

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 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), Stan Goffinet (SG), Kelli Harding (Kelli), Earla Williams (EW), and Gale Garner (GG). Auditor Kristinia Hammack, Chief Deputy Eric Dickenson, and Attorney Rod Acchiardo were also present. There was no *News Representative* present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

SG made the motion to accept as amended, seconded by EW. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) There were no public comments.

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

- a) August 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes with amendment.
GG made a motion to accept, seconded by SG. Motion carried 5-0.
- b) September 12, 2023 Joint Meeting w/Tell City Common Council Minutes
Kelli made a motion to accept, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0.
- c) September 13, 2023 Budget First Reading Minutes
Kelli made a motion to accept, seconded by SG. Motion carried 5-0.
- d) September 19-21, 2023 Budget Workshop Minutes
EW made a motion to accept, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0.
- e) September 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes with amendment.
SG made a motion to accept, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0.
- f) October 3, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes with amendment.
SG made a motion to accept, seconded by Kelli. Motion carried 5-0.
- g) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**
- GENERAL FUND-ANIMAL SHELTER; MAINTENANCE
#1000.36000.00000.0069--\$5,317.00
The original appropriation in this fund was \$7,000 and to date, the county has paid out \$12,317.
SG made a motion to accept, seconded by EW. Motion carried 5-0.
 - GENERAL FUND-COMMISSIONER; AMBULANCE SERVICE
#1000.38700.00000.0068--\$25,000.00
A verbal Motion of Intent was made earlier this year to help increase the wages for EMS.
Kelli made motion to accept, seconded by EW. Motion carried 5-0
 - GENERAL FUND-COMMISSIONER; LIABILITY INSURANCE
#1000.34200.00000.0068--\$3,571.00
SG made a motion to accept, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0.
 - GENERAL FUND-COMMISSIONER; CARE OF PATIENT INST
#1000.39106.00000.0068--\$13,706.00
This is paid to Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village.
Kelli made a motion to accept, seconded by EW. Motion carried 5-0
 - GENERAL FUND-COUNTY COUNCIL; TRAINING /TRAVEL
#1000.32200.00000.0061--\$620.00
DE and GG have paid \$80.00 each and their amounts will be put back in the General Fund as Miscellaneous and will pay the full amount.
EW made a motion to approve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0.
 - JAIL OPERATIONS FUND- JAIL; UTILITIES
#4927.35101.00000.0380--\$20,000.00
Chief Deputy Eric Dickenson stated he has asked Jayne Glenn if she has noticed a difference in the electric bill since changing the light bulbs to LED, and she has not. He will have someone from the Sheriff's office reach out to the Tell City Electric Department. Dickenson stated that electric is their largest cost and they hope to see some change in it soon.
SG made a motion to approve, seconded by EW. Motion carried 5-0.

- LIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION FUND-JAIL; BUILDING AND FIXTURES #1114.36100.00000.0381--\$3,000.00

Auditor Hammack stated this is money received from the State that can only be used for the jail.

Chief Deputy Dickenson stated this amount is for the battery back-up. If electricity would fail, this back-up kicks the generator on. The side trip associated with the battery back-up is included in the maintenance contract, therefore we do not have to pay for that.

Kelli made a motion to approve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0

- IV-D INCENTIVE FUND- IV-D CHILD SUPPORT
One-time bonus payment to Prosecutor's Office Administrative Assistant
Employee Bonus:8897-11208.00000.0660--\$1,000.00
Social Security: 8897-12100.00000.0660--\$76.50
Retirement: 8897-12200.00000.0660--\$112.00

- IV-D INCENTIVE FUND- IV-D CHILD SUPPORT
One-time bonus payment to Prosecutor's Office Administrative Assistant
Employee Bonus:8897-11208.00000.0660--\$500.00
Social Security: 8897-12100.00000.0660--\$39.75
Retirement: 8897-12200.00000.0660--\$56.00

