COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. R-CC-24-1

RESOLUTION OF THE PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL TO RENEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO PROTECT DECORUM AND FOSTER THE EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Perry County Council (the "Council") serves as the fiscal body of Perry County, Indiana (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-2-4-10 empowers the Council to adopt rules for the transaction of business at its regularly scheduled, and, if necessary, special meetings, all of which are open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it is in the best interest of the County, as well as those individuals who choose to attend public meetings of the Council, to RENEW its adoption of standard policies and procedures for the administration of public meetings in accordance with the general rules of parliamentary procedure as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised; and

WHEREAS, the Council previously passed Resolution No. 24-1 establishing Policies and Procedures to Protect Decorum and Foster the Effective Administration of Public Meetings of one (1) year duration and the Council now desires the renewal of the policies and procedures to continue to provide the general public with a clear and concise set of standards for public meetings held by the Council and, when applicable, rules regulating the conduct and decorum of members of the general public who wish to attend said public meetings; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to protect general meeting decorum and to continue to foster more effective administration of public meetings, the Council now desires to RENEW the adoption of standard policies and procedures applicable to public meetings held by the Council according to the general parameters stated herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FISCAL BODY OF PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Perry County Council hereby RENEWS its adoption of the following rules which shall apply to all individuals attending public meetings of the Perry County Council:

    a. Members of the general public in attendance at a public meeting of the Council have no rights with reference to the meeting except as otherwise provided by law.

    b. Although members of the general public have no right to speak during a public meeting, the Council intends to provide for a public comment period, during which time individuals may be given an opportunity to address the Council.

    c. Prior to any public comment period at an in-person meeting, individuals wishing to speak will be required to sign a speaker registration sheet and provide the speaker's name, address, and issue or topic they wish to address. Individuals will be called to speak in the order of which they have signed the speaker registration sheet.

    d. Prior to any public comment period at a virtual meeting, and up until 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting, individuals wishing to speak may e-mail or call the County Auditor at auditor@perrycounty.in.gov (812-547-6427) to sign-up to speak at the meeting. Included in the e-mail (or phone call) should be the individual's name, address, and issue or topic they wish to address. Individuals will be called to speak in the order of which they contacted the County.

e. For a virtual meeting, individuals who contacted the County to speak during the public comment period will receive a specific invite to the meeting. This invite is not to be shared with the general public. Members of the general public who do not wish to speak during the public comment period may view the meeting on the County's YouTube channel located at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChDrtxj69o5S1BUXLoIxl6Q.

f. Individuals who wish to speak and have signed the speaker registration sheet or have e-mailed or called the County Auditor may waive their opportunity to speak once called upon; however, an individual who waives their opportunity to speak will not be permitted to speak at a later time.

g. Once called upon, all speakers shall first state their name, their city/town of residence, and the issue upon which they wish to speak. During an in-person meeting, speakers should speak from the podium and must speak loudly and clearly into the microphone provided.

h. Any speaker wishing to provide documents to the Council at an in-person meeting shall provide one copy for each of the seven (7) Council members; however, speakers are encouraged to bring additional copies of any documents they intend to distribute during the meeting.

i. Each speaker may only speak once and will be given a maximum of four (4) minutes to speak unless a shorter or longer period of time is set forth by the Council President or in the absence of the President, the President Pro Tempore, at the start of the public comment period. Time may not be reserved or yielded to other speakers and once an individual is finished speaking, that individual's remaining time, if any, is waived.

j. Each speaker will be notified when their allotted time to speak is exhausted and any speaker that does not immediately conclude their remarks at the expiration of their allotted time will be deemed out of order and the speaker will be asked to stop.

k. Any speaker who is discourteous, argumentative, accusatory, or insulting will be deemed out of order and asked to stop.

l. Once a speaker is deemed out of order for any reason, that speaker's remaining time, if any, will be forfeited and the speaker will not be granted an opportunity to make any further comment or presentation.

m. All members of the general public attending a public meeting will be expected to adhere to these rules and, any person failing to do so will be deemed out of order.

n. The Council is authorized, and has sole discretion, to request any person deemed out of order to leave the meeting and, once requested to leave, the person must immediately leave the meeting room. In the event that the meeting is virtual, they must immediately leave the meeting.

o. In extreme cases, if a person refuses to leave the meeting after being asked to do so and that person continues to disrupt the proceedings in a way that is obviously hostile to the purpose of the meeting, the Council may order that the person be removed by members of the Perry County Sheriff's Office. If the meeting is virtual, the Council may order their microphone muted.

