

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 12, 2024**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m., as was duly advertised. Commissioners: President Randy Cole (RC), Rebecca Thorn (RT) and Randy Kleaving (RK) were in attendance. Auditor Kristinia Hammack was also present. There was no *Sheriff, Attorney, or News Representative* in attendance.

The meeting opened with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

RC stated that this Special Meeting is being held in a back Administrator's office due to the Courthouse meeting room had been booked for a trial that is in process. This will be a brief meeting concerning the purchase of an ambulance.

**AGENDA**

RT made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- a) There are current challenges within the Ambulance Service due to the age and service ability of some of the fleet, and the length of time it takes to bid and receive an ambulance, which can take from two to three years. In order to provide a safe and effective service to the Perry County residents, there was discussion for the purchase of an ambulance. It is a remount, which is a new 2024 chassis, but it has a remounted, refurbished body on it. It is located in Tennessee.

RC stated the Commissioners are meeting under Indiana Code 5-22-10-4 (a) where the County can make a special purchase under emergency conditions. Due to the service ability of the current ambulances, the County wants to make sure the service is effectively provided.

RT stated this is vital for its emergency services for all the citizens of Perry County. She further stated that the County has to keep their ambulance service going; we cannot depend on other counties. This is vital; it is critical.

RK stated with the lead time, the county cannot wait.

RC stated the County has a quote from the vendor. The Unit costs \$185,500 plus a \$1,000 delivery fee. He further stated that the other item the County needs to consider is a snow chain option for that vehicle that can be mounted by that vendor before delivery of an approximate \$4,000 additional cost. Also to consider is a specific rail system that matches the cot that they currently have, and those could also be mounted so that when the unit arrives it could be put into service. The ambulance will not be properly marked for Perry County, which is something that can be addressed later. The rails are approximately \$9,500 and will match the cots currently used. RC suggests that both the chains and the rails be installed so that when the ambulance arrives, it is ready to be put in use.

RT asked how many ambulances would that put on the road including this one?

RC stated there are currently five in inventory with some are having mechanical issues, which the problem of serviceability. Currently there are two ambulances running, and sometimes three. This will give the Ambulance Service a 2024 Chassie with a refurbished box and this will be under warranty.

RK stated this will cost approximately \$200,000 with the other items added.

RT asked how this will be paid, and RC stated that both the Council and Commissioners have approved using the Tribal Funds which is approximately \$185,000-\$190,000. The Hospital encumbered \$50,000 from last year's budget plus 2024 budget of \$10,000 for \$60,000 total, so the County has approximately \$240,000 available.

RT made a motion to purchase the ambulance including the chains and rails, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m. CST.

RT made a motion to adjourn, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0.

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Randy Cole  
President

Rebecca Thorn  
Vice-President

Randy Kleaving