

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2026**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.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, Sheriff David Faulkenberg, 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

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

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

- a) Elect President, Vice-President
 1. PJ nominated RC as President of the Commissioners, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.
 2. RT nominated PJ as Vice-President of the Commissioners, seconded by RC. Motion carried 3-0.

- b) Monthly Meeting Schedule
Currently the schedule is the first Monday at 9:00 a.m. and the third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. of each month.

PJ made a motion to continue with this schedule, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1) None

COMMISSIONERS

- a) Courthouse appointed positions
 1. Kevin Herp as Veterans Services

RT made a motion to reappoint Kevin Herp as the Veteran Services Officer, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Steve Howell, Highway Department Supervisor
RC stated that this is being tabled at this time. He stated that the Commissioners need to establish a road plan, how it will be funded, how the County is going to be proactive, not reactive, and get a good plan going forward. RC added that the Commissioners have reached out to Steve Howell, and he understands what the County's needs are.

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

3. Greg Linne, EMA Director

RT made a motion to appoint Greg Linne as the EMA Director, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

- b) 2026 Attorney Contract
RC stated it is the same as 2025 from Andrew Foster.

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

- c) 2026 Surety Bond Renewal
RC stated this bond is for anyone that handles money within the County system, as they are required to have a bond.

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

- d) Board Appointments for 2026
 - 1) **ADA & Title VI Coordinator**

PJ made a motion to appoint Kevin Herp as ADA & Title VI Coordinator, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

- 2) **Airport Authority**
There were no letters of interest received. One position was up on 6/30/25, and it must be a Republican.

- 3) **Alcoholic Board**
There were two applicants, Mark Howland and Nicholas Stahly. There is only one appointment.

PJ made a motion to appoint Mark Howland to the Alcoholic Board, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

4) Animal Welfare & Education Board

RC stated that there was only one applicant that was timely, the other came later. Tonya Rankin requested to serve on that board. PJ asked if this is one open position or two? RC responded there is two, one has to be an ag animal representative, the other just animal welfare. He assumes Rankin fits under the animal welfare.

PJ nominated Adam Fischer for the Ag Animal position, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

PJ nominated Tonya Rankin for the Animal Welfare position, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

5) Convention Recreation & Visitor Promotion Commission

There were two applicants, Steve Stemle and Cindy Taylor. Brad Harth sent his in, but he was appointed to complete the term of Stan Goffinet. These are two-year terms.

PJ nominated Steve Stemle and Cindy Taylor, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

6) Emergency Management Advisory Council

RC stated this is an internal appointment. The Commissioners are going to have to work on this as he reread the code, both the County Ordinance and the State. This appointment has to be the President of the Commissioners. RC added that some of the other requirements for those jobs need to be reviewed because State Statute has some different ideas from what the County has been doing.

PJ nominated RC, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

7) Health Board

No applications were received for the Hospital Association, the Trustees. RC believes there are a couple of areas on the Health Board where people have resigned. People are needed to finish out the terms, plus there are reappointments that need to be made.

8) Personnel Policy Committee

RC nominated PJ to serve, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

9) Port Authority

RC stated that there were two applicants to submit interest in that position, Alvin Evans and Paul Brockman. It is a four-year term.

RT nominated Paul Brockman, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

10) Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals

There are 3 appointments by Commissioners, and applications were received from Nicholas Stehly, Kelli Harding, Paul Brockman, and Mandy Jackson. PJ stated that Mandy Jackson is an Independent.

RT nominated Mandy Jackson, seconded by RC. Motion carried 3-0.

PJ nominated Paul Brockman, seconded by RC. Motion carried 3-0.

RC nominated Kelli Harding, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 2-0-1 with RT abstaining.

11) PSAP Advisory Committee

RC stated this needs to be looked at, with getting EMA Director Greg Linne involved with this to get some direction.

There were no applications for this.

12) Public Library Board

The Commissioners have one position, and it is a four-year term.

Applications were received from Nick Weyer, Nicholas Stahly, and Brad Harth.

RC stated that Harth's interest stems from SEA1, and how it affects the finances related to the County. RC believes this will come underneath the County Council in a year or two, and how the funding would work.

PJ nominated Brad Harth, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

13) Perry County Redevelopment Commission

RC stated there are three open Commissioner appointments. Applications were received from Mandy Jackson, David Etienne, Kelli Harding, Sherry Flynn, Tony Hollinden, and Pat York.

PJ nominated Kelli Harding, seconded by RC. Motion carried 2-0-1 with RT abstaining.

RC nominated Sherry Flynn, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

PJ nominated David Etienne, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

14) Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission

RC stated that there are three open positions, one being internal and two at-large. There were two people who expressed interest.

Those applying for this position were Balaji Kashyab and Paul Brockman. RT made a motion to appoint Balaji Kashyab, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0. RC nominated Paul Brockman, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0. PJ nominated Rebecca Thorn to represent the Commissioners on the Region 15 Board, seconded by RC. Motion carried 3-0.

