

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 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 Deputy Leisa Ecker was also present. There was *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 presented, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

a) Jim Carter-Animal Control

Carter stated he was at the meeting to discuss the situation of the Animal Control Board. Due to the fact that they had a year of transition going from one Ordinance to the other, the Board could not make many plans due to the confusion of what they could or could not do.

Carter stated that there is approximately \$3,000 left in the Animal Welfare fund for 2025. At their meeting next week, they will vote as to how they will expend that amount due to it reverting back to the County General January 1, 2026. In addition, with the County Council not funding the Animal Control Board for 2026, the Board is trying to figure out how they will come up with funds for things they need to do.

Carter cited page 13 of the new Animal Ordinance, under use of resources, the Board may accept, use, and expend funds or other resources other than the State if, and then it explains the criteria. Carter stated that the County is considered a unit of the State.

Carter stated that the Board has some ideas for 2026, and when they meet, they are going to try to figure out how to pay for these. The Board is going to try to come up with specific plans for what they will be able to do. Carter wants the Auditor to set up a fund, or account, so that there is the ability for the Board to reach out in the community to get funds. Carter asked for the okay to the Auditor to start on this issue. RT stated that the County does not have accounts, they are funds. Carter responded that the Commissioners voted on the Ordinance that states this account would happen, based on page 13 of the Ordinance and cited the verbiage once again as above.

Carter stated that the Commissioners stated in the past months that they do not want to establish a fund, however, according to the Ordinance, the monetary resources are kept in a separate account in the County's treasury. Carter added this is the Ordinance, and this is what the County is supposed to follow.

PJ stated that she did not think it needs to be run through the Auditor's office, as it would be putting additional work on that office.

Carter stated that the Animal Control Board does not have the ability to fundraise; the Humane Society does have that capability. However, they are two totally separate entities. RT asked why the Board can not fundraise, and Carter responded due to it being a government organization. RC asked where the funds or money going to come from if they do not fundraise? The County has no money for this, and asked Carter how the Board intended to get money? Carter responded from the public, and RC stated that then it is fundraising. Carter responded that they would be raising money for an account.

RC stated that the way the County operates, the County would have to pass a specific Ordinance to establish a fund, and then there can be an account for whatever it amounts to. This is how Indiana Code would require the County to do this. In that Ordinance, it has to be specific as to what the money is being raised for, and what it is going to be used for. Carter agreed with that.

RC stated the first step that needs to be done is have legal counsel take a look at this to see exactly how this all plays out.

RT asked Carter if Cannelton and Tell City has accepted the Animal Ordinance, and Carter did not know for sure.

RC stated the County will reach out to the County Attorney and get an opinion.

**GREG HENDERSHOT, PARKS & REC/BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

a) HVAC-South Annex Building

There were two bids for this. RC stated that the question is does the County want to go with an 80% efficiency or 97% efficiency. RC added that the County was also given a bid on putting an air conditioning unit in. However, he believes the one that is currently there works.

PJ made a motion to approve the bid from Valley Supply, Inc. to replace the gas furnace only with 80% efficiency in the amount of \$1,910, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

**STEVE HOWELL, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

a) Financial Commitment Letter for CCMG-2026-1

Howell stated that he needed the Commissioners' signatures on the application so that it can be submitted.

PJ made a motion to sign the Financial Commitment Letter for its Community Crossings Grants for 2026, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES**

a) 10.06.2025

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

**KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR**

a) 10.10.2025 Payroll: \$185,219.12

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

b) 10.10.2025 Payroll W/H: \$396,424.96

Tabled to get correct amount.

c) Health Claims: \$46,576.70

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

d) 10.21.2025 Solid Waste Accounts Payable Claim Docket: \$6,679.96

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

e) 10.21.2025 Account Payable Claim Docket: \$806,640.83

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

**COMMISSIONERS**

a) Open Highway Truck Bids

1. Kentucky Truck Sales	\$209,654.00/unit (w/extended warranty)
2. Stoops Freightliner	\$201,500/unit
3. VoMac Truck (MAC trucks)	\$263,500/unit (2027 Model)
4. VoMac Truck (Volvo)	\$258,600/unit (2027 model)
5. Palmer Trucks	\$225,716/unit
6. Truck Center, Inc. (Freightliner)	\$111,662/unit Truck \$ 95,736.82/unit Accessories \$207,398.82/unit total
7. Truck Center, Inc. (MAC)	\$111,662/unit Truck \$120,250/unit Accessories \$231,912/unit

RC stated that these bids will be taken under advisement.

PJ made a motion to review the bids, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

b) Detour on State Route 62

Howell asked if the Commissioners if there has been any conversation regarding the detour on State Route 62? Howell suggested that the Interstate would be a much better way to go. RC believes that keeping the extra traffic off the County roads is the thing that should be done. If a detour is set up for the people who are not local, maybe that would take them off the County roads. Howell added that if they would take the Interstate, it would be a shorter distance.

RT asked exactly what is the work that will be done, and Howell responded a structure replacement on SR 62. It will take approximately 14 days.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m. CST.  
PJ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

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Randy Cole	Pam Jamniczky	Rebecca Thorn
President	Vice-President	

*Minutes reviewed by:*  
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