PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2025

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m., as was duly advertised. Commissioners: President Randy Cole (RC) and Rebecca Thorn (RT) were in attendance. Auditor Kristinia Hammack, Sheriff Alan Malone, and Attorney Andrew Foster were also present. There was no *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 RC. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
a) None

MENDY LASSALINE, ASSESSOR
a) RFB Cyclical Reassessment
Lassaline stated that the County does the cyclical reassessment, which is a four-year contract. The current contract expires April 30, 2026; therefore, the new contract would run from May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2030.
Lassaline stated that the RFB was emailed to Attorney Andrew Foster, which he reviewed, and Foster stated everything looked good.
Lassaline has submitted a plan to the DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance), and it has been approved. The next step it to put out a request for bids. This bid has to be advertised for at least ten days, and Lassaline would like to get this in Thursday's paper, but to continue to accept bids in her office until August 25, 2025. Bids will then be opened at the September 2, 2025 Commissioner meeting. RC asked if the contract does not actually start until April of 2026, and Lassaline responded May, 2026.
RC would like to see what was provided to Attorney Foster, and what the DLGF sent Lassaline, and also forward this on to the County Council. The reason behind this is that it is a four-year contract, with the last contract costing a little over $350,000. With the constraints of the finances, the Council would want to see exactly what they are getting, and what is being done. Lassaline stated the request for bids will not have a price.
RC stated the State's flying all of Indiana in a three-year plan. RC does not know exactly how that will play into this process. Lassaline stated Perry County is in the last section. RC stated there may be some relevancy and this contract should be something in conjunction with that. He has not attended one of the meetings yet, but feels it will provide a lot of information and data for the Assessor's use once they are done flying the State.
RC felt the County Council needs to be aware of what kind of funding, using the last four-year term as a basis, as he does not believe it will get any cheaper.
Lassaline stated the County will have to do a cyclical reassessment, which is reviewing a quarter of the county. It has to be done, and Lassaline does not have the staff.
Lassaline will provide the RFB to the Commissioners and Council.
RC would like to push the bid opening back at least one meeting so that the Commissioners and Council have time to review them.

JONATHAN BLAKE, RJL SOLUTIONS
a) Blake gave a brief update on the status of economic development in Perry County. The bulk of RJL's work for the last month has been research and digging into archival records for the County. Blake provided the monthly report, as well as a document labeled Strategic Implementation.
RJL has reviewed fully the 2015 Comprehensive Plan, pulled out recommendations from that plan to help align their strategies and actions with those identified during the Joint Council and Commissioner meeting back in April 2025. They are working on projects that will provide high impact, as well as

identifying those projects that can be quick wins for the County. RJL will be providing an update on this month to month as they are moving forward.
Blake asked the Commissioners to take a look at the priority objectives and strategies, and let him know if there are any questions or comments, or change any of the priorities that RJL has identified.
Blake stated Project Falcon, which is the business retention project that RJL has been working on, that site selector will be in town with the client this Wednesday (August 6, 2025). They do not need the County to be there, but asked one procedural question on both the tax abatement process as well as the other incentives that the Redevelopment Commission has offered. RJL was able to answer all their questions.
Blake stated that RJL is helping Council members Cory Filley and Kelli Harding work through a Capital Improvement Plan for an Asset Replacement Plan for the County. This will assist in the Council budgeting for the next year.
RC stated that the County did a sewer study approximately seven or eight years ago. Blake would like to have that study pulled so that he can review it. RC believes it was a study of two intersections, 37 and 145. RC does not know if it would be relevant today, but gives a little foundation work as to what would be required to move sewer lines into that area.

GREG HENDERSHOT, PARKS AND REC/BUILDING MAINTENANCE

a) Quote for Chiller
RC stated that it is his understanding that the Courthouse has two units, each having three compressors, and he stated that the County has replaced a couple of these compressors. Hendershot stated that there have been two other compressors replaced on that system, one was under warranty and the second one was not, and now there is the third one. He further stated that the chiller was put in around 2018. RT asked if it would still be under warranty, and RC stated there was a five-year warranty on it.
RC stated that the unit has six, and this is the third one. RC further stated it functions unless another one fails. Hendershot stated that the Courthouse is doing okay right now due to it not being so hot, however, if it gets really hot outside like it had been and something else would go down on that unit, trying to run on the two compressors, as was done while waiting to get parts in, just did not do it. It was hot.
RC stated that the Commissioners need to have a discussion on what they are going to do in general with the heating and air conditioning system in the Courthouse.
Hendershot stated the whole system needs overhauled, but it will be quite expensive.

RT made a motion to table for further discussion, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

KEVIN HERP, VETERANS OFFICER

a) Veteran/Community Standdown Event
Herp stated that this event is planned for September 18, 2025. It will have mental health services, wellness checks, housing, food, and items for homeless. There will be suicide awareness bags with Narcan as a handout.
Herp stated that this event would be held at the Annex due to the Health Department is going to help put on this event. He is asking to use the Annex on September 18, 2025
RT asked Herp if the Veteran Standdown is a State or National program, and Herp responded that it is something pushed by the Governor's challenge for every county to do, to spread awareness. RC asked if this is in conjunction with the Health Department's Health fair, and Herp responded no, this is something a little different. The Vet Center will be there, which is a mobile RV for Veterans. They have different mental health services. Being at the Annex with the Health Department will help with wellness checks.
RT asked if he will only be using the parking lot or will they be inside the building, and Herp responded just the parking lot.

RT made a motion to allow the use on September 18, 2025, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

b) Car Show
Herp requested to hold the Car Show at the Courthouse parking lot on November 8, 2025. Herp also requested to shut down Courthouse Road from Payne Street to the entrance of the back parking lot at the Courthouse.

RT made a motion to approve the car show, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

a) 07.18.2025 Payroll: $199,566.02

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

b) 07.18.2025 Payroll W/H: $42,880.14

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

c) 08.01.2025 Payroll: $190,253.88

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

d) 08.01.2025 Payroll W/H: $40,230.11

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

e) Health Claims: $244,471.52

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

f) Dental Claims: $130.61

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

g) Vision Claims: $139.31

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

h) Life Insurance Claims: $1,650.76

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 2-0.

i) Sheriff Pension 3rd Quarter: $38,050.25

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

j) BMV: $15.00

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0

k) 08.01.2025 Solid Waste Claim Docket: $7,705.86

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

l) 08.01.2025 Account Payable Claim Docket: $928,599.03

RT made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONERS

a) EMS Bid Opening
   1. Deaconess EMS
      $800,000 per year subsidy with a 5% annual increase plus cost recovery to break even if necessary to the end of the fiscal year. Also included was a list of charges that is also associated with this.
   2. Perry County Memorial Hospital
      $525,000 in compensation and they are covering the cost of everything else for the 5% increase of each consecutive year.

   RC stated that these bids will need to be reviewed to insure they are being interpreted correctly.

b) Courthouse Paving Bid
   1. E & B Paving
      $141,400.00
   2. C & R Construction
      $140,255.50

   RC stated that these bids need to be gone through and take under advisement.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m. CST.
RT made a motion to adjourn, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0.

Randy Cole	Pam Jamniczky	Rebecca Thorn
President	Vice-President	

Minutes reviewed by:
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