15) Redevelopment Authority

Discussion if there were any terms up, and the Auditor's office will check and report back to the Commissioners.

e) Sheriff Vehicles

RC stated he has a request to sign a document. He is aware that during this period of time, some of the Council members have been working with the Sheriff's department on a replacement program for vehicles. In 2025, the Council earmarked some Opioid money to pay for one vehicle, and then budgeted for two more in 2026. The dealership is requesting a signature from the Commissioner President in order to go ahead with this purchase. RC stated that the Commissioners will need to vote on this before he signs the paper.

RC stated that the Sheriff's department has a program set up where they will start buying a vehicle or two every year, rather than having the current situation where they had seven or eight that they needed to dispose of in one year. The plan spreads these purchases over a number of years.

Sheriff David Faulkenberg clarified that the paperwork RC will be signing contains all three vehicles, and RC confirmed this.

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

f) Highway Superintendent

Howell asked the Commissioners that since his appointment was tabled, is he still able to make decisions, and RC responded yes, Howell will continue to serve in his current position. RC stated that the Commissioners intend to work with Howell. RC added that the Commissioners just have to work through this process to get some kind of an established plan, so that the County can deal with these roads and how this all comes together in a puzzle.

g) Eagle View

RC stated he had spoken to Eagle View, and they have the ability to fly Perry County. They have approximately 120 different airplanes and they would assign what they needed to get the County's done early enough before the leaves come out. The County is still not with an actual vendor to use it, but when the RFB (Request for Bid) is put together, RC believes that it needs to have clarity that Eagle View will actually be available for their use. RC wants to make sure that the vendors that bid on this are aware, and take that into consideration when they do provide pricing.

For the first year, RC would like to use the County's CEDIT money to pay for this, and then look at what the County's savings are versus the current bid received versus what any new bids would be, and utilize those funds for the remaining year or two depending on how the bids work out.

RC stated that Eagle View needs to get the okay to fly the County, as they need to set aside the resources to do it. Assessor Mendy Lassaline asked doesn't the County have to put it out a bid? RC responded that there is only one vendor. RC added that he has talked with four different people, who recommended that all they would do was contract with Eagle View and mark it up. Lassaline stated that the County still has to put it out for bid because it is over \$50,000. RC responded that it will not cost that much, and will be \$25,000-\$30,000 annually. RC stated this is a service, and what they will do is fly it and bill the County over a period of time. They do not necessarily have to have all the money the first year. Attorney Foster asked if the County is buying supplies or anything tangible that they would use? Foster stated that if they are providing the County a service, with RC responding that they are going to do the fly with a camera. They will have pictures (picometre) of all the buildings, with size, shape, locations, and then RC suspects it will be a similar system not using the County GIS where that is available. It will then link into the Assessor's office so that they have access to all this documentation, where it is usable to them.

Foster stated that he does not think RFB's would be needed for procuring services. If the County would want to do this to make sure that everybody has a chance, with RC responding he had reached out to four different, or at least three,

and even had a video conference with one, and was told they do not do what Eagle View does. They could provide pricing but will be just marking up their service. RC's thinking is if Eagle View is actually doing this, if it is bid, vendors need to know that this tool will be available to them so they price it accordingly. PJ stated that Lassaline's RFB needs to state this in there.

PJ made a motion to make sure Eagle View is stated in the RFB, and to go ahead and purchase, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

Hammack asked where this will be paid from, and RC responded from fund 7312.

h) EDIT Plan

RC stated that it is basically the same. Attorney Foster stated that it is fine. The plan is the same as last year, the same payout. It is the amounts that the Council used to budget. There is a slight increase that will slide into the Special Projects fund. Other than that, it remains the same.

RC stated that once the County gets into SB1 in a year or so, and determine that the County needs to do some adjustments on EDIT, this will probably have to be revisited with an addendum.

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

i) 2026 County Supply bids – Fuel and rock

RC stated he has not gotten a response from Attorney Foster regarding having two vendors who complied and issued the bond. RC asked Foster if the County can accept two stone vendors? Foster responded that the County has two separate bids and they are for certain amounts. They are not like rights of first refusal, correct? Where the County is saying they will get all of their rock. RC responded no, the two vendors vary throughout depending on township being delivered to and type of rock. RC added that part of this is availability. RC stated that the representative from Mulzer Crushed Stone stated that they are only a couple to three days out, and sometimes closer. RC added that at the time, the Commissioners were led to believe that they were two to three weeks out, and the representative said that was not the case. RC stated that is why it is critical to have the second vendor that may or may not be able to do any better. It gives the County that option.

