

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 27, 2022

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, Charles Baumeister, Danny Bolin, Lynn Fulkerson, Earla Williams, Randy Cole and Paul Malone. Sheriff Alan Malone and Attorney S. Rod Acchiardo were also present.

AGENDA

There were some additions that needed to be added to the agenda:

1. Intent for Additional Appropriation for Compensatory time for Health Department
2. Intent to change Salary Ordinance to 26 pays for 2022
3. ARP money for Computers for Treasurer's office

Paul made the motion to approve the agenda as was amended, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meetings of September 28th & 29th, 2021, November 18, 2021 and December 10, 2021 were mailed to the Council members for their review. Earla made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0 with Randy abstaining all the minutes. Charlie and Lynn abstained from the December 10th meeting also.

TRANSFERS

The Perry County Commissioners requested to transfer \$8,000.00 from Animal Shelter Contract to Animal Control Services within the Animal Shelter budget in the County General fund. They also requested \$5,000.00 from Animal Shelter Contract to Building Maintenance within the Animal Shelter budget in the County General fund. This is to cover the contract with Harrison county and maintenance for a heater and kennels on the outside of the current animal shelter. Randy Kleaving said there was an issue with the heater and they thought to put this lump sum so they can pull from when needed for maintenance. The way the contract was written up, we could only use it for the shelter. Randy Cole commented that this has been going on forever and wanted to know what the intent of the Commissioners was to get the shelter going. Randy K said when we had the animal shelter, the county did not own anything there. We contracted out to the original animal shelter with just a lump sum every year. They had a private board. When they decided to close, we worked out a deal that they had to give it back to the county. The way their by-laws were set up, the county received the building. There is a lot of thought on what to do with it, but it has to be used for animal shelter. So, we need an organization to step up like 20 years ago to operate it and that is what we have been looking at. He said we are getting closer; we are working with Harrison County with the animals temporarily. We just need someone to operate the animal shelter and we will still subsidize it like we have in the past. The money is there like it was. Randy C. asked if there was a process or somewhere to see proposals. Or are there certain requirements that you expect to move along. Randy K. said there are some laws they have to obey. One is they have to have a veterinarian and Gregg Jarboe has been working with that. With the regulations in place, it is hard to get something done. It is hard to get a vet to do the time at an animal shelter and we are short on vets just like any other county in the state. Randy K. stated that we need the public to step up. If the county were to run the shelter, it would cost the county. You need donations to help run it. Randy C. said we need to look at someone that has a successful operation and see how they are doing it. Randy K. said any questions would be better for Gregg to answer since he has been working with it. Randy C. said we need to see how to get over the hurdle. Charlie made the motion to approve the transfers, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

Emergency Management Director, Steve Hauser, submitted a transfer of \$3,000.00 from Equipment Repair to Equipment within the Statewide 911 fund. Steve said in order to meet the guidelines of the State Board of Accounts, he needs to transfer these funds around to make a payment out of the correct line item. He said a single repair of an item of more than \$500.00 needs to come out of 4000 accounts instead of the 3000 accounts. This line item was not established and this transfer will do that. Randy said that in the budget there is line item 4000.42 for radio equipment. Steve said all these expenses are not radio expenses so it wouldn't be the correct line to pay out of. He said

this is for other things. Randy had several other questions about the line items and why there are so many. Auditor Pam Goffinet explained how the line items are set up in the budget according to the SBOA with each section and different accounts. Lynn made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-22-01

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 **\$ 13,000.00**
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-069-3000.96 \$ 8,000.00
ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-069-3000.97
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-069-3000.96 \$ 5,000.00
ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-069-3000.61
BUILDING MAINTENANCE
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER BUDGET

STATEWIDE 911 FUND

TRANSFER **\$ 3,000.00**
FROM: ACCOUNT #1222-320-3000.64 \$ 3,000.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR
TO: ACCOUNT #1222-320-4000.44
EQUIPMENT
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

NAY

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DANNY BOLIN /S/
LYNN FULKERSON /S/
CHARLES BAUMEISTER /S/
DAVID A ETIENNE /S/
EARLA WILLIAMS /S/
RANDALL COLE /S/
PAUL J MALONE /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Perry County Commissioners requested an additional in the amount of \$792.21 for Distribution of Timber Sales within the County General budget. HEA 1424 requires that Indiana DNR return 15% of net proceeds from the sale of timber on state

owned lands to the county. 50% of these revenues are to be distributed to rural and volunteer fire departments within the county that have a cooperative agreement in effect with the IDNR, Division of Forestry. The other 50% stays in County General. Paul made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$45,000.00 for a Water Softener from the LIT-Special Legislation fund. He informed the Council that the current water softener went out and they need to replace it before something else happens. He said he was told the water here is very hard. He said the intent for approval was given at the last meeting and he is now moving forward with it. David asked if there is a monthly maintenance of \$716.00 included. Alan said yes for the salt and delivery. Sheriff Malone also requested \$7,700.00 for Computers and Accessories from the LIT-Special Legislation fund. Alan said the computers he has operate on Windows 7 and need to be upgraded to Windows 10 per IT, AnIsland. He said those computers have been there since 2014.

