PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 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 Kristinia Hammack was also present. There were no Attorney, *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 amended, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

a) **Ed Scheiber** stated he is representing himself and his brother Paul Scheiber stating the opposition to vacating Hagedorn Road. The reason being if it is vacated, he will not have access to farming property he owns south of the middle fork.

b) **Daryl Schmitt** stated that he just wished to introduce himself. Daryl is the State Senate for District 48 which includes Perry County, Crawford County, Spencer County, Dubois County, Pike County and Gibson County. Daryl added that he is visiting County Commissioner and Council meeting county that is in District 48. Daryl informed that he is hosting a Town Hall meeting at the Derby Community Center on Wednesday, August 26th at 5:30 CST.

c) **Keisha Henning** stated that she is asking Perry County to independently review the county's relationship with Rivers Edge Animal Shelter.
Henning questioned who are the actual voting directors of Rivers Edge Animal Shelter? Henning presented a copy of a state business entity report, which identifies Molly Hagman as the President, and Kris Hammack as the Treasurer. Henning stated she had written messages between herself and Kris Hammack where Hammack stated that she never agreed to be on board, nor had she ever attended any board meetings. Henning followed with requesting the county to investigate Rivers Edge Animal Shelter's By-laws, Director's list, and Meeting Minutes. In addition, she presented the IRS filings where Hammack is listed at the Treasurer, and Hammack's Conflict of Interest filings, as she is the Perry County Auditor.
Henning stated that that she is concerned whether personal disputes can affect publicly supported animal services. For instance, Hagman refused to assist with young kittens due to a personal conflict. Henning asked the County to investigate what services the County is paying Rivers Edge Animal Shelter to provide and if personal or business disagreements are permitted to affect those services.
RC stated that Henning provided a lot of information, that had they received it prior to the meeting, the Commissioners would have had a chance to read through it in advance, plus consult the County Attorney.

d) L. Joseph Hagedorn appeared not to speak for himself, but for the generation behind him. He presented a map showing where he lives, stating that the map also showed the road in debate. Hagedorn stated that the road crossing is historical, called the Lincoln Ford. Abe Lincoln toured the Middle Fork and the Anderson looking to put a gristmill there. The Lincoln Ford was declared not feasible due to when the Ohio River came up and flooded, the mill would not work. That is when Lincoln moved on to Illinois.
Hagedorn stated he crosses the road day after day going to church. He added that the road is still very good from his property to the creek. If the County goes through the process of shutting down the road, he owns property next to Scheiber and Gelarden. Hagedorn added that if the road is closed, there is no way for him to get to his property except swim the creek.

e) Judith Hagedorn signed up for public comments to support comments of her husband, L. Joseph Hagedorn.

f) Dan Bates appeared in regard to his request to vacate Hagedorn Road. He stated that based on a legal survey that is recorded, he has no objection to the current county-maintained road, Alpine Road, that provides access to Middle Fork.

Bates stated that as evidenced by the trees that are on his property, they are sizable and the road is impassable. Based on the evidences provided earlier in that meeting, it has not been passable for at least 25 years. He added that a combine, or modern farming equipment, will not go down that road, as it is not wide enough. Bates stated the road was removed from the County records, or maintenance records, a long time ago.

Bates stated his goal is to expand the cultivable land that he has by providing access to the East side of his property. His intention is to provide better access to his 5-acre field, which currently he can not get a combine to. Bates hopes to have a private road that does not provide an endless supply of public access. Alpine Road is a county-maintained road that a person can get to. No one is landlocked if Hagedorn Road is vacated.

Bates would like to enhance the value of his property, and by having public road through it where essentially anybody could drive through it any time they wanted, it takes away from the privacy.

g) Regina Scheiber appeared stating that if the water is up, the headwater, the backwater, or the Middle Fork of the Anderson River with elevation, the water would rise and stay up. That would eliminate any of their legal access to that road, or to her property back there. Scheiber stated that she has a dozer that can be used to open up that road with the permission of the County or whatever it may take.

MINUTES

a) 08.03.2026

PJ made a motion to approve, seconded by RC. RT abstained. Motion carried 3-0-1.

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

a) 08.14.2026 Payroll: $173,577.18

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

b) 08.14.2026 Payroll W/H: $36,738.86

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

c) Vision Insurance Claims: $287.69

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

d) Dental Insurance Claims: $357.10

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

e) Life Insurance Claims: $1,598.03

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

f) Health Insurance Claims: $28,838.83

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

g) **08.18.2026 Solid Waste Claim Docket: $6,478.98**

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

h) 08.18.2026 Accounts Payable Claim Docket: $1,023,665.58

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

COMMISSIONERS

a) PCDC Affidavit: RC stated we have a PCDC Affidavit with an invoice from RES for $2,300 for monitoring the endangered species. This contract is paid out of the bond proceeds from the Riverview Industrial Park.

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

b) Solid Waste Fees: RC stated the Solid Waste goes around to various locations in the county picking up recycle containers. Some private businesses were being invoiced, and some were not. RC added that what should have happened was letters notifying these locations that going forward they are going to be billed for these services, but that did not happen. Invoices were mailed out with no notice. Because of this error, locations have been told if they don't wish to continue these services to disregard the invoice and the service will be canceled. RC also stated that these items for Tell City residents can be set out for curbside pickup. Hammack asked with Solid Waste now being part of the County, does an ordinance for these fees need to be established? RC and RT both agreed that an ordinance with all fees needs to be established. RT also added that the color of the county trash tags has been changed to blue. This will help residents differentiate easier from Tell City's red trash tags.

c) Letter of Intent for Community Crossing Grant: RC stated that this is a letter of intent to apply for Community Crossing Grant. RT asked when the grant

application due? Steve Howell replied that it opens September 1st and closes September 30th.

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

d) Thomas Glass Invoice: RC stated we had a glass panel in the front of the courthouse break, and Thomas Glass replaced it. The invoice is $1,054.24. PJ recommended request an additional appropriation from the Courthouse Maintenance line item in the General Fund.

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

The Commissioner next Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 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 prepared by:
Kristinia L. Hammack, Auditor