

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 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 First Deputy Kelli Wilgus 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 amended, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

a) Kourtney Casebolt – JK Forever Homes

Casebolt stated that JK Forever Homes is developing the Highlands subdivision and Hoosier Heights subdivision. Casebolt appeared to request the County to take over snow removal in the third phase until it is ready for the top coat. The first and second phase of the Highlands have the top coat, but the third phase still has approximately eight lots that need to be developed.

With the Hoosier Heights subdivision, the first phase has just been completed except for the one-inch surface coat. Casebolt stated that the reason for not putting the one-inch surface coat in yet is due to all the construction. There is currently only one house in the Hoosier Heights phase one. Casebolt stated they anticipate a lot of construction trucks and damage to the top coat if it is put on now.

RC asked if the County has taken any part of those roads, with Casebolt responding yes in the Highlands subdivision for the first and second phase.

Casebolt stated those have had their top coat. RC asked Casebolt if she is asking for three third base, and she responded yes. RC stated the County has gone through this same thing with the Forest Canton subdivision. It is in the building phase right now, and they have made representation back to the County that the top surface is going on, and they are going to repair any damage to the base coat prior to the top coat going on due to the ongoing construction. With that being said, the County took that on to plow the roads. RC assumes this is something similar to what Casebolt is looking at, in the event the base coat is damaged prior to putting the top coat on. Casebolt confirmed this. RC asked Casebolt if she has any expectations as to when the top coat will go on? Casebolt responded it kind of depends on how housing goes.

RC stated the County will have Highway Superintendent Steve Howell check on both of these subdivisions, and the County will take a look at what it can do.

b) Gary Greubel, Waupaca Foundry – Industrial Park Status

Greubel appeared to follow up on the previous discussion on the Industrial Park status.

Greubel stated he met with the gentleman from RJL Solutions. One thing that was said in this meeting, and Greubel is not quite sure where it came from, he said Waupaca Foundry talked about previous issues with the past PCDC (Perry County Development Corporation). Greubel stated Waupaca Foundry really did not have any issues with the PCDC. The PCDC provided data and information for grants, took care of their sign, and took care of their road. In fact, the PCDC improved their road, going from two lane to three lane.

Greubel stated that the Industrial sign is still half lit, and did not know if the Commissioners had an update on it. RC stated he had contacted an individual who was to be going down to look at it. The covers have to be pulled off to see what length bulbs the sign has. RC stated he has started this process, but has not checked with the individual in the past two weeks to see where they are actually at on this.

Greubel stated at the previous discussion with the Commissioners, they talked about the future. One thing Greubel asked that since this is a County road, which now makes it a public road, all the past studies for traffic control devices at that intersection were based on a private road, which has a much higher traffic count than a public road. Greubel stated he asked if a traffic study could be done to see

if they qualified for a caution light, a warning light, maybe even a stop light. Greubel asked if that is going to be moved forward or not. RC stated that the Department of Transportation is going to visit Perry County just for that purpose. There are some concerns about the 237/37 access. Waupaca's is another one for when INDOT is here. INDOT is going to visit the counties and listen to what the issues are to see how they might address it. Greubel asked if there is anything that can be done in the meantime, and RC responded the County needs to find out the date INDOT will be in Perry County. Greubel will be notified of that date. Greubel added they have received concerns from trucking companies, employees, vendors, and the general public. RT mentioned the striping at Waupaca, which a late July date was previously given to Greubel, and RC stated that that date is not a definite. RC contacted C&R Construction and Consulting, and it is being determined whether it is better that the County contracts with the striping company, or whether C&R Construction & Consulting just adds an addition to the striping to get that completed.

MNUTES

a) 06.02.2025

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

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

a) 06.06.2025 Payroll: \$195,647.40

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

b) 06.06.2025 Payroll W/H: \$41,721.32

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

c) 06.17.2025 Health Insurance Claims: \$80,337.89

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

d) 06.17.2025 Solid Waste Accounts Payable Claim Docket: \$14,316.26

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

e) 06.17.2025 Account Payable Claim Docket: \$12,998,271.53

RC stated this includes the disbursement from property tax collection, which includes the schools, the cities, and everything that collects property taxes.

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

COMMISSIONERS

a) RFP Emergency Medical Services

RC stated something has been put together and feels that the County is about ready to advertise to see what interest is out there. RT asked if the County Attorney has reviewed this, and RC responded he has not. It will be sent to the attorney for review.