Randy C. wanted to go back to the water softener with some questions. He said the amount shocked him and he looked into it further. Randy said he went on the internet to look at other ones with the sizing and pricing of the same kind of unit there now. He talked about the water flow with the size of pipes in the Detention Center. Alan said the facility was built for the future and that is why they put such a big water softener in there for expansion if needed. He stated he would hate to put something in that is going to cost more in the long run. Alan said they are in the process of taking the old one out and we are getting the new one since the intent went through at the last meeting. He said he hasn't paid for anything yet. Randy commented that with this sizable of an amount, he asked the Sheriff if he had gotten any quotes. Alan said some people did not want to give a quote. He said they reached out to several people. David asked if we were too far to check on other units. Randy said the end game is to have a softener and also be affordable. Alan said maybe someone can come over when Blair Walsh, Walsh Plumbing, is there to see what we need. Randy said the understanding is that it won't exceed \$45,000.00 and to talk with them to move forward. Paul made the motion for up to \$45,000.00 and see if can scale back but get the water softener as soon as possible, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

There were also questions about the computers being upgraded. Alan said he decided to go with refurbished computers at \$500.00 each for 13 of them. For 13 new computers, it would cost \$15,177.50. He said they asked for \$7,000.00, the computers being \$6,500.00 and \$500.00 for any extra's if needed. There was confusion on the request being changed. Randy said he would like to have some kind of specificity as far as what you are buying. Auditor Goffinet said AnIsland is giving a three-year warranty on these computers. Randy said he wants to make sure we are not getting something older than what we already have. Sheriff said he is okay with \$6,500.00. Paul made the motion to approve \$6,500.00, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Howell, Highway Superintendent, requested \$2,700.00 for Bridge Inspection and \$42,450.00 for Bridge #174 on 21st Street for additional appropriations within the Cumulative Bridge fund. Steve informed the Council that the concrete beams on the bridge on 21st are stressed. He said they tried to fix it before. The concrete is breaking off and there is rebar exposed. Steve said he recommends that it be replaced. The money for the bridge inspection is because the State said the bridges were not tested for road vehicles and it needs to be done. The formula was not done correctly on 9 bridges. This amount is the extra to cover that. Paul made the motion to approve both requests, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

EMA Director, Steve Hauser, requested \$10,000.00 for an additional appropriation for Radio Interconnect System Lease within the Statewide 911 fund. Steve said that in 2019, we signed a lease with Tango to provide a radio interconnect system with two of our radio repeaters. One of them being the police repeater which covers all the law enforcement in Perry County and the other one is the emergency management repeater which covers our EMS, rescue and first responders. This equipment merges with transmitters by cell phones for officers and first responders to utilize them in areas that the radios did not work. We have many void areas in our county that we do not have radio coverage and this provides if you have cellular coverage or internet coverage, they can then use their cell phone to actually transmit. Steve said they thought it was very vital as far as safety of officers and first responders to have that. He said they signed a two-year lease in 2019 and that lease is now up. We are asking to renew this lease for the agencies. It isn't a lot of expense out of the 911 expenditures. Steve said this new lease is for one year for \$10,000.00, the two-year lease is no longer available. Paul asked if

there is an option, we can buy this after the one year. Steve said no it is not, we lease it and they provide the cellular connections and we only provide the equipment. David asked if this will affect the contract with the dispatch center. Steve said no it will not affect it. Randy said he was looking at the budget lines and saw where it was budgeted before in 2019 and now it is zeroed out for 2020 and 2021. Steve said we purposely did not put this in the budget. He said what goes into the budget is our funds that comes from our hold harmless money that is our guaranteed funds that we know we can budget. I am asking for this out of the 90/10 money, this is the extra money we get which we do not know each year if we will get it or not. Steve commented that other counties are doing the same thing. Randy asked how often do you use this service. Steve said it is used on a daily basis. He said there are other options built in that it can be used to talk to someone directly and not go out for all to hear over the radio. Paul asked if this included any upgrades and maintenance. Steve said yes. Randy said the only thing is that we need it, it is important, but he wished we had our 911 board put together to negotiate so that it wouldn't put Steve in this position. Then you would have your board instead of the Council coming in and starting to do things with this funding when the agreement was between Tell City and whomever but he understood the board is not set up. Steve said there is no 911 board, that was removed from the contract. He said there is a 911 committee to overview and look at policies and procedures of dispatch. The board was removed. Steve said the board is the County Council. Paul made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 22-CC-02

