

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
December 14, 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), Keith Huck (KH), Stan Goffinet (SG), Kelli Harding (Kelli), Paul Malone (PM), Earla Williams (EW), and Gale Garner (GG). Auditor Kristinia Hammack was also present. There was no *Sheriff, Attorney, or News Representative* present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

PM made the motion to accept as presented, seconded by KH. Motion carried 7-0.

**STEVE HOWELL, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Steve Howell appeared asking for permission to apply for the Community Crossing Grant. If approved, he will need a letter of support to send with the application. The Grant is \$1.5 million this year. KH asked if this grant can only be used for paved roads, and Howell stated it changes every year. Howell stated that you can apply for gravel roads, but a lot of counties that apply for gravel roads do not get approved. Howell further stated that connecting roads to the state roads are favored by this grant. KH made a motion to apply for this grant, seconded by EW. Motion carried 7-0.

**KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR**

a) November 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Tabled until the 12/28/23 meeting

b) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

• **GENERAL-COMMISSIONERS; TELEPHONE**

#1000.32300.00000.0068--\$1,500.00

This is the result of switching the telephones from AT&T to PSC and having duplicate service.

KH made a motion to approve, seconded by SG. Motion carried 7-0.

• **CUMMULATIVE CAPITAL POJECTS-COURTHOUSE; SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE**

#1138.36500.00000.0161--\$8,000.00

The last payment in December 2022 was not encumbered, so it was paid out of 2023 budget. Therefore, it ran the fund short. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter payment to An Island. Kelli stated the invoice was for \$8,100 and this appropriation was for \$8,000. Hammack confirmed this is due to a small amount of money was in the account before appropriation.

GG made a motion to approve, seconded by PM. Motion carried 7-0

c) **TRANSFERS**

**GENERAL-CIRCUIT COURT:**

From: 1000.11301.00000.0062	Absentee Voter Board Member	\$ 7,283.00
From: 1000.11303.00000.0062	Precinct Voter Boad Member	\$ 6,625.00
To: 1000.36800.00000.0062	Voting System Support Services	\$13,908.29

This is to purchase 4 new voting machines. Clerk Rachel Roark stated the current machines are twenty years old. These new machines will be used for early voting, as they get used more than the other machines. DE asked if these are the same machines as the County currently has, and Roark responded yes, only the newer version. KH asked how many machines the County has, and Roark responded 55.

PM made a motion to approve, seconded by KH. Motion carried 7-0.

**GENERAL-CORONER:**

From: 1000.31601.00000.0007	Lab & X-Ray Fees	\$ 695.00
To: 1000.24301.00000.0007	Cadaver Bags	\$ 695.00

KH made a motion to approve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 7-0.

**GENERAL-TREASURER:**

From: 1000.31211.00000.0003 Tax Statement Mailing \$ 1,262.73  
To: 1000.21100.00000.0003 Office Supplies \$ 1,262.73

SG made a motion to approve, seconded by EW. Motion carried 7-0.

**GENERAL-PC COMMUNITY CORRECTION:**

From: 9116.39203.00000.0232 Drug Testing/Lab Services \$ 4,630.25  
To: 9160.12300.00000.0232 Group Insurance \$ 842.81  
To: 9160.11104.00000.0232 Director \$ 2,499.88  
To: 9160.11209.00000.0232 Admin Assistant \$ 794.65  
To: 9160.11703.00000.0232 Lab Collection Tech \$ 4.00  
To: 9160.12100.00000.0232 Social Security \$ 120.76  
To: 9160.12200.00000.0232 PERF \$ 368.15

This transfer is to cover salary and insurance cost for the remainder of 2023. This has been approved by Perry County Community Corrections Advisory Board and the grant authorities.

PM made a motion to approve, seconded by KH. Motion carried 7-0.

**GENERAL-PC COMMUNITY CORRECTION:**

From: 9161.11902.00000.0232 Field Officer \$ 1,746.00  
From: 9161.11803.00000.0232 Case Manager \$ 1.48  
From: 9161.12200.00000.0232 PERF \$ 1.06  
From: 9161.12100.00000.0232 Social Security \$ 286.87  
To: 9161.39203.00000.0232 Drug Testing/Lab Services \$ 2,045.41

This has been approved by the Perry County Community Corrections Advisory Board and the grant authorities. This enables the use of the remainder of the grant funds.

KH made a motion to approve, seconded by PM. Motion carried 7-0.

**GENERAL -COURTHOUSE**

From: 1000.23101.00000.0161 Fuel & Oil \$ 200.00  
To: 1000.31402.00000.0161 Janitorial Cleaning Service \$ 200.00

Auditor Hammack stated that this is for the Prosecutor’s Office where the December 2022 bill was paid out in 2023.

PM made a motion to approve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 7-0.

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) Approval of 2024 Salary Ordinance

DE stated that this ordinance was read at the last meeting.

KH made a motion to approve the 2024 Salary Ordinance, seconded by PM. Motion carried 5-2.

- b) The Organizational Meeting date was set for January 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- c) The next meeting is scheduled for December 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m. CST.

PM made a motion to adjourn, seconded by KH. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023

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President, Perry County Council

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