

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES – March 28, 2019**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. as was duly advertised at the Perry County Courthouse. Council members in attendance were: David Etienne, Steve Goodson, Luke Thomas, Earla Williams, Danny Bolin, Lynn Fulkerson and Charles Baumeister. A media representative from the *Perry County News* was also present along with Council Attorney, S. Rod Acchiardo and Sheriff Alan Malone.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of February 28, 2019 had been emailed to council members for their review. Earla made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 5-2 with Danny and Steve abstaining.

**TRANSFER**

The Commissioners requested \$7,500.00 from Ambulance Service to County Police Car within the LIT-Public Safety-County Share fund and \$7,500.00 from Weather Emergency Expenses to County Police Car within the Riverboat fund. Auditor Pam Goffinet explained that the additional appropriation for half of the County Police Car of \$15,000.00 was turned in to come from the County General fund to be advertised. She said that she mistakenly forgot about the motion of intent from last month's meeting to take \$7,500.00 from LIT-Public Safety and \$7,500.00 from the Riverboat fund for the additional appropriations. Auditor Goffinet also explained that it would be better to do these transfers from the correct funds and disallow the additional, and then the amounts can be put back in the funds. Luke made the motion to allow the transfer of \$7,500.00 from the LIT-Public Safety fund, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0. Luke made the motion to allow the transfer of \$7,500.00 from the Riverboat fund, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

**TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**CC-19-2**

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:

**LIT PUBLIC SAFETY – COUNTY SHARE**

**\$ 7,500.00**

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #1170-068-3000.87</b>	
	<b>AMBULANCE SERVICE</b>	
<b>TO:</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #1170-005-4000.43</b>	
	<b>COUNTY POLICE CAR</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>
<b>WITHIN:</b>	<b>COMMISSIONERS BUDGET</b>	

**RIVERBOAT**

**\$ 7,500.00**

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #1191-161-3000.91</b>	
	<b>WEATHER EMERGENCY EXPENSES</b>	
<b>TO:</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #1191-005-4000.43</b>	
	<b>COUNTY POLICE CAR</b>	
<b>WITHIN:</b>	<b>COURTHOUSE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>

ADOPTED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

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DAVID ETIENNE /S/  
LUKE THOMAS /S/  
STEVE GOODSON /S/  
EARLA WILLIAMS /S/  
CHARLES BAUMEISTER /S/  
LYNN FULKERSON /S/  
DANNY BOLIN /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/  
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Sheriff Alan Malone requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000.00 for County Police Car from the County General fund. Auditor Goffinet gave the explanation for the Police Car under the transfers. Earla made the motion to deny this request, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

Coroner Nic Etienne requested an additional appropriation within the Coroner budget in the County General fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Autopsy Fees and \$7,500.00 for Refrigerator with Lock. Nic explained that the autopsy fees are already expended out and he also asked for a new refrigerator because the one they have now only holds one body, the hinges are damaged and needs repaired. Nic said the refrigerator he is looking at has 3 separate compartments to help preserve evidence for a crime. It costs less than the ones compared on line that are \$20,000.00 and it plugs into a 110 outlet. Charlie spoke up saying he is more aware of this situation and that he was told the refrigerator we have now will never wear out. He also stated that something else can be done instead of the lid falling down and damaging the hinges, the temperature in the room can be dropped to hold bodies if there is more than one, and also we can use Spencer County because they have a refrigerator that holds 3 bodies. Nic replied that he has issues of using the room to hold the bodies; they deserve some dignity for the family. There was more discussion among the Council members. Luke asked if this can wait until budget time. Nic said it is the nature of the business but yes if he needed to. Charlie made the motion to allow \$5,000.00 for the autopsy fees and to table the refrigerator request, seconded by Luke. Motion carried 7-0.

Highway Superintendent Steve Howell requested \$800,000.00 for an additional appropriation within the LIT-Economic Development fund for County Road Improvements. Steve said this is done every year for paving. He commented that the County was awarded the Community Crossings Grant this past Tuesday. He said they will use from the bituminous line item in Motor Vehicle Highway fund for the local match. Steve made the motion to allow the request, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Jason Hoch, County Prosecutor, requested an additional appropriation within the Pretrial Diversion fund for \$3,708.00 Office Manager, \$284.00 Social Security, and \$415.00 Retirement. This request has been tabled by the Council for the last two meetings. Prosecutor Hoch could not attend this meeting. Luke made a motion to deny this request, only pay what comes in the Check Collection fund for the extra work as stated in the letter from the Council at the 2018 Budget meeting, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Alan Malone requested \$15,000.00 for County Police Car from the Inmate Housing fund. He explained that this is the other half of the cost of the car. The Council approved a motion of intent at the February meeting for this additional. Charlie made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 19-CC-04**

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:

