PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

a) **Mark Lynch-Vacate Road in Rome near campgrounds**
Lynch appeared to get signatures from the Commissioners regarding the campground at Rome. RC stated that he had recently driven to Rome and through area. RC asked Lynch if he owns the all property around the roads? Lynch stated that he did. RC asked if there would be an impact on anyone around the vacated roads. Lynch replied that there wouldn't be. RT added that it is farm ground next to the property. Lynch added that the road to the farm is not connected to the campsite property.
RT made the motion to vacate the road, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

b) **Robert Durcholz-Receiving Payment for Bridge Work**
Durcholz questioned when he will receive payment for the bridge work that he has done on Road 10 Bridge 6 on Gerald Rd. RC stated that he wants clarification from State Board of Accounts (SBOA) on the proper procedures to follow before issuing payment. Steve Howell also added that it has been done the same way since 2016 to save taxpayers money. RC stated that they are still waiting to hear back from SBOA and Hammack added that the SBOA is at conferences this week. RT added they will reach back out again to SBOA regarding the proper payment procedures. RC stated that as soon as they hear back from SBOA, they will be sure to get Durcholz paid even if they have to hold a special meeting.

c) **Paul Brockman-County Roads**
Gravel roads are not meeting the expectations of the public. They are wanting something applied to the roads to keep the dust down. Brockman is in favor of the millings being applied to the roads including Canada and Cottonwood. Brockman is asking that the contract be signed in order to get the millings applied.

CHRISTY POWELL-RJL SOLUTIONS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Opportunity Zone-This is a federally designated census tract where private investors can receive capital gains tax benefits by investing through a qualified opportunity fund. There are 2 eligible tracts. The first is the tract around the old hospital, being a possible redevelopment area, and includes the Tell City Riverport and River Rail assets. RC asked if the map included the southern part of Tell City connecting up to the Rocky Point/Rome area? Powell explained that it is all on one tract and that is the one that was submitted for the Opportunity Zone designation. Powell is also currently working with Isaac Schroeder with 4H on the Being for Others grant program. RJL is also working with Stellar Pathways, which is a competitive, multi-agency program led by OCRA that helps communities develop a coordinated plan containing multiple quality-of-place, community, and economic-development projects. Perry County's potential projects and partnerships are being evaluated to determine whether participation would be worthwhile. The Small Town Opportunity Initiative, or STOI, is a state redevelopment tax-credit program intended to encourage for-profit and nonprofit developers to rehabilitate, redevelop, or preserve vacant and underused properties in eligible small communities, downtowns, and Main Street areas.

MENDY LASSALINE, ASSESSOR

Lassaline appeared to discuss the process/flow of how permits, once completed, are funneled to the Assessor's office. Planning & Zoning President Mandy Jackson asked in an email how she receives them from Tell City, Cannelton and Troy? Lassaline stated that Tell City, on a monthly basis, sends a report of the permits, what they are having done, how much the permit costs, and the contractor in charge. Cannelton does not have as many so they mail them as they are issued. Troy does not have Planning and Zoning, therefore they should go through the county Planning and Zoning.

Lassaline stated that in the past, there was a Planning and Zoning person physically present at the courthouse, and permits were brought to the Assessor office once a week. Now that Eagle View is being used, the Assessor's office will be using a picture taken in February for the next 3 years.

Lassaline asked that if there isn't a good permit system and good communication in place, how will the Assessor get those assessments? Lassaline added that nowhere in a public meeting did she say that Planning and Zoning is responsible for assessment values. Lassaline would like to see set days where someone from Planning and Zoning is present instead of the other offices in the courthouse dealing with the complaints. Lassaline added that a gentleman was in the courthouse 5 times trying to get a building permit and was frustrated that no one from that office was available. She stated that the county is going to end up losing out on assessments because they are no longer in the field doing assessments. The Assessor's office is looking at a picture that could be outdated and not knowing that a building permit had been issued. The Assessor's office is not getting all of the building permits in a timely manner.

RC asked what the process was after they received the list of permits? Lassaline explained that they print out the property record cards and then they go out and do the assessments typically June-September. RT asked if putting a tray outside the Assessor's door for permits to be dropped off when issued would solve the problem, and Lassaline responded that she would be more than happy to do it that way. RC asked about the permits that are filed electronically? Hammack asked if the permits were able to be scanned and emailed to the Assessor's office? Lassaline stated that as long as there was a process in place, whether it be by email or paper copy in a tray that is all she is concerned with. PJ stated that she thinks that that is also the main concern of the Planning and Zoning President. PJ added that she would be happy to sit down with Planning & Zoning and the Assessor to come up with a process going forward.

STEVE HOWELL, HWY SUPERINTENDENT

a) CCMG 2027

Howell stated this includes roads out around Perry Central school and a short section of French Ridge Road that is used to service the school as well. Sections near the Highlands, Old 237, Scotch Pine Road and Sugar Maple Road to the intersection of Silverpoint and Scout Rd are all included in the project. The end of September is the deadline for approval.

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

MINUTES

a) 08.14.2026

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

b) 08.18.2026

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

c) 08.24.2026

PJ made the motion to approve, seconded by RC. RT abstained. Motion carried 2-0-1.

KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR

a) 08.28.2026 Payroll $177,065.44

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

b) 08.28.2026 Payroll WH $37,403.40

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

c) 09.11.2026 Payroll $175,370.11

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

d) 09.11.2026 Payroll WH $36,629.49

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

e) Vision Insurance $287.69

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

f) Dental Insurance $357.10

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

g) Life Insurance $1,468.68

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

h) Medical Insurance $68,608.92

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

i) 09.08.2026 Solid Waste Claim Docket $9,676.32

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

j) 09.08.2026 AP Claim Docket $554,055.01

RC stated that the bridge payments were included in this amount because they were hoping SBOA would get back with an affirmative comment regarding the situation. RC asked Attorney Andrew Foster if the Commissioners could approve this amount and then just hold the check pending an answer from SBOA? Attorney Foster replied that it could be approved but they would have to be more definite in the discretion. Attorney Foster suggested to do it pending legal review once SBOA gives their approval. RC asked the board if everyone was okay with doing it this way? RT added that it would speed up the process. RC asked Attorney Foster to help word the motion properly. Attorney Foster suggested entertaining a motion to approve all claims, including the claims concerning the bridge pending a legal review and SBOA approval. RC reiterated that this was for 9/8/26 in the amount of $554,055.01.

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

COMMISSIONERS

a) **Thomas Glass Invoice-**Pay out of CEDIT

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

b) **Asphalt chip and seal bid spec-**Advertise for bids

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

c) **Approval of Milling Placement-**two bids were received. RC stated that he would entertain the motion to approve the low bid from JH Rudolph of $93,255.

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

d) **Vinet Legal-**new language in the settlement that the Commissioners are required to sign pending council approval.

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

The Commissioner next Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m. CST.
RT made a motion to adjourn, seconded by PJ. Motion carried 3-0.

Randy Cole	Pam Jamniczky	Rebecca Thorn
President	Vice-President	

Minutes reviewed by:
Kristinia L. Hammack, Auditor
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