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p. During its public meetings, the Council will continue to take all measures necessary under the circumstances to maintain order. In exercising this discretion, the Council will be guided by a judicious appraisal of the circumstances, including the conduct and decorum of members of the general public in attendance.

2. A copy of the rules stated herein have previously been posted outside the Commissioners' Room and are available to the general public through the internet website for Perry County, Indiana (https://www.perrycounty.in.gov/).

3. This resolution shall remain in full force and effect until further action of the Council.

DULY ADOPTED by the Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on this, the 24th day of October, 2024.

David Etienne, President

Stan Goffinet, Councilmember

Kelli Harding, Vice-President

Keith Huck, Councilmember

Earla Williams, Councilmember

Gale Garner, Councilmember

Paul Malone, Councilmember

ATTEST:

Kristinia L. Hammack, Auditor, Perry County, Indiana

Tara Lucas spoke on the selective process in being granted the Vaccine for Children (VFC) grant. This grant has provided vaccines for children at the Back-to-School event, it funds equipment to keep vaccines safe and secure. She asked the County Council for permission to apply for the 2023 Grant. Kelli asked if salaries are paid out of this grant? Tara informed that Gayle Edwards our Immunization Coordinator, her salary is fully funded out of this grant. This grant also funds extra hours outside of regular business hours. DE stated the reason they are asked to bring these grants to the Council it is especially important when salaries are being paid out of grants. The SBOA has made it a requirement for it to be included in the salary ordinance and it helps with budget planning.
PM made a motion to approve, seconded by KH. Motion carried 5-0.

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a) Resolution of the Perry County Council to Renew Policies and Procedures
DE stated that we try to follow the Robert Rules of Order. Everyone has been given a copy. PM made a motion to approve, seconded by KH. Motion carried 5-0.

b) Randy Cole discussed distribution of ARP funds:

- Forest Canton $300,000.00 (used for development of sub-division)
- Derby Community $50,000.00 (use for updates to Community Building)
- Perry County HWY $300,000.00 (use for equipment upgrades)
- Cannelton Schools $120,000.00 (use to repair flooring @ elementary school)
- And-Tro $500,000.00 (use to get water to areas in county that are currently not served)
- Perry Circuit Court $57,000.00 (use for correcting ½ doors that are currently installed, enhance security)
- Girls' Softball $81,000.00 (funding for a practice facility)
- Tell City School Corporation $100,000.00 (use for transportation needs)
- Perry County Prosecutor $25,000.00 (use to upgrade computers and copiers in the office)
- Perry County Memorial Hospital $150,000.00 (use for building 3 rooms at the clinic)

Total Distribution: $1,683,000.00

Kelli asked if Perry Central requested funding. Randy Cole informed that they requested and received funds the first round; but did not request this round. He also mentioned that Tell City Schools and Cannelton Schools did not request funds in the first round. Tara Bishop, Superintendent of Perry Central Schools was present and informed the council that Perry Central Schools did not request the funds in round 1. That she new nothing of a vendor requesting the funds on their behalf. Randy Cole thanked Tara for this information and that he would be looking into this. KH asked Randy Cole where we were on the phone system update and LED lighting for the courthouse and sheriff's office? Randy stated both are in process. PM asked what the total ARP funds being distributed? Randy informed 3.5 million. First round distributed $706,000, second round 2 million after adding City of Troy/Troy Fire Department, leaving about 1.5 million to allocate by the end of 2024 and disbursed by end of 2026. Kelli asked if the funds being allocated the Highway Dept. will fix the grater that is broke? Steve Howell informed yes; the issue is getting parts. Kelli asked for example: Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation we are funding 1/3 of the expense for transportation, what happens if they do not come up with the remaining funding, do we lose the money? Randy restated that we have until the end of 2026 to distribute the funds, so they have until then, but yes if they don't have the funds by then.
Perry County Memorial Hospital $150,000.00 voted separately. SG made a motion to approve, seconded by PM. Motion carried. 4-1
Girls' Softball $81,000.00 voted separately. KH abstained. PM made a motion to approve, seconded by SG. Motion carried 4-0-1
Remaining voted on as group. KH made a motion, seconded by Kelli. Motion carried 5-0.
c) Commissioner Randy Cole provided information that he has got together to set up a new audio/video system for the Commissioners Room. This system would have mounted cameras, a ceiling mounted projector, and a secure cabinet with all equipment. The camera view will be easily adjustable to the needed width. Randy Cole also stated that he would like to see all board/committee meetings be held here. Kelli stated she has heard from the public on how its hard to hear and that it is delayed. We are in need of something better and a user-friendly system Commissioner Randy Cole is asking the

