

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 23, 2020

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, Luke Thomas, Charlie Baumeister, Danny Bolin, Lynn Fulkerson, and Earla Williams. Steve Goodson was absent. A media representative from the Perry County News and Sheriff Alan Malone were in attendance also. Attorney S. Rod Acchiardo was not in attendance.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes from the May 14, 2020 and May 21, 2020 meeting had been mailed to the Council for their review. Lynn made the motion to approve the minutes with no changes, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFERS

Perry County Treasurer is requesting to transfer \$414.00 from Tax Statement Mailing Contract to Postage within the County General fund. Treasurer Amanda Lasher informed the Council that there is not enough postage to cover certified mailings and demand notices for tax sale. Luke made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Danny. Motion carried 5-1 with Charlie abstaining

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-20-07

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:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND

TRANSFER \$ 414.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-003-3000.12
TAX STATEMENT MAILING CONTRACT \$ 414.00
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-003-3000.21
POSTAGE
WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY TREASURER'S BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF JULY, 2020.

NAY

AYE

DAVID A ETIENNE	/S/
LUKE THOMAS	/S/
EARLA WILLIAMS	/S/
LYNN FULKERSON	/S/
DANNY BOLIN	/S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Sheriff Alan Malone requested an additional appropriation for a Dishwasher in the amount of \$12,000.00 within the LIT- Special Legislation Fund. Sheriff said that the current washer is five years old and it is used every day. Sheriff Malone said the \$12,000 was only an estimate and the price is for \$8,800.00. That is all he needs. Charlie made the motion to approve \$8,800.00, seconded by Earla. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 20-CC-7

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:

LIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION FUND	REQUESTED	APPROPRIATED	AYE	NAY
<u>PERRY COUNTY JAIL</u>				
#1114-381-4000.44	\$12,000.00	\$ 8,800.00	6	0
DISHWASHER				
LIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION FUND TOTAL:	\$12,000.00	\$ 8,800.00		

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2020 COPS GRANT

Sheriff Alan Malone sent information to the Council members for their review on the 2020 COPS Grant that was awarded to them. He informed them that the grant will pay close to 100% of the salary for the new deputy for three years. The County is responsible for fringe benefits for year's one, two and three and all salary and benefits in year four. After that, it is the Council's decision as to whether to keep funding the position. He told the Council they have 45 days from notification which was July 1 to accept the grant. They were awarded \$125,000.00 for three years. He said they figured the benefits high on the grant.

Alan said he is needing guidance on how to proceed. If they do not approve this grant, they probably won't get it again. Charlie made the motion to accept the grant, seconded by Danny. Luke questioned about the vehicle. Sheriff said he will take care of that plus outfitting the deputy such as weapon, gun, vest etc. He said he can start someone as soon as they sign the agreement. The money will come up front. David said there is a motion and a second on the table. Motion was carried 6-0. The numbers need to be worked on for the last part of 2020.

NEW HIRE – VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER POSITION

Tom Hauser, Commissioner President, came before Council to inform them that Wayne Hubert has turned in his letter of resignation effective August 31, 2020 as the Veterans Service Officer. Currently Wayne is full time but the job description says part time and was never updated. Tom said the State requires a minimum of 1000 hours to maintain accreditation for this position. The requirement is for an Honorable Discharged Veteran. There was a lot of discussion among members on this. It was said if this position goes part time and works less than 30 hours a week, they can get 1000 hours in a year.

Tom said there is someone interested in the position and they would prefer part time. He said the opinion of some is for this position to remain full time for service to help the vets. Earla commented that we have asked other departments to go part time. Tom said this job is done differently and maybe wait and see how they do. Bill spoke up saying that during the pandemic, the appointments have slowed down and also the service officer does a lot to traveling to get vets to places where needed. He said he is not sure if 29 hours will do it. This is his opinion. Danny said the consensus seems to be part time. Charlie said if they do not get enough applications, come back and ask for full time. Charlie made the motion to approve hiring part time, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried 6-0. The Council said to incorporate two different job descriptions into one. The salary for the Part time Veterans Service Officer will be \$15.74 per hour.