<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
<b><u>PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF</u></b>				
#1000-005-4000.43 COUNTY POLICE CAR	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 0	7	0
<b><u>PERRY COUNTY CORONER</u></b>				
#1000-007-3000.17 AUTOPSY FEES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	7	0
#1000-007-4000.42 REFRIGERATOR WITH LOCK	\$ 7,500.00	\$ TABLED		
<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 27,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>		
<b><u>LIT-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND</u></b>				
<b><u>PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY</u></b>				
#1112-534-4000.45 CO. ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 800,000.00	\$800,000.00	7	0
<b>LIT-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$800,000.00</b>	<b>\$800,000.00</b>		
<b><u>PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND</u></b>				
<b><u>PERRY COUNTY PROSECUTOR</u></b>				
#2502-009-1000.18 OFFICE MANAGER	\$ 3,708.00	\$ 0	7	0
#2502-009-1000.21 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 284.00	\$ 0	7	0
#2502-009-1000.22 RETIREMENT	\$ 415.00	\$ 0	7	0
<b>PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 4,407.00</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>		
<b><u>INMATE HOUSING FUND</u></b>				
<b><u>PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF</u></b>				
#4929-005-4000.43 COUNTY POLICE CAR	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	7	0
<b>INMATE HOUSING FUND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>		

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**TAX ABATEMENT – IMPA (INDIANA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY)**

Emily Williams, Project Manager with IMPA, informed the Council and the public that this meeting is the Public Hearing of the ERA and approving a Statement of Benefits allowing tax abatement for a proposed solar generation facility from the notice published in the paper. She commented that they are looking to build a solar facility to help out Tell City Electric. Emily stated that IMPA is the first one looking at this site. She estimates that they will pay approximately \$2,100,000.00 in real and personal property over the 40 to 50 year life of the project. As of now, the County receives zero dollars in personal property and approximately \$500.00 in real property annually. This facility will sit right behind Perry County Memorial Hospital and they will not interrupt the residents during the building process. Emily also stated that the majority of Perry County buildings are Tell City customers that will be deriving direct benefits from the proposed Tell City second Solar Park.

A few Council members spoke up and said the county must be able to justify the benefits of giving this tax abatement such as jobs for residents of the County. David said they have to be mindful of what the Council is doing. In 2017, guidelines were provided for the board and score card sheet for abatements. He thinks we are setting precedence for all companies. Emily replied that this will give revenue coming into the County and you can't always look at the benefits. Dennis Dixon from Tell City Electric commented that it will help to bring jobs in overall. Emily also said they will do what they can to reduce the rates in the future. Todd Mosby, President of Perry County Development Corporation, asked how much assessed valuation will the County lose. Emily replied none. The abatement will not diminish the value of the property.

There was a lot of public input concerning the subject and it being in a TIF area. Tom McCart, Tony Thomas, and Paul Alvey asked several questions regarding the revenue received will go to the TIF area and not to our local entities. Emily was asked if the abatement is not allowed, will your company still invest in Perry County. She said if not granted, they will have to see if it is economical to invest here. She said the benefits will stay the same in Perry County but they could invest at Crawfordsville.

Dennis commented that the property is sitting idle at this time. He said they will negotiate rates with the County so they can do expansions for more jobs here and not to go out of state. After much more discussion between the Council members and the public asking questions, Lynn made a motion to rescind the previous resolution from the February meeting (R-CC-19-1) designating the area and an ERA, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 4-2-1 with Steve and Charlie voting against and Danny abstaining from the vote.

**COUNTY EMPLOYEE HIRING PRACTICE**

Auditor Goffinet mentioned to the Council about a Resolution (R-CC-18-11) that was passed in 2018 regarding the process of hiring employees for Elected Officials and Department Heads. This resolution stated that with the exception of the Sheriff Office, all department heads and office holders upon experiencing a vacancy in any county employment position in their department and/or office shall appear at the next scheduled Council meeting and explain the necessity of hiring an individual to fill that position. The Council shall approve such replacement prior to hiring such individual. She also said that according to the minutes from last year, this needs to be relooked at in March 2019. The Council agreed this was a good practice. Charlie made the motion to continue the Resolution, seconded by Steve. Motion carried 7-0.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Auditor Goffinet informed the Council that their April meeting will have to be at the Armory Annex at 5:00 p.m. Early voting will be going on in the Commissioners room and there will be a trial in the Courtroom on April 25, 2019.

Administrator Teresa Kanneberg informed the Council about the SW AIC District meeting on May 15, 2019 to be held in Huntingburg. She said the reservations will be paid from the travel budget and they need to let her know who will be attending. It starts at 4:30 p.m. cst and dinner is at 5:15 p.m. cst.

David told the Council that he signed letters of support of the Broadband for Southern Indiana Power and for Early College Initiative for Perry Central School. These letters needed to get out before our meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Charlie made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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President, Perry County Council

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