

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCOME TAX
MODIFICATIONS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were: President Luke Thomas, David Etienne, Danny Bolin, Earla Williams and Paul Malone. Charles Baumeister and Lynn Fulkerson were not in attendance. S. Rod Acchiardo, Council Attorney, and Sheriff Alan Malone were also in attendance.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING –PROPOSED INCOME TAX MODIFICATIONS

Luke commented that the public hearing was advertised in the newspaper as required. He said the income tax change has been talked about at a previous meeting. For 2022, we are not changing the overall total rate, just modifying the percentages of the current rate to where the money is going. We would be eliminating the Property Tax Relief Rate for 2022.

Kelli Harding spoke up saying that Tell City expresses support of this being that Tell City has provided top notch dispatch service at a bargain rate. She said with the population in the county, Tell City holds 39% and the County holds 51% of the total. Tell City has carried the strain of the funds at \$900,000 plus and the County has contributed \$49,000 in the budget. She said tax increases are never popular but sometimes need to be done. We need to balance the tax burden for everyone. It would be a more equitable financial situation. She said people work hard for their money. Kelli said someone informed her from the board that the Commissioners are taking over the PSAP. The cost will be higher for everyone. She said there is no statutory law for Tell City to contribute if the County takes the dispatch over. Why would the Council allow this when it is already at Tell City? The money has to come from somewhere, insurance raises, departments, or salary freezes. She said it is your elected duty to do the financial part. It is a tough sell to residents for this change.

Randy Cole asked that when the Jail is paid for, will that tax go away. We need to honor what other Councilmen wanted to do in the past, work with the taxes and make shifts in it. There is concern that this fall to the wayside as it has done before. He said you could pay off the bond now and will have money to operate on for the jail.

The hearing closed at 5:09 p.m. Luke read the Ordinance (O-CC-21-3) in full to the public. The first thing the ordinance does is to modify the local income rates imposed in the following way:

	<u>EXISTING LIT RATES</u>	<u>PROPOSED LIT RATES</u>
Certified Shares	0.4754%	0.5080%
Public Safety	0.2500%	0.3020%
Economic Development	0.5000%	0.5000%
Prop. Tax Relief	0.0846%	0.0000%
Special Purpose	0.5000%	0.5000%
TOTAL	1.8100%	1.8100%

The second thing the ordinance does is that a portion of the public safety revenue will be directed to the public safety answering point (PSAP) of the County. This revenue will be allocated to the PSAP prior to the distribution of the remainder of the public safety revenue.

	<u>EXISTING LIT RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED LIT RATE</u>
Public Safety	0.2500%	0.3020%

	<u>EXISTING PSAP RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED PSAP RATE</u>
PSAP rate	0.0000%	0.0520%

Luke did mention that he sent a draft of the ordinance to the state to review beforehand and they had only one change to it. They said to amend the 17.22% as

advertised of the proposed PSAP rate to .0520%. Luke made the motion to change the rate as the state recommended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

Paul said he would like to have the wording on the ordinance modified some on the “WHEREAS” statements. He said the numbers in the ordinance are fine. He would like to have the wording more general. Attorney S. Rod Acchiardo said they would have to wait to have something in writing before they can approve the ordinance. Paul made a motion to have the wording modified, seconded by David. Luke opened it up for discussion. He reiterated this ordinance has to be done and to the state before November 1, 2021. Paul said the part he was thinking was that Tell City has been carrying the financial burden too long, maybe have more general terms such as the funding was unbalanced. Do it in a more equitable way. It could read that “the funding for the dispatch has been unbalanced between the city and the county, now is the time to correct it in a more equitable way.” Paul thought some people may think the wording was a little too strong. Luke said what if we take out the words “too long”, could the Council vote on it tonight. He suggested “Whereas the County Council, Perry County, acknowledges that the citizens of Tell City, Indiana have carried the financial burden of funding dispatch and Whereas the county now seeks to rectify that issue in the most equitable way possible.” Luke said if this motion passes, we can do at our October meeting but to remember we are having budget meetings next week and we are supposed to be budgeting this money. Paul said he withdraws his motion. He said to leave as is, it is not that big of a deal. It’s just that sometimes people can interpret things differently like the general public. Luke said you have made it clear basically of what it says of being unbalanced. That is the bottom line.

Luke asked for a motion for the second and third reading of the ordinance by title only. David made the motion, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

Luke said the second reading was the ordinance modifying the local income tax rates of Perry County, Indiana and the third reading was the ordinance modifying the local income tax rates of Perry County, Indiana. He said now we have a first, second and third reading and would entertain a motion.

