

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Now on the 14th day of July, the Perry County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Mike Sauer, 1st Commissioner Jay Wengert District (absent), 2nd District Commissioner Keith A. Hoehn, Clerk Jared Kutz, and Deputy Clerk Amanda Layton present.

Prior Minutes

Commissioner Sauer motioned to approve the Commission open session minutes dated July 7, 2025. Commissioner Hoehn seconded the motion, and the motion passes by vote:

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

Public Comment

Representative Christian Farris from Vierbock Sales and Services introduced himself to the commission. This company sells culverts used by the road and bridge department. County resident Liz House visited with the commission to discuss her interest in serving on a local commission-appointed board.

County Payroll Report

Now at this time comes Perry County Treasurer Katie Schemel who requests approval and authorization for county payroll disbursement for July 11, 2025, in the amount of \$115,846.43 for the work period covering June 21, 2025, through July 4, 2025.

Seeing these charges to be accurate and just the Commission authorized disbursement and provided signature as requested.

Accounts Payable, Warrant/Checks

Now at this time the Commission inquires to the various accounts administratively presented for payment as follows: General Revenue Fund \$24,470.61; Road & Bridge Fund \$91,666.71; Landfill Fund \$84,850.89; Assessment Fund \$1,227.55; Emergency 911 Fund \$46,872.62; Mental Health Fund \$48,750; Road & Bridge Sales Tax \$196,707.63; Local Parks Sales Tax Fund \$2,850; Sheriff's Civil Fee Fund \$296.03; Inmate Security Fund \$9,525.03; Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund \$23,499.66; Joint Justice Center Sales Tax Fund \$4,707.21.

The Commission administratively found these to be just charges against the County July 15, 2025, and payable out of various funds, in the amount of \$535,421.94.

Road and Bridge Report

Now at this time comes Road and Bridge Supervisor Bruce Orman to give report of the department. Heavy rainfall has stopped the chip and seal application. Crews are addressing washouts on the roadways. Orman shared concerns with PCR 200 and a driveway access. Equipment repairs are being addressed. Commissioner Sauer and Hoehn shared concerns with roadways citizens have contacted them on.

Buildings and Grounds Report

Now at this time comes Building and Grounds employee Bryan Lorenz to give report on the department. Lorenz reported to the commission TK Elevator will be addressing concerns with the elevator that was not operational and left users stuck inside. The Commission expressed concerns that TK will neglect warranty work. Driers are being installed for the HVAC system at the PCJJC to address humidity issues in the jail portion of the Justice Center. PCJJC Justice Center lighting issue in the meeting room requires a replaced switch. The Recorder of Deeds is requesting lock be changed for the office. The commission asked Lorenz to hold off on getting lock changed. Lorenz has purchased a weed sprayer. Lorenz was informed there is cleaning that needs to be done in the courthouse tower.

Commissioner Wengert arrived for the meeting at 9 a.m. after an appointment.

Emergency Management Report

Now at this time comes Emergency Management Director Pat Naeger to give a report on the department. Naeger reported on the heavy rainfall on Sunday. Sheriff Klaus reported his department didn't have calls for service related to the rain. Naeger provided the official report on the March 14 tornado. Naeger needs to replace his computer. Naeger has been sorting Emergency Management inventory to dispose of or distribute to other communities. Naeger will attend a ChemPAC training this week. The Commission discussed local meetings Naeger is participating in.

Clerk's Report

Now at this time comes Clerk Kutz to discuss work done on the Commission's behalf. The Clerk presented the commission with Accounts Payable invoicing to sign. The Commission discussed with the clerk alternatives to paying county bills that would get them paid in a more timely fashion to avoid late fees or lapses in services. The Commission discussed doing weekly Accounts Payable runs. The clerk reported that there are only two appeals for the Board of Equalization and sign up for that ends at 5 p.m. today.

Economic Development Authority Update

Now at this time the Commission meets with Crystal Jones, Director of Economic Development Authority.

Convene to Executive Session

Commissioner Wengert motioned to enter into executive session per Section 610.021(9) RSMo to discuss contractual matters. Commissioner Hoehn seconded the motion and the motion passed by vote:

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

Reconvene to Regular Session

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

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

MoDOT State Transportation Improvement Program

Now at this time, the Commission meets with Jeremy Tanz with SEMO Regional Planning to discuss Perry County's 2025 MoDOT priorities for State Transportation Improvement Program. After due consideration and discussion with leadership from the City of Perryville, the Commission listed the top seven priority projects the community needs. No further action was taken.

COP PCJJC Joint Sidewalk Project

Now at this time comes Perryville City Administrator Brent Buerck to present First, Second and Final Reading of a contractual agreement with the City of Perryville regarding sidewalks at the Perry County Joint Justice Center. The contract covers the installation and maintenance of sidewalks in the vicinity of the Justice Center. After due consideration, Commissioner Sauer motioned to approve the contract. Commissioner Hoehn seconded the motion, and the motion passes by vote:

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

Convene to Executive Session

Commissioner Wengert motioned to enter into executive session per Section 610.021(3) RSMo to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Hoehn seconded the motion and the motion passed by vote:

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

Reconvene to Regular Session

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

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

Adjourn

With there being no further business, Commissioner Wengert motioned to adjourn the meeting until Thursday, July 17, 2025. Commissioner Hoehn seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Presiding Commissioner

County Clerk