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RESOLUTION OF THE PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO PROTECT DECORUM AND FOSTER THE EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Perry County Council (the "Council") serves as the fiscal body of Perry County, Indiana (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-2-4-10 empowers the Council to adopt rules for the transaction of business at its regularly scheduled, and, if necessary, special meetings, all of which are open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it is in the best interest of the County, as well as those individuals who choose to attend public meetings of the Council, to adopt standard policies and procedures for the administration of public meetings in accordance to the general rules of parliamentary procedure as set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect general meeting decorum and foster more effective administration of public meetings, the Council now desires to adopt standard policies and procedures applicable to public meetings according to the general parameters stated herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FISCAL BODY OF PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Perry County Council hereby adopts the following rules which shall apply to all individuals attending public meetings of the Council:

    a. Although members of the general public have no right to speak during a public meeting, the Council intends to provide for a public comment period during which time individuals may be given an opportunity to address the Council.

    b. Prior to any public comment period at an in-person meeting, individuals wishing to speak will be required to sign a speaker registration sheet and provide the speaker's name, address, and issue or topic they wish to address. Individuals will be called to speak in the order of which they have signed the speaker registration sheet.

    c. Prior to any public comment period at a virtual meeting, and up until 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting, individuals wishing to speak may e-mail or call the County Auditor at auditor@perrycounty.in.gov (812-547-6427) or the County Administrator at countyadmin@perrycounty.in.gov (812-547-2758) to sign-up to speak at the meeting. Included in the e-mail (or phone call) should be the individual's name, address, and issue or topic they wish to address. Individuals will be called to speak in the order of which they contacted the County.

    d. For a virtual meeting, individuals who contacted the County to speak during the public comment period will receive a specific invite to the meeting and will be asked to verify their identity prior to admittance to the meeting. This invite is not to be shared with the general public. Members of the general public who do not wish to speak during the public

comment period may view the meeting on the County's YouTube channel located at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChDrtxj69o5S1BUXLoIxl6Q.

e. Individuals who wish to speak and have signed the speaker registration sheet or have e-mailed or called the County Auditor or County Administrator may waive their opportunity to speak once called upon; however, an individual who waives their opportunity to speak will not be permitted to speak at a later time.

f. Once called upon, all speakers shall first state their name and their city/town of residence. During an in-person meeting, speakers should speak from the podium into the microphone provided.

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h. Any speaker who is discourteous, argumentative, or accusatory will be deemed out of order and asked to stop. If any of that speaker's time remains, such time will be forfeited, and the speaker will not be granted an opportunity to make any further comment or presentation.

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j. All members of the general public attending a public meeting will be expected to adhere to these rules and, any person failing to do so will be deemed out of order.

k. During its public meetings, the Council will take all measures necessary under the circumstances to maintain order. In exercising this discretion, the Council will be guided by a judicious appraisal of the circumstances, including the conduct and decorum of members of the general public in attendance.

2. Upon the adoption of this Resolution, a copy of the rules stated herein shall be posted outside the Commissioners' Room and made available to the general public through the internet website for Perry County, Indiana (https://www.perrycounty.in.gov/).

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3. This resolution shall expire on December 31, 2022.

5th DULY ADOPTED by the Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on this the day of January, 2022.

David Etienne, President

Earla Williams, Vice-President

Lynn Fulkerson, Councilmember

Paul Malone, Councilmember

Randy Cole, Councilmember

Danny Bolin, Councilmember

Charlie Baumeister, Councilmember

ATTEST:

Pam Goffinet, Auditor
Perry County, Indiana