

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2025

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 Pam Jamniczky (PJ) were in attendance. Auditor Kristinia Hammack was also present. There was no *Attorney, Sheriff, or News Representative* in attendance.

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

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

- a) Elect President, Vice-President
 - 1. RT nominated RC as President of the Commissioners, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.
 - 2. RT nominated PJ as Vice-President of the Commissioners, seconded by RC. Motion carried 3-0.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) None

COMMISSIONERS

- a) Finance Board

RC stated that all the Commissioners serve on this Board, with one person designated as the President, and Treasurer Amanda Lasher serves as the Secretary or Treasurer on this Board.

PJ nominated RC as President of the Finance Board, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

- b) 2025 Monthly Meeting Schedule

In 2024, the Commissioners met on the First Monday at 9:00 a.m. and third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. of each month. These days and times will remain the same for 2025.

RT made a motion to accept, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

- b) Courthouse appointed positions
 - 1. Kevin Herp as Veterans Services

RT made a motion to reappoint Kevin Herp as the Veteran Services Officer, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

- 2. Steve Howell, Highway Department Supervisor

There was discussion of striping equipment

RT made a motion to reappoint Steve Howell as the Highway Department Supervisor, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

- c) 2025 Attorney Contract

RC stated it is basically the same as 2024 with a slight increase. It is \$31,235.74. RT made a motion to accept the contract as presented, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

- d) Board Appointments for 2025

- 1) ADA & Title VI Coordinator**

RK made a motion to appoint Kevin Herp as ADA & Title VI Coordinator, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

- 2) ADA Steering Committee**

- No one put in to serve on this.

- 3) Airport Authority**

- RC stated that this is a little confusing. James Rogan is listed whose term expires in 2024, and asked Auditor Hammack if he was reappointed? Hammack will check on this.

- RC stated that one person, Tim Reed, applied for the Airport Authority. Gary Gebhard was a member who passed away, so this is to fill his term that expires in 2027.

RT made a motion to approve Tim Reed, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

4) Port Authority

RC stated that there are two openings. Jason Brown's term has expired and Jeff Tunks has resigned. One would be for the full four-year term, the other for the remaining two years of Tunks' term.

Letters of interest were received from Jason Brown, Neal Warner, and John Schutzius.

RT made a motion to reappoint Jason Brown to a four-year term, seconded by PJ.

Motion carried 3-0.

RT made a motion to appoint John Schutzius to fulfill the term of Jeff Tunks, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

5) Health Board

Eric Dickenson's term is up, which is a four-year term, plus the resignation of Dr. Bailey and Adam Brockman.

Letters of interest were received from Becky Elder, Charles Baumeister, Emily James, Chris Coyle, Brandi Glenn, and Carla Bollinger.

RT nominated Carla Bollinger for the four-year term, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0. Auditor Hammack asked her party affiliation, and RC stated Independent. Hammack received a message that the Health Board has to have two licensed physicians. James Rogan does not expire until December 31, 2026.

RT made a motion to nominate Brandi Glenn, an Independent, to fulfill the term of Adam Brockman, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

The third open position will be appointed if they can find a physician willing to serve on this Board.

6) Alcoholic Board

This is a review Board, and there was one applicant for this position, Mark Howland. RT asked if this is a one-year term, and RC confirmed this.

RT made a motion to appoint Mark Howland to the Alcoholic Board, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

7) Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission

Those applying for this position were Balaji Kashyab, Cory Filley, and Kelli Harding and there are three positions open. One position is from the Council and one is a Commissioner who serve on this commission.

RT made a motion to appoint Balaji Kashyab, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

RC made a motion to appoint Pam Jamniczky to represent the Commissioners on the Region 15 Board, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

RC made a motion to appoint Cory Filley, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

8) Perry County Redevelopment Commission

RC stated there are five appointees on this commission, and they are one-year terms. The Commissioners make three appointments, and the Council makes two appointments. PJ stated that there were four applicants for this, David Etienne, Sherry Flynn, Jon Scheer, and Kelli Harding.

RC stated for 2024 the Commissioners appointed Sherry Flynn, Carol Hagedorn, and David Etienne. He further stated that the Commissioners could appoint Sherry Flynn, David Etienne, and Kelli Harding in Carol Hagedorn's place, as she did not reapply. This will leave Jon Scheer for the Council to appoint, as he was their appointment for 2024.

PJ made a motion to appoint David Etienne, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

PJ made a motion to appoint Sherry Flynn, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

PJ made a motion to appoint Kelli Harding, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0-1 with RT abstaining.

9) Zoning Appeals Board

The only person who sent a letter of interest was Mandy Jackson.

PJ made a motion to appoint Mandy Jackson to a four-year open term position, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

10) Plan Commission (Perry County Zoning and Planning Board)

RC stated that Mandy Jackson applied for this. There is also an internal appointment.

PJ nominated Mandy Jackson for the Plan Commission, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

PJ nominated Rebecca Thorn, seconded by RC. Motion carried 3-0.

11) Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals

There are 3 appointments by Commissioners, and applications were received from Mandy Jackson, Heidi Dixon, and Kelli Harding. PJ stated that Mandy Jackson is an Independent.

PJ made a motion to appoint Mandy Jackson, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

PJ made a motion to appoint Heidi Dixon, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

PJ made a motion to appoint Kelli Harding, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0-1 with RT abstaining.

12) Redevelopment Authority

The Commissioners have three appointments, and there are two applicants. They are Balaji Kashyab and Cory Filley.

PJ made a motion to appoint Cory Filley, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

RT made a motion to appoint Balaji Kashyab, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

13) CVB

RC stated this board has been shrunk from eleven members to seven members. There are 4 appointments, two two-year and two one-year appointments. There are four people who have applied, Stan Goffinet, Barry Stiles, Cindy Taylor, and Steve Stemle.

RT nominated Barry Stiles for a two-year term, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

PJ made a motion to appoint Steve Stemle for a one-year term, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

PJ made a motion to appoint Stan Goffinet for a two-year term, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

RT made a motion to appoint Cindy Taylor for a one-year term, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

RT asked that for the open positions that received no letter of interest, will they be reposted, and RC stated yes, they will be reposted on the County website..

14) Emergency Management Advisory Council

Discussion regarding this but no action was taken. RC stated that this Board is being looked at to see if it needs to be revamped. It represents different townships and some of the people no longer reside in the township. The thought process was to get representation of all the different County townships.

RT stated there was only one applicant, Cory Filley. RC wants to look at this and have discussion of how it may be structured.

Tabled.

15) Personnel Policy Committee

There is one Commissioner on this committee.

RT nominated RC, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

16) Courthouse Security Committee

This is an internal committee.

RC nominated RT, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m. CST.

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

Randy Cole
President

Pam Jamniczky
Vice-President

Rebecca Thorn

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