

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 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 and Sheriff Alan Malone were also present. There was *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 presented, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

a) Alan Malone, Sheriff

Malone stated that on or about October 1, 2025, he plans to retire as the Sheriff of Perry County.

Malone thanked his staff for always working with him to achieve many accomplishments along the way. To his supporters, Malone thanked them for believing in him for the last ten years.

Malone promised to work closely with the Democratic Party to seek a new Sheriff, and he will help this person with a smooth transition.

b) Warren Taylor, Coroner

Taylor appeared to discuss the Employee Handbook regarding travel expense.

Taylor stated his budget does not allow for mileage when sending his staff for training. Many times, these individuals use their personal vehicle, and sometimes they use the County vehicle. Taylor further stated that when they use their personal vehicle, all that the individuals ask for is the gas to be paid for. Taylor was told the County has never done this; however, he stated that the County had done this going back to 2022.

Taylor feels that if he sends individuals to training, and they do not want to charge mileage and just want their gas paid, it is a lot cheaper to pay for their gas.

Taylor stated that with his budget being so small, he does not have enough money to pay mileage when sending people for training.

PJ stated she does not have a Handbook with her, but the County has a Handbook Committee where this can be reviewed. RC asked Taylor that he gets budgeted so much for travel, and that amount is not sufficient? Taylor responded no, not when he has to send people for certification each year. Money had to be moved around in order to send people this year.

RC stated that either the County vehicle is taken, with those expenses covered, or a personal vehicle is driven and the standard mileage rate is paid. Taylor stated that in 2022, gas was paid. Auditor Hammack stated that the State Board of Accounts does not allow this. A mileage reimbursement has to be filled out. The County card can not be used to fill a personal vehicle, as the mileage has to be accounted for.

RC stated the challenge is that the County gets audited every year, and the County does not make the rules. If the County is told it has to follow a certain procedure, then it has to be followed.

CHARLIE BAUMEISTER, ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD

a) Animal Control Ordinance

Jim Carter appeared on behalf of Baumeister, who had another engagement.

Carter asked if the Commissioners were going to finalize and officially pass the new Animal Control Ordinance? It was preliminarily passed in July, and the notice was published in the newspaper twice.

Carter stated that the Town of Troy Board will hold a meeting this Wednesday evening, and will probably appoint their representation to the Animal Welfare Board. In addition, the Animal Control Ordinance states that there will be a seventh member, from anybody from Perry County who will be appointed by the County Council.

Carter would like for the Commissioners to officially pass the Ordinance. RC stated he believed that County Attorney Andrew Foster has reviewed the Ordinance. RC asked Carter if the cities have passed the Ordinance, and Carter responded that the cities are going to add to the Ordinance, which by law they can do that. Their Ordinance would fall under the County's umbrella.

PJ stated she would like to see the final draft of the Ordinance. RC asked who has an original final copy of this Ordinance, and it was stated that no Commissioner received the final copy from Attorney Foster. RC feels the Commissioners should have the opportunity to read the Ordinance again to ensure something has not occurred in it that would be objectionable.

PJ made a motion to table until it can be reviewed, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

MENDY LASSALINE, ASSESSOR

a) RFB Cyclical Reassessment

Lassaline stated she was at the last Commissioner meeting to request to put a notice out to bidders, which was tabled. RC stated that he read through the whole document, and he noticed the effective date is May 1, 2026. Lassaline stated the current contract expires April 30, 2026, and the new contract starts May 1, 2026. RC stated his biggest concern, which should be resolved shortly, is how the funding will come about. RC asked Auditor Hammack when the budget has to be submitted to the State, and Hammack responded October 12, 2025. The Council will need to determine how and what kind of money they have available. Lassaline responded that this is paid out of the Reassessment fund, which is totally separate than anything else. The reassessment fund has its own tax rate. Lassaline stated that with this contract starting in May, 2026, and with budgets being set in 2025 for 2026, she has to have this in play to know what to budget for 2026. RC asked Lassaline if she thought she could get quotes back in time for the budget? Lassaline stated it would have to be advertised for ten days, and her plan would be to have all the bids into her office by Monday, September 15th, and then open the bids on Tuesday, September 16th at the regular scheduled Commissioner meeting.

Hammack asked how much was budgeted in the Assessor preliminary budget, and Lassaline responded she budgeted exactly what the old contract amount was.

This is due to the contract with XSoft is finished, so there is \$34,000 that would have been in her budget that is now just going to the cash balance. Hammack stated that within that fund, the County can not go above what was advertised. This has to be published by September 1st. RC stated that the maximum amount would need to be advertised. Lassaline stated she can bump up the amount in the preliminary budget so the amount is there, and it can then come down.

RC stated the State of Indiana is flying the state, and Lassaline added that is from the top. RC added that the state will have high resolution, where heights can actually be measured and square footage. RC stated it is detailed. RC does not know how much the State will provide or what the cost will be. Perry County is in the last region who will receive this, which will be in 2026.

Lassaline stated that the County uses GIS, which is the same thing as the State's fly over. Lassaline reiterated that she has eyes on the ground, seeing if a home has been remodeled. Without this, there is a higher potential for lost revenue. RC stated with the new software from the State, the County would be able to see the side of the building, how many doors and windows. Lassaline stated that what the County uses from the State right now is free, and if the County goes three-dimensional, it will not be free. She is not aware of what that cost would be.

Lassaline asked if the Commissioners are ok with receiving bids until September 15th, and opening them at the September 16th Commissioner meeting?

PJ made a motion to approve asking for bids on the reassessment software, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

a) 07.07.2025

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

b) 07.15.2025

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

c) 08.04.2025

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

d) 08.12.2025

PJ made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0-1 (RT abstained)

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

- a) 08.15.2025 Payroll: \$191,417.54
PJ made a motion to approve, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.
- b) 08.15.2025 Payroll W/H: \$40,590.11
RT made a motion to approve, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.
- c) Health Claims: \$9,831.26
PJ made a motion to approve, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.
- d) 08.19.2025 Solid Waste Accounts Payable Claim Docket: \$10,406.03
RT made a motion to approve, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.
- e) 08.19.2025 Account Payable Claim Docket: \$1,140,860.19
RT made a motion to approve, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS

- a) Highway Bituminous Surfacing Bid Opening
Highway Superintendent Steve Howell stated these bids cover areas that were torn up last winter. These include places on Urban Road, Thrifty Road, Urban to Tide Road, Parks Road, Magnet to Unison Road, Unison Road, Saint Croix Road, River Forest, and Cloverdale. The County will not be able to fix everything.
 - 1. C & R Construction \$433,134.00
 - 2. E & B Paving \$363,727.50RC stated these bids will be taken under advisement and have the County Attorney review.
- b) Accepting Letters of Interest for the Hospital Board of Trustee
RC stated that there will be a couple of Trustee appointments that are coming up in September. The Commissioners want to make everyone aware of these and they will be advertised on the County website. If anyone is interested in serving, he asked to please provide a Letter of Interest.
PJ asked if these appointments are political affiliated, and RC responded that he did not believe so.
- c) The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. CST.
PJ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

Randy Cole	Pam Jamniczky	Rebecca Thorn
President	Vice-President	

Minutes reviewed by:
Kristinia L. Hammack, Auditor
Minutes prepared by:
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