Foster stated that in the notice for bid, it stated that the County reserved the right to accept or reject any and all bids. RC had said that two did not comply because they did not provide bonds, and RC responded that there were only two who actually submitted bonds as the document required. Foster stated that as far as he knows, the bids were not stating the County is making a vendor the County's exclusive contractor. These two vendors are different because they are going to different areas. RC added they vary a little depending on the stone, the location, whether it is dropped at the yard versus dropped at the site, and whether it is on the road. There is not a huge difference. Foster stated he thinks that the County can accept both because the county did put notice in the bid that the County accept any and all or reject any and all. Foster added that the County is not setting an exclusive deal. The County would need rock, and at what price would the vendor provide it. How would the vendor get it to the County, and if they are both providing it to different areas, then Foster thinks the County can accept both. RC responded that both vendors will provide the same area; the price fluctuates slightly. PJ stated that C & R Construction's bid was a lot of equipment, should the County need their equipment. RC added that was outside of the rock. RC stated that there were other bids submitted for hourly for different services, in the case of C & R Construction, as PJ stated, where they bid equipment, management, and other hourly services. RC asked if the County needs to accept that, or can the County just contract that on an as needed basis? RC added that the County may want to hire a contractor to come in and renovate an entire road somewhere. RC stated that some of the other vendors did not put a bond with their bid. RC asked Foster if the County needed certain resources equipment, can the County have a just as needed contract for that? If the County needed a grader and there are three vendors out there with graders, can the County call and request a vendor for a week at X number of dollars? Is this ok to do that? Foster asked as part of these bids, and RC responded no, it would be after the fact as he is not sure how all this is going to come together. For the County to have flexibility on this equipment to engage, as some of the contractors that did not supply the bond, who have other resources potentially available. RC asked if the County can just skip over that and have the ability to hire on an as needed basis or does it have to be bid? Foster responded that this is a service, all the County has to follow its

internal purchasing guidelines. Foster does not believe this would require any public notice, but would need to go back and look through the County Ordinances.

PJ made a motion to accept both Mulzer Crusted Stone, Inc. and C & R Construction rock bids for 2026, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

j) 2026 County Supply bids – Fuel

RC stated that the County has to decide if it wants to go with a fixed price on diesel fuel, or the flex price. Howell stated that in the last several years, the County took the fixed price because the County knows what it will be paying. This has worked out so far. Howell added that since the County did not accept the contract, the County will be on a flex price during the month of January. If the County wants a contract, then at the next meeting, he will get prices again, and the County will have to accept that price that day, as the price is different every day. RT asked Howell if fixed works better because you know what's coming, and Howell responded yes, they know what they will be paying.

RC stated that the County also has a gasoline bid from C & S, and their bid is \$.08 off the current market price at the pump for county vehicles. RT asked if they are the only vendor who provided a bid for this, and RC responded yes.

PJ made a motion to accept the C & S bid as presented, and table the diesel fuel bid until Howell comes back with a number, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

a) 12.18.2025 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

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

MENDY LASSALINE, ASSESSOR

a) Lassaline stated that the specs for the bid are basically the same except that language was added that states if picometre is available, then that will be used, in addition to in person if possible. RC stated he would add the language that it will be available. RC added to let them bid on that. Lassaline responded that it says that if it is available, it will be utilized. RC stated that the County does not want to have a question whether it will be or will not be, because it is like if he knows he has to go dig a hole, and it is said that it may have an excavator there, and if not, you get to use a shovel. If he was bidding this example, he would bid at using a shovel and it is great if the excavator shows up. RC feels that the vendors need to be aware that the County is being flown, and the documents should be available for their use.

Lassaline stated she would like to advertise in the paper twice, and it has been at least ten days. She would like to get this out to have the bids back to her by January 28, 2026, and then open the bids at the Commissioner February 2, 2026 meeting. Hammack stated that the specs will be put on the website, plus a vendor could call and get them.

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

a) 01.02.2026 Payroll: \$124,045.38

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

b) 01.02.2026 Payroll W/H: \$36,658.52

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

c) Health Claims: \$69,443.70

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

d) Dental Claims: \$188.62

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

e) Vision Claims: \$218.03

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

f) Life Insurance Claims: \$1,548.15

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

JONATHAN BLAKE, RJL SOLUTIONS

Blake stated that before this meeting, he handed out a summary of RJL's strategic implementation that they are drawing off of and the schedule they have working off of for the first of the year. Quite a few things were accomplished last year. Blake noted that specifically that on December 28, 2025, RJL released the Community Survey that includes 38 questions that touches on several different aspects/elements of the community. This includes housing, jobs, infrastructure, public safety, and incentives for economic development. As of this meeting date,

they have received 341 responses. This information will continue to be gathered through the end of this month. After that, RJJ will start to dive in and evaluate that information, and come up with some recommendations to help move the County forward from an economic perspective and infrastructure.

Regarding Capital improvements, he has spoken to Kelli about putting together a capital improvement plan.

RJJ continues to work with the Perry County Council on Aging regarding some funding needs that they have. Blake is meeting with them again later this day.

RJJ continues to respond to RFIs from the State of Indiana as they come through.

Blake stated that as the Commissioners are aware, RJJ is working with an engineering firm to get a proposal for some feasibility analysis for infrastructure expansion, particularly around the I64/State Road 37 interchange. He will forward the information to the Commissioners as soon as it is received.

The survey can be found on the County website.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. CST.

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

Randy Cole
President

Pam Janniczky
Vice-President

Rebecca Thorn

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