>Adopted Tax Rate</b>
2101	Airport Authority	\$53,400	\$41,752	0.0064
2190	Cumulative Airport Building	\$178,333	\$76,249	0.0100
		<b>\$231,733</b>	<b>\$118,001</b>	<b>0.0164</b>

KH made a motion to accept, seconded by EW. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **Solid Waste Ordinance**

DE had a question on the financial statement and proposed tax rate. He asked if the Miscellaneous Revenue for period July 1, 2023 is correct, as it is only \$40,000. He stated that amount is 1/12 of what the whole year is for 2024. Kris Wheeler, Perry County Recycling Management Director, responded this is miscellaneous revenue for tags, scrap cans, cardboard, and plastic. She further stated the \$481,000 is for the annual amounts of \$45.00 which are due in March. DE asked if revenue was dropping? Wheeler confirmed that this is due to the price of cardboard and plastic have gone down. Plastic is currently one-half of what it was.

DE stated the cash balance is misleading. He is concerned due to the beginning of the year it was \$230,000 and projecting next year to only have \$137,000, so they will be operating at a loss. Wheeler hopes the prices will increase; therefore, the figures will be better than projected.

DE asked if the Solid Waste Board had approved this budget, and Wheeler stated the budget was presented to the board, however they never voted on the it. Auditor Hammack stated this budget should have been approved by their board prior to submitting it in Gateway by September 1.

KH made a motion to approve the budget as it is, seconded by PM. Motion failed 3-4.

The Solid Waste Board will schedule a special meeting at 4:00 p.m. CST Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to get budget approved; the Council will hold a special meeting at 5:00 p.m. CST Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to approve the Solid Waste Ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m. CST.  
KH made a motion to adjourn, seconded by EW. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes approved this 16th day of November, 2023.

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President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:  
Kristinia L. Hammack, Perry County Auditor*