

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, August 5, 2024

Now on the 5th day of the August term of 2024, the Perry County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Mike Sauer, 1st District Commissioner Jay Wengert (absent), 2nd District Commissioner Keith A. Hoehn Clerk Jared Kutz and Deputy Clerk Amanda Layton present.

Prior Minutes

Commissioner Sauer motioned to approve the regular and executive Commission minutes dated August 1, 2024. Commissioner Hoehn seconded the motion and the motion passed by vote:

Commissioner Sauer (yes), Commissioner Wengert (absent) Commissioner Hoehn (yes).

Health Department Director

Perry County Health Department Director Trent Mullis reported to the Commission an update on sewer issues the Administration Building and the Health Department are both experiencing since the install of geothermal HVAC at the Health Department. Another blockage has been identified in the sewer. Director Trent Mullis has been in contact with Veregy on the electric use at the building and will be following up in September with them.

No action was taken.

County Clerk Report

Now at this time, the Commission hears from Clerk Jared Kutz who provided a report on work and correspondence done on the Commission's behalf. Clerk Kutz had a list of concerns regarding the Legion Lake property, looking for the Commission's guidance on maintenance of the property moving forward. Kutz brought up the Courthouse Lawn Masterplan project. At this time, no action will be taken at this time. The project is expected to be tabled until 2026 as the courthouse interior repurposing will take priority in 2025. Kutz asked the commission to approve the draft master plan to be used in the future.

No action was taken.

Mowing Concerns

The Commission addressed concerns and comments from over the weekend regarding the mowing of county roads. Commissioner Sauer reported the road and bridge department has been working to keep up with mowing. They have 455 miles to cover (910 miles to accommodate both sides of the road). The department reported mowing equipment travels roughly 3 mph to avoid damaging the equipment, and it takes six weeks to mow all roadways under ideal circumstances. The amount of rain we've experienced this summer has caused vegetation to thrive, and the department is struggling to keep up. Perry County has five mowers currently, up from three mowers in 2022, and four seasonal mower operators were added in 2024.

Convene to Executive Session

Commissioner Sauer motioned to enter into executive session per Section 610.021.11 RSMo with acting Public Administrator Janelle Moore to discuss legal matters. Hoehn seconded the motion and the motion passed by vote:

Commissioner Sauer (yes), Commissioner Wengert (absent), Commissioner Hoehn (yes).

Reconvene to Regular Session

Now at this time Commissioner Sauer motioned to return to regular session. Commissioner Hoehn seconded the motion and the motion passed by vote:

Commissioner Sauer (yes), Commissioner Wengert (absent), Commissioner Hoehn (yes).

Adjourn

With there being no further business, Commissioner Hoehn motioned to adjourn the meeting until Thursday, August 8, 2024. Commissioner Sauer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sauer (yes), Commissioner Wengert (absent), Commissioner Hoehn (yes).

Presiding Commissioner

County Clerk