PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2026

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 and Sheriff Deputy Jake Lepper were also present. There was no *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 modified, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

a) None

MINUTES

a) 04.24.2026

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

b) 05.04.2026

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

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

a) 05.08.2026 Payroll: $183,402.57

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

b) 05.08.2026 Payroll W/H: $38,519.12

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

c) 05.19.2026 Solid Waste Claim Docket: $6,367.05

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

d) 05.19.2026 Accounts Payable Claim Docket: $830,417.90

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

COMMISSIONERS

a) Updated Animal Shelter Contract

RC stated that the updated contract changed the pay structure where the County is actually paying directly their portion only, and not collecting funds from the other entities.

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

b) Health Board Composition, Letters of Interest, and Health Officer Guidelines

RC stated that the County is still in the process of sorting this out, and there is an effort to find the County a physician, as the County is required to have a physician on there. No one had been found yet that was willing to serve. RC added that they are required to live in the County.

RC stated he believed that the County is going to have to change appointees, as the Commissioners have certain appointments, and the County Council also has an appointment. RC stated that possibly there will have to be some swapping to maintain the current board as it is set up. RC stated it was his understanding that Dr. Marcrum will continue to serve as the Health Officer.

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

c) O-C-26-2 Ordinance for Veteran Services Donation Fund

RC stated that this Ordinance for the Donation Fund states what the fund can be used for. This should have been done when the fund was originally put together. It has guidelines, and Attorney Andrew Foster sought out the opinion of the State Board of Accounts.

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

RT stated that there are three other departments that need to have an Ordinance for their Donation funds. Coroner Warren Taylor stated that he responded to Foster and has not heard anything back from him. RT responded that she believed that Veteran Officer Kevin Herp gave the information to Foster as to what he would be using his donation

fund for. Taylor responded he gave Foster the information as to what he wanted to use his donation fund for.
RC stated that for every one of those donation funds that does not have an Ordinance, there needs to be one created.

d) R-C-26-3 Resolution Approving the Acquisition of Parcel
RC stated this is a parcel of ground that has been taxed for years, where the County has a road that is on top of it. Rather than continuing to pay the property taxes, the owner has graciously decided to donate this property underneath the road to the County. RT asked how much ground did that contain, and RC responded it is not a lot, .445 acre.

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

e) Evapar Agreement
RC stated this is a service contract for the County's three generators. There is one at the Courthouse, one at the Jail, and one at the Annex. They service the Courthouse generator once a year, the Jail twice a year, and the Annex once a year. PJ asked if the Commissioners were approving just the contract, or the contract and the invoice? RC responded that the invoice will need a voucher for that.
RC stated that Evapar has a service contract, where they come and start the generators, check the batteries, launch them, being the whole thing. They are preventing maintenance is what they do.

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

f) Code Red
RC stated that the County has had that service for 15-20 years. They had been charging the County $20,000 per year. EMA Director Greg Linne had been working with them, and they have offered to give a one-year contract for $9,475. It is budgeted for the $20,000. The one-year contract will get the County through this year, and then the County can decide if it wants to continue this service for 2027.
RT asked for an explanation of what Code Red is? Linne stated that when Code Red was first purchased, it was purchased as a reverse 911. It could call numbers for any kind of community awareness, storms, weather, searches, missing persons, Amber Alerts, and anything like that. This has been in place since 2010. The contract had a three-year automatic renewal ever since then. There does not appear to have been a lot of changes in the terms other than the prices went up. Linne stated that looking into the contract, the County paid in 2025 the $21,000 for 2025, 2026, and 2027. Linne questioned the self-renewal without any notification, and that is how this discussion came to be. They are agreeing to do a yearly so that the County can look at its options. Linne stated that there are several other services now, plus social media apps.
PJ asked if this only dials to a landline or what does it dial to? Linne responded landline, cellular, and email.
Linne stated that the invoice for $21,000 that was sent in February was held during the negotiations. Linne stated the one-year contract would come due in March 2027, as the current contract expired at the end of February, 2026.

RT made a motion to approve the contract for one year, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

A Special Commissioner Meeting to open Highway bids will be on Friday, May 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
The Commissioner next Regular Meeting will be Monday, June 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. CST.
RT made a motion to adjourn, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

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Randy Cole President	Pam Jamniczky Vice-President	Rebecca Thorn

Minutes reviewed by:
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