

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – APRIL 25, 2019**

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

David announced that Emma Poehlein of Pat Jarboe's member club would be filming the meeting this evening and he wanted to thank them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on March 28, 2019 had been mailed to Council members for their review. Earla made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Danny seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

EMPLOYEE POSITION REQUEST

Treasurer Paul Alvey came before the Council requesting to hire a full time employee for the vacancy spot in his office to start around May 2, 2019. This date would be after all the time is paid out on the former employee. He informed them that this is the middle of tax season and he needs someone soon. He plans on moving Amanda Lasher into the First Deputy position and the new employee would fill the second deputy position. Paul also acknowledged Amanda's performance and formally thanks the Auditor's office and Assessor's office for their assistance in helping them through this challenging period. Charlie made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Within the County General fund, Coroner Nic Etienne requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,500.00 for Refrigerator with Lock. This request was tabled by the Council at last month's meeting. Nic informed the Council that he is withdrawing this request. He is looking into grant money from the State to buy the refrigerator needed.

The Perry County Commissioners requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,500.00 for Ambulance Service within the Lit-Public Safety-County Share fund. The Commissioners also requested within the Courthouse Department of the Riverboat-County Share fund an additional in the amount of \$7,500.00 for Weather Emergency Expenses. Auditor Pam Goffinet informed the Council that these additional are to replace the appropriations taken from the account line items with the transfers from last month. Luke made the motion to allow the additional, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Hauser, Emergency Management Director, requested \$18,850.00 for an additional appropriation within the Statewide 911 fund for Equipment Repair. Steve said an amplifier went out and two antennas are failing. He said these are allowable expenses to come out of the Statewide 911 fund. Steve made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 19-CC-05

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:

<u>COUNTY</u> <u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>PERRY COUNTY CORONER</u>				
#1000-007-4000.42 REFRIGERATOR WITH LOCK	\$ 7,500.00	\$ withdrawn		
COUNTY GENERAL				
FUND TOTAL:	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -0-		
<u>LIT-PUBLIC SAFETY-CO SHARE FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>				
#1170-068-3000.87 AMBULANCE SERVICE	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	7	0
LIT-PUBLIC SAFETY-CO SHARE				
FUND TOTAL:	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00		
<u>RIVERBOAT-CO SHARE FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE</u>				
#1191-161-3000.91 WEATHER EMERGENCY EXPENSES	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	7	0
RIVERBOAT-CO SHARE				
FUND TOTAL:	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00		
<u>STATEWIDE 911 FUND</u>				
<u>E-911</u>				
#1222-320-3000.64 EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$ 18,850.00	\$18,850.00	7	0
STATEWIDE 911				
FUND TOTAL:	\$ 18,850.00	\$18,850.00		

ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

PAMELA L GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

PROPOSED INCOME TAX CHANGES

Luke commented that he sent out a seven page memo to the Council members regarding two different proposals that would modify the County's current income tax structure. Perry County's current income tax rate is 1.81 percent. This proposal would reduce the income tax rate from 1.81 percent to 1.72 percent equating to an income tax cut of 4.97 percent for Perry County residents. Luke went on to say that in order to achieve this rate, the Special Legislation Tax of .50 percent will be reduced to .32 percent. Currently, this tax brings in over \$1,000,000.00 in excess, an amount equal to 2.15 times the amount needed to make yearly bond payments. He said we are over-taxing our residents with a tax with extremely limited uses. By dropping the Special

Legislation tax rate, we can increase other rates that allow us to bring in additional revenue that can be used for general operating purposes, public safety and economic development. Luke said this proposal could be one of many, as we can look to adjust the rates even further. He said this would be a good deal for Perry County residents and the County Government.

Luke went on to say since this would be a modification to our income tax structure, a public hearing would have to be held before any action could take place. Luke said he is only introducing this proposal to the Council this evening, so it would give us time to discuss it and move forward for a decision by the May Council meeting. David said that he would like for the Council to look at it before the May meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Charlie wanted to inform the Council that he received a call from Judge Lucy Goffinet about the expense of the pauper attorney line item. This is just a heads up for an upcoming additional appropriation.

Auditor Pam Goffinet also informed the Council about the funding for the Care of Patients in Institutions. The Commissioners will also be making an additional appropriation.

Auditor Goffinet distributed a tentative budget calendar to the Council members. She asked each one to check the dates with their calendars to see if there is a discrepancy, and if so, please let her know as soon as possible. She would like to have the calendar set at the May meeting. She also informed them of their State called meeting to be held in June at Shelby County. More information will come later.

There being no further business to come before the council, Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 5:16 p.m.

Minutes approved this 23rd day of May, 2019.

President, Perry County Council

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