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 GENERAL	AMOUUNT			
FUND	REQUESTED	APPROPRIATED	AYE	NAY
<u>PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>				
#1000-068-3000.97	\$ 792.21	\$ 792.21	7	0
DISTRIBUTION TIMBER SALES				
COUNTY GENERAL				
FUND TOTAL:	\$ 792.21	\$ 792.21		
<u>LIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY COUNTY DETENTION CENTER</u>				
#1114-381-4000.46	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	7	0
WATER SOFTENER				
#1114-381-4000.47	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 6,500.00	7	0
COMPUTERS & ASSESSORIES				
LIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION				
FUND TOTAL:	\$ 52,700.00	\$ 51,500.00		
<u>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY</u>				
#1135-531-3000.12	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	7	0
BRIDGE INSPECTION				
#1135-531-3000.77	\$ 42,450.00	\$ 42,450.00	7	0
BRIDGE #174 ON 21 ST ST.				
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE				
FUND TOTAL:	\$ 45,150.00	\$ 45,150.00		
<u>STATEWIDE 911 FUND</u>				

PERRY COUNTY EMA

#1222-320-3000.85	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	7	0
RADIO INTERCONNECT SYSTEM LEASE				

STATEWIDE 911

FUND TOTAL:	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.0
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ADOPTED THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

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DISCUSSION ON HEALTH DEPARTMENT – DR. WILLIAM MARCRUM

Dr. William Marcrum informed the Council that Sara Gehlhausen has resigned as Perry County Health Nurse after 19 ½ years. He said we are going to need to find a new Health Nurse. Dr. Marcrum said they had a health board meeting the night before via zoom and at his suggestion the health board recommended that Tara Lucas be moved into the position of Health Nurse. He stated that he had talked with Auditor Pam Goffinet about the current job description that says the Health Nurse needs to have an Associate’s Degree or higher in current licensing as a registered nurse in the State of Indiana. The health board was fine with requesting that the job description be amended by the Council to state that the person holding that position be “current license to practice nursing in the State of Indiana.” He said Tara is an LPN. He commented that Crawford County has an LPN serving as the Health Nurse for their county. He stated he went through the Indiana Code and could not find anything that said it has to be a registered nurse. He said he didn’t think they were in any violation of the statute. He did not ask Attorney Chris Goffinet to look into this because he didn’t want to spend extra money for the county. David asked that going to LPN is not going to reduce the services. Dr. Marcrum said an LPN cannot do a care plan and they cannot start an IV. Earla said they cannot initiate blood products. Dr. Marcrum said the position she is in won’t require he to do that as Health Nurse. He said so he is asking to amend the job description that an LPN can hold the position of Health Nurse. Then if this is approved, I will ask for permission to move Tara into the Health Nurse position. Charlie made the motion to amend the job description, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 6-0 with Randy abstaining.

HIRING OF PERSONNEL – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Marcrum said with permission from the Council, they will move Tara Lucas into the position of Health Nurse. He said I am assuming she will receive the same salary as Sara Gehlhausen because there is more responsibility with the position. Assuming this is approved, we will need to advertise the Vaccine Nurse position which leads into the next problem. Sara currently has roughly 10 weeks of vacation and compensatory time built up. He said he sees no way that Tara can run the department for 10 weeks while we wait for Sara to be off the payroll. So, he is requesting that the Council figure some way to buy out Sara’s vacation and comp time so that we don’t have over 10 weeks of over 70 cases a day of COVID coming through one nurse trying to handle it all. He said in the last 17 days, we have had 1206 positive COVID cases in Perry County. They are behind now with two nurses and if we try to do it with one nurse for 10 weeks, I would be back shortly saying I need two nurses. Charlie said this is in line to discuss later on in the meeting. Dr. Marcrum said okay the sooner the better. He said he looks at the salary that is posted for the position that we are going to advertise for and it is going to be hard in finding a nurse who is willing to do that for what we are currently paying a little of over \$20.00 an hour. If you are a new graduate and walk into a nursing home, you start out at \$28.00 per hour and if you have experience, it will be more than that. Randy asked what requirement is there for this position, do they have to be licensed. Dr. Marcrum said an LPN, but would love to have an RN. I don’t think you will find an RN who will work for \$20.00 an hour. David asked about the comp time ending. It is starting really to take a

