

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2024**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were David Etienne (DE), Stan Goffinet (SG), Kelli Harding (Kelli), Paul Malone (PM), Keith Huck (KH), and Gale Garner (GG). Auditor Kristinia Hammack and Sheriff Alan Malone were also present. There was no *Attorney* or *News Representative* present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

PM made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by KH. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) None

CHARLIE BAUMEISTER, CLERK

- a) Swearing in of new elected officials
Baumeister stated that after speaking to Judge Lucy Goffinet, there will be two swearing in dates. They will be December 30, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. and January 2, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

TRACY SCHROEDER, INCOMING RECORDER

- a) Part-time position that will be vacant the end of the year
Schroeder stated that at the last meeting, she asked for approval to fill the full-time position due to she would move to the Recorder and Jane James retiring. One of the part-time employees will be moving up to the open full-time position. Schroeder is needing to fill the part-time position. KH asked if the part-time position is paid out of the Perpetuation fund, and Schroeder responded yes, it is paid out of Recorder's Perpetuation.
PM asked how the back indexing is coming along, and Schroeder responded pretty good, however it will start to slow down due to getting in records that are hand-written.

KH made a motion to allow filling the part-time position, seconded by PM. Kelli asked a question regarding the work that is being performed with the Perpetuation, are there hours where the full-time are coming in early and working on it and during the day? Schroeder responded the full-time are, but have not been doing too much lately. DE asked if this is compensation time, and Schroeder responded yes.
Motion carried 5-1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) 11.19.2024 Commissioner and County Council Joint Meeting
PM made a motion to approve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 6-0.
- b) 11.21.24
SG made a motion to approve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 6-0.

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

- a) Additional Appropriations
 - Opioid Fund-Ambulance Services-County Council
#1237.38700.00000.0061 \$180,361.00

KH made a motion to approve, seconded by Kelli. Motion carried 6-0.

- Riverboat Fund-Consulting Services-Commissioners
#1191.31101.00000.0068 \$ 7,500.00

Kelli made a motion to approve, seconded by SG. Motion carried 4-1-1. KH abstained.

- General Fund-Courthouse Utilities-Commissioners
#1000.35103.00000.0038 \$ 684.00

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

- General Fund-Postage Meter Lease-Clerk
#1000.37200.00000.0001 \$ 5,536.73

Tabled.

- General Fund-2nd Deputy Salaries-Clerk
#1000.11300.00000.0001 \$ 4,237.00
Kelli asked Auditor Hammack if this it is okay to not receive this from the new Clerk, and Hammack stated yes as it is a salary that occurred before him.

KH made a motion to approve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0-1. PM abstained.

- General Fund-Retirement-Clerk
#1000.12200.00000.0001 \$ 475.00

KH made a motion to approve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0-1. PM abstained.

- Clerk IV-D Fund-Deputy Salaries-Clerk
#8899.11105.00000.0001 \$ 163.98

KH made a motion to approve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0-1. PM abstained.

- Clerk IV-D Fund-Retirement-Clerk
#8899.12200.00000.0001 \$ 18.37

KH made a motion to approve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0-1. PM abstained.

- Inmate Housing Fund-Maintenance Contracts-Sheriff
#4929.31201.0000.0005 \$ 11,683.47

Sheriff Alan Malone stated that the taser is a very important tool that is used every day. He currently has seventeen, and has switched things around so that everyone in his department have the same taser now. KH asked if this amount included cartridges, and Malone stated yes. Malone stated that the County has a training project, which is a suit that the instructor wears.

Hammack stated that 2022 contract was paid out in 2023, 2023's contract was paid out in 2024, which is why there is not anything left in the budget. She is trying to get this on track to be paid out the year it is budgeted for.

GG made a motion to approve, seconded by KH. Motion carried 6-0.

b) Transfers

- Clerk-Clerk Records Perpetuation Fund; Appropriation Transfer
FROM: 1119.36400.00000.0001 Records Preservation \$ 750.00
FROM: 1119.44701.00000.0001 Furniture & Fixtures \$ 56.09
TO: 1119.12100.00000.0001 Social Security \$ 806.09

PM made a motion to approve, seconded by SG. Motion carried 6-0.

- Clerk/Election-General Fund; Appropriation Transfer
FROM: 1000.36800.00000.0062 Voting System/
Support Services \$ 2,057.84
TO: 1000.11301.00000.0062 Absent Voter/
Board Members \$ 2,000.00
TO: 1000.32500.00000.0062 Absent Voter/
Travel Board \$ 43.53
TO: 1000.32200.00000.0062 Travel \$ 14.31

This is for the extra help that was brought in outside of what was already budgeted.

SG made a motion to approve, seconded by PM. Motion carried 6-0.

- Detention Center-LIT Public Safety; Appropriation Transfer
FROM: 1170.13001.00000.0380 Jail Corporal \$20,000.00
FROM: 1170.12200.00000.0380 Retirement \$ 1,520.00
TO: 1000.11501.00000.0380 Jail Officers \$20,000.00
TO: 1000.12200.00000.0380 Retirement \$ 1,520.00

Kelli asked if this will not make it short for the Corporal, and Auditor Hammack stated they did not have anything paid out of there in that position. Sheriff Malone stated there is not a Corporal at this time.

KH made a motion to approve, seconded by SG. Motion carried 6-0.

- Prosecutor; Cash Transfer
FROM: 8136 Criminal Justice Grant \$ 7,152.48
TO: 2502 Pre-Trial Diversion \$ 7,152.48

Auditor Hammack stated this is where things were paid out of Pre-Trial Diversion while waiting for the Grant, so this is reimbursing Pre-Trial Diversion.

GG made a motion to approve, seconded by SG. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNTY COUNCIL

a) Ordinances-Progress

DE stated he has met with Attorney Rod Acchiardo and asked him to prepare some Ordinances for the Council, one being EDIT and approximately three others.

Auditor Hammack stated that with the LIT allocation, currently there is one fund and account lines with locations. The account lines only keep appropriations, they do not carry cash balances. Only funds carry cash balances. She currently keeps the cash balances manually.

DE stated the Commissioners have an Ordinance for the Dissolution of the Solid Waste, and he feels the Council should also approve that Ordinance. The Council would be reaffirming the Commissioner's Ordinance. KH feels the Council should have a copy of the Ordinance. The Council would be supporting the Ordinance.

SG made a motion to support the Commissioner's Ordinance, with no second. Motion died.

b) Reminder of Open Board Appointments-Internal and External

DE stated that if any Council member is interested in an Internal Appointment or if they know of anyone who might be a good member for the external boards, encourage them to apply. Letters of Interest are due on December 27, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Kelli mentioned that Courthouse Security will need internal appointments, with one being a Commissioner and the other a Council member.

c) A Special Meeting will be on December 30, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. and the 2025 Organizational Meeting is Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Meeting Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m. CST.

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

Minutes approved this 23rd day of January, 2025.

President, Perry County Council

Minutes reviewed by:

Kristinia L. Hammack, Perry County Auditor

Minutes prepared by:

Leisa M. Ecker, Perry County Deputy Auditor