PJ stated she thinks this is a good option. RC stated this will give the County a chance to see what else might be available. The old contract is dated in the 1980's.

RT made a motion to advertise pending approval, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

RC stated he was looking at the calendar, and the meeting in July is a little later in the month, the Monday meeting and then the third Tuesday is July 15th. That gives the County almost thirty days, and asked if that works for accepting bids? RT stated she feels this is a short time period, and forty-five would be better. RC stated forty-five would push it out to the first meeting in August. RC further stated that a critical factor is that the Commissioners are going to have to get a number that the Council can work with for budget purposes. The preliminary budget needs to be done by the first part of July, and the budget hearings are in September.

RC stated the County will tentatively advertise with bids due by the 4th of August.

b) Election Districts

RC stated he has an Ordinance for the election districts. The County is required by State Statute to even out districts. It only affects four Council seats that are by districts. In the 2020 census, the prison population has continued to grow. Therefore, the districts were uneven. RC stated that something should have happened after the 2020 census, and it never happened. The State Legislature has given Perry County a waiver as long as this gets completed by June 30, 2025. RC stated the simple fix to get the County where it should be is to transfer Tobin out of the district that is currently served by Paul Brockman, and move it into Brad Harth's district, which will get the County substantially where it has to be.

The people in Tobinsport will be in District 3 voting for that candidate, and no longer voting for District 4.

PJ made a motion to shift Tobin to better balance the population, seconded by RT.

Motion carried 3-0.

c) Covered Bridge Certification

RC stated he is not aware of the County having any covered bridges. PJ asked if the County shares responsibility with Spencer County on Huffman Bridge? RC responded he does not think so.

RT will call Spencer County to get information on what this is.

PJ made a motion to table until additional information is received, seconded by RT.

Motion carried 3-0.

d) SRI Contract

RC stated this is something that is taken care of each year. RT stated SRI is who takes care of the County tax sales and Sheriff sales.

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

e) Evapar Contract

RC stated that instead of having individual contracts for the Armory, the Courthouse, and the Detention Center, the County asked that they be put all together to see if the County could save some money. RC stated the County did save something due to when Evapar comes to do their annual, they will do all three at the same time.

RT asked that this is generator maintenance, and RC confirmed this.

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

f) Courthouse Paving

RC stated that this is for the Courthouse parking lot. There are drawings for this, and it will require some shaping of the road in front of the handicap entrances.

RC would like to have a meeting with the contractors prior to bidding, to make sure they understand what the County's expectations are. RT stated they will have to have specs. RC responded it is on the drawing, but he wants to make it extremely clear.

RT stated this will be all the way around the Courthouse, and RC confirmed this.

RC added they will also be realigning up the striping on the parking lot.

RC asked when the County wants to accept bids on this, and PJ responded the sooner the better. RC asked if the Commissioners want to accept the bid on July 15th or push it out to August 4th? PJ felt it needed to be at the August 4th meeting.

PJ made a motion to put the parking lot paving out for bid, and open bids on August 4, 2025, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

g) Molly Hagman-Rivers Edge Animal Shelter

Hagman has received two quotes, and has called every company here local, for the HVAC at the shelter. Hagman also has a company coming to the shelter the next day from Louisville, Ky.

Hagman called Valley Supply for an explanation regarding the question of a heat pump. Valley Supply's response is that the heat pump is more bang for your buck. If the heat pump is reversed, you get AC, and if you run it the correct way, you get heat. If something would ever go out with the floor heat, there is a backup.

The other quote is from Frederick Sheet Metal.

RT asked if either one of these companies stated when they could install this?

Hagman responded immediately. Hagman stated that when Valley Supply quoted it, they could start immediately. In addition, Hagman stated she knows Frederick's could start immediately.

Discussion of what both bids offered.

RC asked Hagman if she currently has a heat pump with strips at the shelter, and she responded no. RC stated that the shelter may need to get an additional electrical supply because when these strips kick on, it pulls a lot of electricity.

PJ suggested letting the Louisville company come in, with possibly they say something totally different, since it is already scheduled.

Hagman wanted to turn the two proposals into the Commissioners at this meeting, and can forward the proposal from the Louisville company via email.

RC asked Hagman what the current situation is at the shelter, and she responded they are getting hot.

RC stated once they have the third quote, the Commissioners can have a quick meeting and can get it installed.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. CST.
RT made a motion to adjourn, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

Randy Cole	Pam Jamniczky	Rebecca Thorn
President	Vice-President	

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