toll. We are getting into the Health fund. Charlie made a motion to advertise for the Vaccine Nurse. He also said years ago they had the hiring freeze that if a department lost someone, they had to come to the Council to fill other than the Sheriff department because of public safety. He said he feels the Health Department should be put under that category also. If they have an opening, the Health Board goes ahead and advertises for that opening without coming before the Council again. Charlie said with his motion to advertise for the position, is to change the resolution that the Health department be put under the public safety category that they would not have to come before the Council again for an opening. Earla seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Auditor Goffinet stated she will need a letter stating that Tara is taking the Health Nurse position, the salary she will be making and the date she starts this. Dr. Marcrum said Sara has given notice as of February 4, 2022 as her last day. There was more discussion on the starting dates and how the money is budgeted. Dr. Marcrum did say that he hoped the Council will try to find more money for the wage to be more competitive.

GRANTS – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Donille Knaebel and Tara Lucas from the Health department came before the Council to talk about grants that are ongoing and some new ones to apply for. They are:

1. Local Health Maintenance fund and Local Health Trust Account – 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022. They get these two grants automatically every year. They don't have to ask for it. They do have to fill out the grant paperwork. These two grants come together and used to be called Master Tobacco Settlement grant. The Health Maintenance fund is for services, repairs, maintenance, utilities, printing and operational expenses in the amount of \$33,139.00 and the Health Trust Account is for equipment, travel and advertising in the amount of \$15,876.27. They said they get half of the money for both in January and the other half in July.
2. Bioterrorism Phase 3 Grant – July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. It used to be called BP3 grant. This is used for a contract salary for \$25,000.00. These persons help with any kind of bioterrorism or local health pandemics, such as COVID and H1N1. Ian Jarboe is in this position. He helped set up the clinics on Wednesdays. He goes to meetings and brainstorm on what other counties are doing. Donille said it is a reimbursable grant. Randy asked if this grant is specific. Donille said it can be used for other things but it has to be emergency preparedness.
3. Immunization 21/22 Grant – July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. This grant is selective. Every county can apply. It is for \$81,835.00. It provides pediatric immunization to the entire county. Tara said it is a very important grant to them. They are in the middle of the grant cycle now and they generally hear from the State in January or February about reapplying if it is continued. As of now, they have heard nothing. This grant has a very quick turnaround of 15 days. She said she is asking if this grant comes up before the next meeting, does she have the Council's blessing to apply as is. Tara said that until recently, we were the only pediatric vfc provider, so for underinsured medicaid kiddos, we were the only provider in the county for immunizations to that population. David asked if they could notify the Council when this comes due. Tara said she will send an email. Donille said that all of their grants are on file at the Auditor's office also. Tara said this grant pays 100% of one of the employee's salary, social security, retirement, supplies, travel, and contracts. Without this grant, they have a problem.
4. Immunization Vaccine 3 Grant – July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. This grant pays for overtime for COVID-19 only. It is being used now and was for \$39,999.74. Auditor Goffinet said it only has around \$7,085.00 in it for salary. She said with the next payout in overtime, there is not enough to pay it. So, this grant will be done.
5. Workforce Development CoAg – July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Tara said they just found out about this grant on December 29, 2021. This grant's intent is to support the COVID-19 response however that looks in your county. She said that is even paying your current nurse's overtime, if that is the vaccine response which obviously which has been huge. She said they have been at this for 13 months. Tara said they are in the process of getting more information on this. She said it

looks to be around \$110,000.00. Donille stated that most of their grants have to be spent out at a set time, a year or six months. She said this grant doesn't have a set time. We do the deliverables they ask us to do and then we request the money, it is brought down and then we could put it away. She said they may have the chance to do this grant again next year. Randy asked when they expected funding. Tara said hopefully the turnaround will be in the next few weeks. Donille said it tells them what is allowable and what is not. Tara said the \$110,000.00 goes by our population. Charlie said he feels the Health department has complied with the resolution that we brought forward. He said he makes a motion that the Council pre-approve all of these grants with the understanding that they will contact us when these go into effect and also okays for them to apply for this \$110,000.00 for the next year, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

CLERK – HIRING OF PERSONNEL – FULL TIME AND PART TIME POSITIONS

Clerk Rachel Roark came before the Council asking to fill a full time and a part time position in her office. She said her full-time person resigned and left for a higher paying job and her part time person retired. She said she is just replacing the employees. Paul made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 7-0.

AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

Auditor Goffinet said this is for their administrative assistant that is paid from the grant. She said when the grant was done, they didn't realize at that point what kind of raise county employees were going to get so this position was not given a raise at that time. She said Director Traci Fischer wants to give her a 4% raise like all other employees. Auditor Goffinet said they have to amend the salary ordinance to put this change on there. Lynn made the motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

SALARY WAGE STUDY – PHASE II – WAGGONER, IRWIN & SCHEELE

David commented that we decided to do this last year and we were doing it in two phases. The first phase was the job descriptions which has been recently completed. He said now we need to decide whether we want to move on to the salary portion of this. Charlie asked what that amount was for the second phase. Auditor Goffinet said it was estimated at around \$14,000.00 also as was phase I. Charlie asked how the first phase went. Auditor Goffinet said it went really well. We did have some things that had to be changed and we sent those back and forth with the company. She said they have received the new job descriptions, but they have been so busy in the office, she hasn't had a chance to get them all out to the departments yet. Charlie made the motion that since they started it, they need to finish it. Lynn made the second to the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Randy commented at the school corporation, they used the study. If an employee can help out in other offices, then they would compensate them for that. Charlie said the Assessor and the Auditor share a deputy now

ORDINANCE-TRANSFER FOR TEMPORARY ADVANCE – CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Auditor Goffinet said she is asking for a transfer for temporary advance for the Cumulative Capital Development fund from the LIT-Special Legislation fund in the amount of \$100,000.00. This is something we have to do almost every year for our levy funds. With the Cumulative Capital Dev. Fund, we only get the money in twice a year at tax settlement time. She said what is budgeted in this fund generally gets paid all out and the payments we have to do right now, there is not enough cash in the fund until spring settlement comes. According to the Ordinance, it will be paid back with spring or fall settlement this year. She commented that the cash flow is not as good as it used to be in this fund. Paul made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

INTENT FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – COMP TIME – HEALTH DEPT.

David informed the Council that for the payout of comp time for the Health department on February 14th, we will be short on funds. He stated they need to figure out how much for salary, social security and retirement they need for the additional appropriation. Auditor Goffinet informed them that she is already short for payout by \$955.81 for overtime work up to January 15th. She also said the girls at the Health dept.

have still been working overtime. Charlie asked if they can do an amount and knowing we may get this new grant, then we can use it. Randy asked if we issue this money and the grant comes in, can we reimburse the Health fund. Auditor Goffinet replied that you cannot reimburse from the grant to another fund. Our hope is that we hear from this grant by March 1 which is when the next payment will be.

Charlie made the motion to approve a \$10,000.00 intent for an additional appropriation from the Health department plus social security and retirement, seconded by Earla.

Motion carried 7-0.

INTENT FOR VACATION PAYOUT – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Auditor Goffinet informed the Council that Health Nurse Sara Gehlhausen has nine and half weeks of vacation to pay out which will be around \$9,500.00 plus social security and retirement. By paying this out, Tara will be able to start on the next day after Sara leaves. Charlie made the motion to approve an intent for \$11,500.00 for an additional appropriation from the Health fund, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

INTENT TO CHANGE SALARY ORDINANCE TO 26 PAYS

David said this intent is to change the current salary ordinance of 2022 to be divided by 26 pays instead of 27 pays that was recently passed at budget time. Charlie said we are also going to set the date for every other Monday will be the pay date even if that date is a holiday. The pay dates will always be on Mondays going forward and not backing it to a Friday when there is a holiday. Paul made the motion for the 26 pays and Mondays being the pay date going forward, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) MONEY RECOMMENDATION FOR TREASURER’S OFFICE COMPUTERS

Charlie said that he and Luke discussed the \$450,000.00 that Luke came up for recouping government loss, the ARP money he was setting aside for this loss included updating the computers in the Treasurer’s office besides the software bought for the Auditor and Treasurer’s offices. The Treasurer has already lost one computer. Charlie said we spent all this money to buy a new system, we need to upgrade the computers in that office to run the new software system. Charlie said he had a quote from AnIsland for 7 computers in the amount of \$8,172.50. Treasurer Amanda Lasher said the new IT told her that all the computers in her office are from 2017 and need to be upgraded from Windows 7. She said one has already crashed. She also said she does not need any monitors. She commented that these new ones will have the memory drive because we have the cloud. Randy asked about how many computers and staff she has. Amanda said the seven computers are three for the staff, one for the public site and three at the front counter. Charlie made the motion to send this request to the ARP committee to come out of the government loss, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the council, Paul made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes approved this 24th day of February, 2022.

President, Perry County Council

Minutes prepared by:
Pamela L Goffinet, Perry County Auditor