Paul made the motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. The second was made by David. Motion carried 5-0.

The Public Hearing ended at 5:20 p.m.

Luke Thomas, President of County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
Auditor Pam Goffinet, Secretary to the County Council*

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AGENDA

The minutes were approved as presented

MINUTES

The minutes of July 22, 2021 were mailed to the Council for the review. The minutes were adopted as presented.

COMMENTS

Kelli Harding asked if the County has a grant writer. She asked if the departments do their own or if there is a person that does them. David commented that it is mostly the departments that file for their own grants. Kelli said she emailed the health board that we need rapid testing here in the county and the State told her there are all kinds of grants available for this. It is a need in Perry County. Most residents cannot pay for testing done at the clinic or at their doctors. She said we don't want to hinder the increased spread.

TRANSFERS

Judge Lucy Goffinet requested a couple of transfers from different funds for her office. The first one is for \$1,300.00 from Travel to Jury Supplies in the amount of \$300.00 and \$1,000.00 to Lodging & Meals for Jurors for the upcoming jury trials within the County General fund. David made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Paul. Motion carried 5-0. She also requested \$100.00 from Booklets & Printed Material and \$400.00 from Official Bonds & Insurance within the Supplemental Adult Probation fund to Office Supplies. It was said this was for the Probation Officers. Danny made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 5-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-21-07

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 **\$ 1,300.00**
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-232-3000.22 \$ 1,300.00
TRAVEL
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-232-2000.44 \$ 300.00
JURY SUPPLIES
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-232-3000.97 \$ 1,000.00
LODGING & MEALS FOR JURORS
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT BUDGET

SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION FUND

TRANSFER **\$ 500.00**
FROM: ACCOUNT #2100-232-2000.44 \$ 100.00
BOOKLETS & PRINTED MATERIAL
FROM: ACCOUNT #2100-232-3000.41 \$ 400.00
OFFICIAL BONDS & INSURANCE
TO: ACCOUNT #2100-232-2000.11 \$ 500.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.

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LUKE A THOMAS /S/
DAVID A ETIENNE /S/
EARLA WILLIAMS /S/
PAUL J MALONE /S/
DANNY BOLIN /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Coroner Warren Taylor requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Autopsy Fees in the County General fund. He said he has \$1,400.00 left in the budget and with the Holiday season coming up, the autopsies seem to increase. This amount should be enough to cover for three maybe four more autopsies. He said last year we had twelve and this year we are at six. David made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

The Perry County Commissioners requested \$8,000.00 for Computer System Maintenance within the Cumulative Capital Development fund. Auditor Pam Goffinet informed the Council that this is the additional that was brought to them a few meetings back and was told then not to bring it back until the funding was needed. With our new IT (AnIsland), we are using into our fourth quarter payment trying to still get things caught up and done. Part of this additional is to budget for another three months of work and hopefully after this year that will slow down. There is also the rest of the funding in the Riverboat fund. We have recently found out with our liability insurance company for cyber security coverage, there is no insurance company that will cover us because we do not have the two-factor authentication. There are possibly two companies that could take us but the cost would be astronomical according to Franzman Insurance. So, we are working the Anjan with AnIsland to get this on our computers and that cost alone is \$5,400 every year. Luke said we definitely need this since everything is going digital. Danny made a motion to approve the additional, seconded by David. Motion carried 5-0.

Perry County Council requested for the Health Department an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Overtime Wages within the Health fund. Auditor Goffinet explained that we have run out of appropriation from the last \$10,000 that was done. With the last overtime pay we did; we were going to be short around \$2,700 and need some of this appropriation to make the payroll. We were hoping the \$39,000 grant they received would be in place before we did the payroll and not have to use this appropriation. We did just receive the budget for the grant a couple of days ago so we will now switch and use it to pay out the overtime. Earla made the motion to approve the request, second was made by Paul. Motion carried 5-0.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for Bituminous withing the Motor Vehicle Highway – Restricted fund. Steve said they need this to make sure they pay their 50% within this fund and use everything they have in there. He said they did not put any Bituminous line item in the Highway budget. Until they find out what they in the EDIT fund, last year they were short \$122,000 and this year they are ahead \$90,000. Paul made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by David. Motion carried 5-0.

The Perry County Commissioners also requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,400.00 for Computer System Maintenance with the Riverboat-County Share fund. This was explained from before that this is the other portion needed. David made the motion to allow this request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 5-0.

