

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2024

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.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.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) None

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- a) 04.01.2024

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

TARA LUCAS, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE SUPERVISOR

- a) Lucas requested permission to have food trucks at the Health Department for some of their events. There is planned an event in July and in September. There is no cost to the County, she is only asking permission to park those trucks on County ground. Lucas stated that the Health Department has community partners, with some being Medicaid entities, that go to events and provide a food truck. They provide a set number of meals or items to the community. Lucas further stated that the events will be on a Wednesday and the other on a Thursday in the evening.

Lucas stated that in the future, if the Health Department wanted to cover the cost of food trucks for an event if it would help draw people to it, it might be worthy to talk to the Council to budget for this.

RT made a motion to approve food trucks for two events, one in July and the other in September, seconded by RK. Motion carried 3-0. Lucas asked if she would have to come back to the Commissioners for future events, and RC stated yes.

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

- a) Health Insurance Claims: \$53,975.03

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

- b) 04.16.2024 AP Claim docket: \$299,083.02

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

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- a) Ride Solutions Agreement

RC stated this agreement was sent to the County. RC contacted David Etienne as he was concerned with reading this agreement that it made Ride Solutions the exclusive provider. He believes for veterans the County uses Marksmen Cab and the Perry County Council on Aging as well. RC is concerned that by signing the document, how this might impact the other providers that the County currently utilizes. RC asked Etienne and was told Ride Solutions never came before the Council for a request or a stipend.

Auditor Hammack stated she had spoken with Rebecca Guthrie with Ride Solution. This agreement is done each year, and had not yet been done this year. Guthrie told Hammack she had been sending this agreement to Teresa Kanneberg's email which should be filtering into Hammack's email. Hammack asked Guthrie if she would be attending this meeting, and she responded there really wasn't any reason to come, that she would just send an email explaining this. Hammack further stated that Guthrie asked about the funding, and Hammack informed her there was no allocation for 2024 due to not sending a request to the Council. Hammack told Guthrie Ride Solutions could go to the Council to request an appropriation. Hammack has now received both emails,

and Hammack provided Guthrie with both the dates of the Council and this Commissioner’s meeting. Guthrie only wanted to communicate via email. RT asked if Hammack was given the dollar amount for the request to Council, and Hammack stated no. RC stated he believes in the past it was \$6,000. RC’s concern is that by signing this agreement, how it might impact others getting funded through grants. He further stated the County does not want to put a barrier up for the other providers. RT mentioned that the email states a new component to the grant has been added. RT does not know what this means. RK asked that if the Commissioners sign the agreement, it would be committing the Council? He further stated that this would have to be ran by the Council first to see if they want to fund this. RC stated there are two issues. First, Ride Solutions were not included in the budget, and with the County’s money situation, he does not know if they have funding available. The second part is Ride Solutions becomes the exclusive provider and they are eligible for grants to subsidize their service. RC’s concern is that the County may have other local organizations that if this document is signed, the County takes away from those organizations their ability to also seek grants. RT would like for Guthrie to come to the next Commissioner’s meeting, and RC would like to see the actual grant application.

RK made a motion to table the Ride Solution Agreement, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

- b) Additional Appropriation for Legal Services
The Commissioners need to sign a request to pay legal bills in the amount of \$19,305.74, and then this will go to the Council for funding. RC stated it was discussed and will come out of Riverboat.

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

- c) Invoice from Ken Simpson, Engineer Associates
RC stated that this invoice is for work at the Courthouse. It is to be paid out of an old EDIT fund that still has a balance in it.
RC stated that the County has a modified floorplan, and RC asked the Commissioners if this meets their approval; if so, it can then be put out for bids. RC stated this modification takes the door from the outside with a mechanism similar to the what the school has. This way, it does not impact the Courthouse and will put them in the proximity of the Courts and the Jail. It will pick up efficiencies and hopefully save money in the process. RK stated he is good with this modification.

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

- d) Auditor Hammack provided information that the Commissioner’s District Meeting is June 19th. She received a Save-the-Date postcard and did not state a deadline to register.
- e) RC stated that all the Commissioners should have received some information from the EMS Service regarding some funding. RT is working on trying to get a uniform Animal Control Ordinance that each city has the same rules. RC stated the Solid Waste decision is still pending.
- f) The next meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the North Annex Training Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. CST.
RK made a motion to adjourn, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

Randy Cole President	Rebecca Thorn Vice-President	Randy Kleaving
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Minutes prepared by:
Kristinia L. Hammack, Auditor