

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET-PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
September 12, 2024

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), Paul Malone (PM), Stan Goffinet (SG), Kelli Harding (Kelli) and Gale Garner (GG). Auditor Kristinia Hammack were also present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

DE stated that the Council has met with the department heads for the County, being Monday and Wednesday, and this meeting will be with the outside agencies. In addition, there will be the first reading of the budget.

The following were present to present their budgets:

a) OUTSIDE AGENCIES

- Hannah Lasher, Alyssa Rogier, and Martha Basher, 4-H requesting \$10,000
- Chris Tempel, Perry County Fairgrounds requesting \$15,000
- Nathan Held, Indiana Region 15 requesting \$12,461
- Beth Browning, Ride Solutions requesting \$6,000
- Kayla Gehlhausen and Leonard Hahus, Perry County EMS requesting \$485,000 for Ambulance Service
- Cheryl Mullis, SIRS requesting \$45,000
- Molly Hagman, Rivers Edge Animal Shelter requesting \$50,000
- Jesse Atkens and Missy Noble, Perry County Council on Aging requesting \$45,000

DE asked about Soil and Water not getting scheduled to present, and Hammack stated she was told by that office their budget has been submitted and is self-explanatory.

FIRST READING OF 2025 BUDGET

- a) The 2025 Budget requests were read aloud by DE.
- b) Hammack stated that currently with the levy funds, the General fund is over budget \$585,849. The reassessment, the expenditures were over the \$2,188, which she made adjustments in her budget to fix this, and the Health fund is over budget by \$8,929, and Cum Bridge is under budget \$66,048. With this, the Council will be looking at \$586,000 plus \$9,000 that has to be cut.

The Budget workshop will Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 17th, 18th, and 19th beginning each day at 8:00 a.m. at the Armory Annex.

The regular County Council meeting will be September 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Meeting Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m. CST.

PM made a motion to adjourn, seconded by KH. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes approved this 19th day of September, 2024.

President, Perry County Council

Minutes reviewed by:
Kristinia L. Hammack, Perry County Auditor
Minutes prepared by:
Leisa Ecker, Deputy Auditor