- IV-D INCENTIVE FUND- IV-D CHILD SUPPORT
One-time bonus payment to Prosecutor's Office Child Support Director
Employee Bonus:8897-11208.00000.0660--\$1,000.00
Social Security: 8897-12100.00000.0660--\$76.50
Retirement: 8897-12200.00000.0660--\$112.00
The Prosecutor's Office receives money for the IV-D incentive. Pursuant to IC 31-25-4-23, the Prosecutor does not need to obtain approval and can disburse without appropriation. Auditor Hammack brought this before the Council because this is salary and not listed on the Salary Ordinance. Prosecutor Samantha Hurst stated that statute states you can use these funds for bonuses. She further stated her office spent seven of the ten months understaffed. Employees had to work longer hours, weekends, and through lunches to stay caught up and keep things going. It does not have to be added to the Salary Ordinance per this Indiana Code.
Attorney Rod Acchiardo stated the Prosecutor is allowed to give raises to her employees as long as her budget allows without approval from the Council.

No action needed.

h) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY-SHERIFF FUND:

FROM: 1170.44002.00000.0005 Body Cameras \$5,000.00
TO: 1170.36201.00000.0005 Vehicle Maintenance \$5,000.00
The State paid \$5,000 towards the body cameras so this freed up this \$5,000 to use for vehicle maintenance.

GG made a motion to accept, seconded by SG. Motion carried 5-0.

HEALTH TRUST GRANT:

FROM: 9170.44601.00000.0610 Printers \$154.76
TO: 9170.23101.00000.0610 Fuel & Oil \$154.76

SG made a motion to accept, seconded by EW. Motion carried 5-0.

FROM: 9170.24001.00000.0610 Educational Materials \$100.00
TO: 9170.44100.00000.0610 Computers \$100.00

EW made a motion to accept, seconded by SG. Motion carried 5-0.

FROM: 9170.24001.00000.0610 Educational Materials \$3,500.00
TO: 9170.32200.00000.0610 Travel \$3,500.00

Donille James stated the Health Department did not need any educational materials and they have extra travel for training for the Sanitarian with new things coming up plus training for the new HFI grant.

GG made a motion to accept, seconded by SG. Motion carried 5-0.

HEALTH IMMVAC CARRYOVER CASH TRANSFER:

FROM: 9123 \$39,397.94
TO: 8133 \$39,397.94

This is to zero out the IMMVAC account to make sure everything comes out of the red. This is the result of the transition from one grant to the next in 2022.

EW made a motion to accept, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0.

PCCC GRANT:

FROM: 9161.11902.00000.0232	Field Officer	\$3,215.00
TO: 9161.39203.00000.0232	Drug Testing Services	\$3,215.00

SG made a motion to accept, seconded by Kelli. Motion carried 5-0.

GENERAL PARKS AND REC:

FROM: 1000.11801.00000.0803	Maintenance Assist	\$700.70
TO: 1000.31502.00000.0803	Facility Groundskeeping	\$700.70

This is for the purchase of salt. The last time it was purchased was in 2018 or 2019. Currently there is not an assistant, so he is moving in the budget to cover the purchase versus an additional appropriation.

SG made a motion to accept, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0.

CIRCUIT COURT-COMPENSATION PAUPER ATTORNEY:

FROM: 1000.45200.00000.0232	Law Books	\$7,000.00
TO: 1000.31104.00000.0232	Compensation Pauper Attorney	\$7,000.00

EW made a motion to accept, seconded by SG. Motion carried 5-0.

JAIL-LIT FUND:

FROM: 1114.44701.00000.0381	Furniture and Fixtures	\$675.41
TO: 1114.31201.00000.0381	Maintenance Contract	\$675.41

This is for the Alpha contract where the budget fell short. They maintenance the HVAC system. The 1114 fund is for maintenance contracts and possibly some contracts came in higher this year than they were in the previous year.

SG made a motion to accept, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m. CST.

SG made a motion to adjourn, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0.

Kristinia Hammack announced that a Special Budget Meeting will be October 30, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the North Annex.

The next regular meeting of the County Council will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 5pm CST.

Minutes approved this 16th day of November, 2023

President, Perry County Council

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