# PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
# June 1, 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 and Attorney Andrew Foster were also present. There was no *Sheriff* 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

***CHRISTY POWELL, RJL SOLUTIONS***

a) Update
   Christy Powell appeared to give a brief update on what RJL has been working on. These updates relate to business retention and expansion, health care governance, public communications, and rural water infrastructure.
   - As part of RJL's business retention and expansion work, they are in early conversations with a local business with ties to Perry County. This business is exploring a potential expansion of their facility and operations. No formal request of documentation has been submitted at this point. RJL's role is to answer questions, gather information, and better understand the possible scope of the project. Key items RJL is helping them to evaluate include potential real property investment, business personal property investment, employment impact, and wages.
   - The Perry County Hospital Board Ordinance
     The Commissioners will be considering an ordinance related to the Perry County Hospital Board of Trustees. The purpose is to align the County with newly adopted State legislation, which is House Enrolled Act 1003-2026. The legislation amends Indiana Code 16-22-2-5, and becomes effective July 1, 2026.
     Powell stated that it is important to emphasize that this ordinance does not change hospital services, staffing, patient care, or day-to-day operations. It updates the governance structure, and helps keep county leadership engaged in long-term planning for local health care. Strong local health care supports residents, workforce retention, business investment, economic development, and quality of life.
   - RJL has embarked on a public relations strategy and have started implementing that. The goal is to create a more proactive and consistent communications framework for the County. The strategy focuses on increasing public awareness, providing factual updates, strengthening community trust, and engaging civic organizations and students.
     The main components include a monthly newspaper column, civic and business presentations, a school partnership through a County government day concept, and an annual State of the County event.
     RJL is also developing updated website content to send to An Island for the Perry County Economic Development Corporation website.
   - RJL continues to support the rural water project. In recent weeks, RJL has been working with And-Tro Water, Patoka Lake Regional Water and Sewer District, local elected officials, and Congressman Messmer's office. The focus has been on pursuing community project funding to expand water availability in rural areas of Perry County. This supports quality of life, health and safety, and long-term growth opportunities for residents. Powell stated that reliable rural water access is so important for future housing, business investment and community development.

Overall, these efforts reflect the County's continued focus on strengthening infrastructure, supporting local business and improving communication, and positioning Perry County for long-term success.

***MINUTES***

a) 05/19/2026 Regular Meeting

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

***STEVE HOWELL, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT***

a) Howell stated that he needed the Commissioner's approval on an additional appropriation of $260,000 to cover paving. Hammack stated that there is already $640,000 approved on the budget and they are going to need $900,000.

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

***KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR***

a) 05.22.2026 Payroll: $190,890.58

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

b) 05.22.2026 Payroll W/H: $40,036.27

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

c) 06.05.2026 Payroll: $178,316.45

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

d) 06.05.2026 Payroll W/H: $37,120.00

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

e) Vision Insurance: $287.69

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

f) Dental Insurance: $357.10

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

g) Life Insurance: $1,568.18

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

h) Medical Insurance: $75,064.20

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

i) 06.01.2026 Accounts Payable Claim Docket: $785,508.05

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

***COMMISSIONERS***

a) Courthouse Security Quote

PJ stated this quote was from Thomas Glass and More to update everybody to fobs at the Courthouse, including the Annex building.

PJ stated that currently some have codes, some do not. This will upgrade to everyone using the same thing. There will be added security added with those fobs. Once it is approved, then the policy can be updated as in trying to figure out what they will need to sign to follow the rules of who has the fobs, and what to do if they are not used correctly.

RT asked if they will be placed on the front doors as well, or what will be going on with the front doors? PJ responded that the front doors were not included in the quote. Instead of replacing the front doors, Thomas Glass and More is going to give the County a quote for replacing the mechanisms inside the door, so it could be operated through a fob as well.

RC stated that part of the reasoning for doing this is to try to manage meetings so that the County can turn these fobs on and off so that it only would function for that particular time of the meeting. RC added that this can tighten up security, and instead of having a number that could be used any day, any time. The fob system will allow the County to manage security better.

RT asked if the County should get another quote? RC responded that the problem is that the County has a system partially at the Courthouse. There is a system at the Jail that is the same, and RC felt the County would want to stay on the same platform.

RC stated that this is not budgeted, and to pay for it there is CEDIT fund number 7312 that this could be pulled out of.

RT made a motion to use CEDIT funds to pay for this, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

b) PCDC Affidavit

RC stated that this is for paying for the mitigation down next to the foundry. It is a long-term contract, and it is paid out of proceeds of the bond issue.

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

c) Award Paving Bid
RC stated that the paving bids were opened on May 29, 2026, and they have been reviewed along with the County Attorney being comfortable with the conditions. The low bidder was E & B Paving, LLC.

PJ made a motion to approve E & B Paving, LLC, seconded by RT. Motion carried 3-0.

d) Letter of Support for Rome Courthouse
RC stated this is for the Friends of the Rome Courthouse 1818. They are applying for $100,000 grant through the Historical Society, and have asked for a letter of support from the Commissioners.

RT made a motion to provide a letter of support, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. CST.
RT made a motion to adjourn, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

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| Randy Cole<br>President | Pam Jamniczky<br>Vice-President | Rebecca Thorn |

*Minutes reviewed by:*
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