

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 28, 2023**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were Keith Huck (KH), Stan Goffinet (SG), Kelli Harding (Kelli), Earla Williams (EW), and Gale Garner (GG). Paul Malone was live streamed with Google Meet, but due to technical difficulties, he could be heard but was not able to be seen for a portion of the meeting. Auditor Kristinia Hammack and Attorney Rod Acchiardo were also present. There was no *Sheriff* or *News Representative* present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

EW made the motion to accept as amended, seconded by Kelli. Motion carried 5-0. PM was not able to be seen on Google Meet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

a) November 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

PM was not able to be seen on Google Meet.

b) November 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

PM was not able to be seen on Google Meet.

c) December 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes with amendment.

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

PM was not able to be seen on Google Meet.

d) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

• **GENERAL-CORONER; AUTOPSY FEES**

#1000.31700.00000.0007--\$3,320.00

Kelli asked if this will cover everything through the end of the year, and Coroner Warren Taylor responded yes. Kelli asked how many autopsies he had in 2023, and Taylor responded 24 or 25 that the County paid for, plus two other autopsies paid for by other counties. There were 12 in 2022 and 11 in 2021. SG asked if Taylor budgeted more for 2024, and he responded it went from \$5,000 in 2023 to \$23,000 or \$24,000 in 2024. SG asked how much one autopsy cost, and Taylor responded from \$1780 to \$2800.

Kelli made a motion to approve, seconded by SG. Motion carried 5-0. PM was not able to be seen on Google Meet.

e) **TRANSFERS**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT-CASH TRANSFER:

From: 9167 Vaccine Reimbursement \$18,388.60

To: 8134 23/23 Immunization Grant \$.43

To: 9123 Cash Carry Over \$18,388.17

Kelli asked if this is something that is done every year, and Tara Lucas, Health Nurse Supervisor replied yes.

GG made a motion to approve, seconded by EW. Motion carried 5-0. PM was not able to be seen on Google Meet.

SHERIFF OFFICE-CASH TRANSFER:

From: 1000.13200.00000.0005 9th Deputy \$32,321.28

To: 8130.11116.00000.0005 COPS Grant \$32,321.28

Auditor Hammack stated that this is the difference for the percentage that the County has to pay out of the COPS Grant. Kelli asked if this was previously paid out of Commissary or Inmate Housing, and that was the original agreement?

Hammack stated she did not know that answer. Hammack explained that with the COPS Grant, the County had their percentage that they were responsible for each year.

GG made a motion to approve, seconded by EW. Motion carried 5-0. PM was not able to be seen on Google Meet.

PROSECUTOR-CASH TRANSFER:

From: 8129 Criminal Justice Grant 20-22 \$ 4,286.81

To: 8121 Criminal Justice Grant 18-20 \$ 4,286.81

SG made a motion to approve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 5-0. PM was not able to be seen on Google Meet.

PROSECUTOR-CASH TRANSFER:

From: 2502 Pretrial Diversion \$ 142.06

To: 8129 Criminal Justice Grant 20-22 \$ 142.06

SG made a motion to approve, seconded by EW. Motion carried 5-0. PM was not able to be seen on Google Meet.

COUNTY COUNCIL

a) Ordinance to Encumber funds from 2023

Auditor Hammack stated there were two requests to encumber funds from the 2023 budget over to 2024.

1. Request was received from Perry County Memorial Hospital out of Public Safety for the Ambulance Lease in the amount of \$50,000 in 2023.

Hammack stated the County does have a contract with Perry County Memorial Hospital to supply equipment. They will be purchasing an ambulance in 2024, so they were wanting to encumber these funds.

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

2. Request was received from Parks and Recreation for equipment repair. There are repairs in process for the Parks and Recreation vehicle, and there is a \$1000 deductible. An actual invoice has not yet been received, but the County knows they will be receiving this bill and paying in 2024. Kelli asked Hammack that she does not have an invoice, but did she have an email from the insurance saying the bill is coming, and Hammack confirmed this.

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

- b) KH stated this was Junie Voges' last day of work before retirement, and he thanked him for his service to the County and community.
- c) The next meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- d) Kelli stated that if anyone is interested in the open board appointments, they are listed on the Perry County Government website. Letters of interest must be submitted and received by the Auditor by 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 29, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. CST.

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

Minutes approved this 25th day of January, 2024.

President, Perry County Council

Minutes prepared by:

Kristinia L. Hammack, Perry County Auditor