Alan Malone, Perry County Sheriff, requested \$3,712.00 for Overtime-Deputies & Jailers, \$13,434.80 for Jailers Supplemental Wage, \$1,042.13 for Social Security, and \$1,616.99 for Retirement for an additional appropriation within the Inmate Housing fund. Auditor Goffinet reminded the Council that this is the changes we had last month that we had to borrow from one line item to get the pay started and this is to replace in the Overtime-Deputies line item and the other is to pay out the supplemental wage the Council approved for the rest of the year. Earla made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 21-CC-9

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	AMOUNT			
GENERAL FUND	REQUESTED	APPROPRIATED	AYE	NAY
<u>PERRY COUNTY</u>				
<u>CORONER</u>				
#1000-007-3000.17	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	5	0
AUTOPSY FEES				
COUNTY GENERAL				
FUND TOTAL:	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

<u>PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>				
#1138-068-3000.69	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	5	0
COMPUTER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE				

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL
DEVELOPMENT
FUND TOTAL: \$ 8,000.00 \$ 8,000.00

HEALTH FUND

PERRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.
#1159-610-1000.13 \$ 10,000.00 \$ 10,000.00 5 0
OVERTIME WAGES

HEALTH FUND TOTAL: \$ 10,000.00 \$ 10,000.00

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY – RESTRICTED FUND

PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY
#1173-531-2000.33 \$ 100,000.00 \$ 100,000.00 5 0
BITUMINOUS

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY
RESTRICTED FUND TOTAL: \$100,000.00 \$ 100,000.00

RIVERBOAT FUND

PERRY CIRCUIT COMMISSIONERS
#1191-068-3000.69 \$ 15,400.00 \$ 15,400.00 5 0
COMPUTER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

RIVERBOAT
FUND TOTAL: \$ 15,400.00 \$ 15,400.00

INMATE HOUSING FUND

PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF
#4929-005-1000.19 \$ 3,712.00 \$ 3,712.00 5 0
OVERTIME-DEPUTIES & JAILERS
#4929-380-1000.11 \$ 13,434.80 \$ 13,434.80 5 0
JAILERS SUPPLEMENTAL WAGE
#4929-380-1000.21 \$ 1,042.13 \$ 1,042.13 5 0
SOCIAL SECURITY
#4929-380-1000.22 \$ 1,616.99 \$ 1,616.99 5 0
RETIREMENT

COMMUNITY CROSSING
FUND TOTAL: \$19,805.92 \$ 19,805.92

ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.

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LUKE A THOMAS /S/
DAVID A ETIENNE /S/
EARLA WILLIAMS /S/
PAUL J MALONE /S/
DANNY BOLIN /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

RECORDER – APPROVAL OF PART TIME POSITION

Recorder Jane James came before the Council asking for approval of a part time position in her office. When this position was hired in 2020 and paid from the Recorder’s Perpetuation fund, it was stated that this needs to be evaluated every year.

This position is for 28 hours per pay period to back index older documents on the computer. She said this program is what State Board of Accounts said can be paid from this fund. Since January, they have documented over 5000 documents. Jane said most counties over the state are doing this same thing of indexing. Paul asked how long she thought this process would take. Jane said possibly two more years to get to a 50-year search. She said she would want to continue to get more done. Paul made the motion to allow for the position, seconded by David. Motion carried 5-0.

CLERK – REPLACEMENT OF DEPUTY POSITION

Rachel Roark, Perry County Clerk, asked the Council for approval to replace a deputy position that has recently become vacant. The employee left for a new job with more pay. This position is much needed. She needs it to continue to be full time. Earla made the motion to approve replacing the position, seconded by David. Motion carried 4-0 with Paul abstaining.

APPOINTMENT – PCDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DELEGATE

Luke informed the Council that he has resigned from the Perry County Development Corporation (PCDC) Board of Directors appointment. He said currently Earla is the PCDC Delegate and is willing to serve on the Board of Directors. Luke made the motion to appoint Earla, seconded by David. Motion carried 4-0 with Earla abstaining.

For the Delegate appointment, Luke said he would take this position. David made a motion to appoint Luke for the PCDC Delegate, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 4-0 with Luke abstaining.

Danny commented that Auditor Pam Goffinet, Assessor Mendy Lassaline, Paul and himself attended the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) conference at Belterra this week. He wanted to congratulate on Mendy becoming First Vice President on the AIC Board and Pam for serving as the President of the Southwest District of the AIC.

There being no further business, Danny made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0, with adjournment at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes approved this 18TH day of November, 2021.

President, Perry County Council

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