NEW 2021 BUDGET WORK SCHEDULE

Auditor Pam Goffinet asked the Council if they would consider to back up the current budget work schedule for 2021 by an additional two weeks. She informed them that she would like to have more time to work on budgets this year so she isn't rushed. She said it is an understatement to say that her office hasn't been busy. While helping to train new employees, work on getting the new Assessed Value certified to the State, and many questions and emails throughout the days, she hasn't been able to stay at working on the budgets as need to be. She said she has run the new dates by the Department of Local Government representative and he said they are fine. The new dates are:

- September 3, 2020 submit form 3 to gateway
- August 27, 2020 council review est. levy and circuit breaker reductions by the DLGF of political subdivision in county
- September 16, 2020 sessions between council and ind. Departments, public hearing and first reading of budgets
- September 22-24, 2020 all day budget sessions
- October 13, 2020 budget adoption

All the Council members were in agreement to change the dates.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Charlie said he would like to see a budget work session before their all-day budget meetings in September. It was decided to have a meeting on September 2, 2020 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Armory Annex.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner President, Tom Hauser, gave an update to the Council concerning the COVID-19 CARES ACT. Steve Hauser, EMA Director, and himself have been working on the CARES ACT. The County is granted for reimbursement up to \$619,741.00. Tom informed the Council that after talking with the Indiana Finance Authority, the County does not have to appropriate the expenses for COVID-19. A separate fund has to be set up and it will run in the red until the reimbursement comes in for the expenses claimed. He said we could receive reimbursement within two to three days after sending in application. He said we don't want it taken out of appropriation funds. He said there are two options on getting reimbursement:

- 1. Spend the money, turn in the application, and hope to get approved
- 2. Get expenses preapproved first.

He said they have been given a yes to what they are asking for. So far, we have received 100% reimbursement of \$42,648.95 on the first application we sent in. He commented they are asking for preapproval on big expenses.

- 1. Ambulance fully equipped \$200,000.00 there is one ambulance down, this qualifies for an emergency purchase
- 2. Coroner Vehicle \$ 1,500.00 vehicle not approved but equipment was.

3. Suburban EMA Tow & Transport Vehicle \$ 55,000.00 a multipurpose 4-wheel drive, will pull trailers and allow Coroner to use it
4. Sheriff Vehicle \$ 50,000.00 4 X 4 truck with tow package. Used to transport individuals with COVID and the Health Department to homes. Relief for one vehicle in 2021.
5. EMA Vehicle \$ 52,000.00 heavy duty tow vehicle, pull the big boat and larger trailers. Plan is to move the Expedition to the Health Department for inspections. Equipped for backup for the Coroner or mass situation. There is a 2014 Tahoe for any county agency to use for transportation to meetings.
6. Health Department Overtime \$ 60,000.00 hope to carry through to the end of the year.
7. Miscellaneous \$ 45,000.00 for extra supplies, computers, notebooks, and livestreaming

David said he would like to see laptops for the Council and Commissioners for virtual meetings. Tom said possible iPads. We need to get estimated cost and preapproval. Tom said this still leaves \$80,000 to \$100,000 unused money. He said for the overtime, he would like to keep up with current policy on comp time accrual. Auditor Goffinet said they will have to go back to March 1, 2020 when this started. Will keep comp time as to what was there as of that date. She is looking to pay out once a month because we have to do a separate payroll for this each time.

Tom said they did ask about reimbursement on the ambulance service. They said it does not qualify because it is a loss of revenue. Council thanked Tom for keeping them up to date.

Coroner Warren Taylor invited the Council members to go on a ride with the deputy coroners to see what they have to go through for no more money than they make. He would like them to consider the pay at budget time.

Charlie brought up the lease program of vehicles for the Sheriff and other county departments. They have asked for Sternberg and Enterprise to give prices. Sheriff Alan Malone said that Sternberg was offering 5 vehicles for \$39,000.00 for 4 years. He is hoping they would take a look at especially for maintenance on the older vehicles. He said after the 4 years, you can buy or lease again. Sheriff said with 2020 vehicles, they would be under warranty and come turn key ready with lights and all. Sternberg is offering \$22,500 each for 4 vehicles we have. Enterprise was offering 4 vehicles for the same price. Charlie said they are concerned about the financing for the next two years. Sheriff Malone said he would use Inmate Housing fund to help. This would save the county money. Don't see why we wouldn't do this. The Council said they would take under consideration.

Luke mentioned about Ball State University's stats on income tax. He said that the prediction is the best down amount would be \$71,000 and the worst down would be \$900,000 from 2019 figures. Perry County is ranked 7th lowest in the State on the Compacity Cost Index which compares revenues and provided services. He said we need to understand the next two years are going to be hard and we need to plan for that.

There being no further business, Luke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0, with adjournment at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes approved this 27th day of August, 2020.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
Pamela L Goffinet, Auditor*