

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2025

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., as was duly advertised. Commissioners: President Randy Cole (RC), Vice President Pam Jamniczky (PJ) and Rebecca Thorn (RT) 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.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

a) Molly Hagman, Rivers Edge Animal Shelter

1. Hagman stated there are repairs and upgrades needed at the shelter. She had a handout along with pictures of the isolation area. Hagman was seeking permission to move forward to see what the cost of everything would be. Hagman stated the isolation area is in need of repairs, as well as an exhaust fan. There was an exhaust fan in the isolation area when it opened, but it does not work. RC asked if the exhaust fan is directly to the outside, and Hagman responded yes. RC stated that when it is kicked on, it will exhaust all the heat outside. Hagman stated that the heat comes from the floor, and RC stated that as long as the temperature is maintained at 50 degrees, a direct exhaust fan will work.

Hagman stated to do these repairs and upgrades, she would like to shut ISO down, which would consist of moving the dogs out, getting this done, and then opening it back up.

RT asked Hagman where she would put the animals while the repairs and upgrades are being done, and she responded that as many as they can would be moved to the general population area. Once that is full, the rooms in the hallway can be used. After that, they would have to crate.

RC asked Hagman how she would rate the repairs and upgrades as far as first priority, second priority, and so forth? Hagman said she can do that.

RT stated there is money in the building fund and RC stated it continues to accumulate from the rent next to it. RC stated this building fund is restricted and can be used only for the Animal Shelter.

RT made a motion to get estimates and make a priority list, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Hagman stated the Animal Shelter is in need of gravel for the parking lot. RC stated that Hagman can contact Highway Superintendent Steve Howell to have rock put on the parking lot.

CHARLIE BAUMEISTER, CLERK

a) Postage Meter

Baumeister was unable to attend the meeting, and Auditor Hammack stated Baumeister had spoken to PJ. PJ stated Baumeister is waiting for the contract, which he can sign. Auditor Hammack stated that Baumeister is needing the Commissioner's approval, and stated the contract had been emailed to each Commissioner for review.

RT stated that Baumeister will be getting a refund for the postage on the old postage meter.

RT made a motion to allow the Clerk to enter into a meter contract, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

a) 01.13.2025

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

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

a) 01.17.2025 Payroll: \$194,812.52

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

b) 01.17.2025 Payroll W/H: \$65,789.59

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

c) 01.21.2025 Account Payable Claim Docket: \$458,686.47

RC stated questions arose on this date regarding 17TC and whether the PTABOA Board (Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals) needs to sign off on these. RC suggests that until confirmation is received, these claims be pulled out. Auditor Hammack stated that Assessor Mendy Lassaline stated these do not have to go to the PTABOA Board as they are correction of errors. PJ stated she is still confused as there is a Form 134 that is supposed to be filled out indicating what the Assessor made the decision on, and the Form 134 would need to come to the PTABOA Board. Auditor Hammack stated the correction of errors have all gone through the proper channels, and that she is familiar with all of these. PJ stated she would like clarification as to if they need Form 134 and go to the PTABOA Board. PJ would like to have the claims pulled for now until clarification is received. RC stated that from what he read from DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance), these 17TC should go to the PTABOA Board. \$2,034.59 was removed from the claim docket, making the new amount \$458,686.47.

RT made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Claim Docket for 1/21/25 in the amount of \$458,686.47, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

d) EDIT Plan

RC stated the current EDIT Plan is through 2025. It was changed from having a percentage to an actual dollar amount. An additional approximate \$60,000 will be taken in for the whole year. RC stated there is nothing allocated by a percentage, and Auditor Hammack confirmed this. RC asked that when the County gets its Supplemental, where is that being placed? Hammack will have to check on this. RC stated that the EDIT money is currently sitting in a holding fund at the present, and it should be distributed as the Plan calls for as it is through 2025. Hammack asked what she is to do with the additional \$5,037/month? RC suggested it be put in the Special Projects fund. Auditor Hammack stated that this would need to be explicit in the EDIT Plan. RC will contact Attorney Andrew Foster to see if a separate statement needs to be added to the EDIT Plan stating where excess funds are placed.

RC suggested distributing the funds for the amounts in the EDIT Plan, and leave the additional money in the 7000 account until resolution is received from the County Attorney as to the proper procedure. RC further stated that if the current EDIT Plan needs to be modified, it can be done, as well as address the Supplemental as to where it is going and that it is being handled properly. RC will reach out to Attorney Foster to find out when the County receives additional money, and how the county handles that, in respect to the County's already approved EDIT Plan.

Hammack will keep this amount in the 7000 Fund until advises otherwise.

RT made a motion to table the EDIT Plan until additional information is received, and the Council has opportunities to complete their Ordinances, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS

a) PCDC Affidavit

RC stated this is for the people who monitor invasive species, as well as spray, cut, etc. for the project at the Foundry or Troy, where ever they are doing this. This company ensures nothing is going on incorrectly as this is a mitigation project that was signed several years ago. This is a \$4,000 payment that comes out of the bond proceeds from that project.

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

b) RT stated that with the bad weather the County has had the past couple of weeks, the County Highway has done a really good job. She also stated the cities have as well, including all that the linemen have done well. She expressed her appreciation for everything that all of these people do. It does not go unnoticed.

c) Mano Point Boart Ramp/ USDA Forest Agreement

Howell stated that the Highway Department cleaned Mano Point four times last year. The total with equipment and labor was \$6,781.32 for the whole year. Howell stated he has heard several comments from people appreciating that the County does this.

PJ stated that she needs to fil out the Project Performance Report, and that data can be obtained from Howell's report.

RC stated this is an annual renewal, and a notice has to be given if either side would break it.

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

d) Highway Equipment Rate

RT asked Howell if this rate has to be established for the State, and Howell confirmed this. (See attached rate sheet).

RT made a motion to approve the Equipment Rental Rate for 2025, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

e) Copper Road

Howell stated he viewed the County portion of this road the day prior. He does not feel the County’s end of the road is in bad shape. Rock was added to it on this day, and plan to put more rock on the next day.

Howell stated that Spencer County’s portion in both hills look like they have been soft enough that a small vehicle would probably drag on it. Howell has spoke to the Superintendent in Spencer County, and he stated that if Spencer County closes the road, there will be local traffic only. Perry County’s end would have to be the same if the road is closed.

RC stated he wonders how this closure would impact the County’s funds from the State, due to the State is paying the County to keep that road in a condition to travel around that bridge. As soon as the County is not providing that because Spencer County shut it off, RC is not sure the State will continue to compensate the County.

Howell stated Spencer County was going to try to get rock on this road today.

RT asked Howell if the State has a timeline on the bridge, and Howell responded April.

f) Howell stated that PJ notified him that there was to be a funeral at Beard Cemetery, and the road was really bad. Howell had an employee who volunteered on his day off and on his own time to fix Cemetery Road.

g) The next meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. CST.

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

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| _____ Randy Cole President | _____ Pam Jamniczky Vice-President | _____ Rebecca Thorn |
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Minutes reviewed by:
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