

**PERRY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Monday, July 21, 2025**

Now on the 21st day of July, the Perry County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Mike Sauer, 1<sup>st</sup> Commissioner Jay Wengert District 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner Keith A. Hoehn, Clerk Jared Kutz and Deputy Clerk Amanda Layton present.

**Prior Minutes**

Commissioner Wengert motioned to approve the Commission open session minutes dated July 17, 2025. Commissioner Hoehn seconded the motion, and the motion passes by vote:

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

**Public Comment**

Citizen Jeff Bohnert wanted to speak with the commission regarding communication issues the fire department has had since the new tower at PCJJC. As a fire fighter, he is having issues with getting signal to equipment. Mr. Bohnert has worked with local fire department leadership. The Commission intends on following up with St Francois County Dispatch, as well as local EMS to trace down the problem.

**PCJJC Sidewalk Bid Award**

Now at this time the Commission reviews and takes up consideration approval bids for sidewalks at the Perry County Joint Justice Center. The bid request notice was placed in June 26, 2025 edition of the Republic-Monitor and on Perry County’s Website. Sealed bids were required and opened by the Commission at 1 p.m. July 17, 2025. Companies submitting a bid were as follows:

	<b><u>Total Base Bid + Alternate A</u></b>	<b><u>Total Base Bid+ Alternate B</u></b>
<b>Lappe Cement Finishing, Inc.</b>	\$132,212.50	\$130,142.50
<b>Kluesner Construction, Inc.</b>	\$152,688.04	\$149,810.74
<b>Fronabarger Concreters, Inc.</b>	\$154,865.90	\$157,556.90
<b>Putz Construction, LLC</b>	\$186,298.75	\$186,402.25
<b>Mike Light Cement Finishing Inc.</b>	\$208,060.00	\$202,885.00
<b>Engineer Estimate</b>	<b>\$178,104.40</b>	<b>\$160,095.40</b>

Baer Engineering compiled data, and based on evaluation recognized Lappe Cement Finishing, Inc. as the lowest responsive responsible bidder for Total Base Bid + Alternative A.

After due consideration, Commissioner Sauer motioned to award the bid to Lappe Cement Finishing, Inc. Commissioner Wengert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

**Perry County Senior Tax Commission Board Appointments**

Now at this time, the Commission takes under consideration annual board appointments for the Perry County Senior Tax Commission and the Perry County Board for the Developmentally Disabled.

Commissioner Sauer made the motion to approve the reappointment of Pat Naeger to serve the Perry County Board for the Developmentally Disabled. Commissioner Hoehn seconded the motion, and the motion passes by vote:

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

Commissioner Sauer made the motion to approve the reappointment of Tracy Prost and to appoint Casey Ellis to the Perry County Senior Tax Commission. Commissioner Hoehn seconded the motion, and the motion passes by vote:

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

### **Road and Bridge Report**

Now at this time comes Road and Bridge Supervisor Bruce Orman to give report of the department. Orman provided an update on chip and seal project, and doing sections of roadways that are problematic hills. Commissioner Wengert provided an update on the property transfer on PCR 810 to allow them to move the road. Commissioner Hoehn discussed some cutting and mowing needed on roadways to increase visibility. Orman reported on equipment issues related to tractor, mowers.

### **Buildings and Grounds Report**

Now at this time comes Building and Grounds employee Bryan Lorenz to give report on the department. Power outage in the PCJJC area forced the generator to come on. The generator only powers part of the building and adjustments were made. The basement elevator malfunctioned once power was restored. TK will be onsite this week to address elevator issues. Carpets are being cleaned at the PCJJC.

### **Emergency Management Report**

Now at this time comes Emergency Management Director Pat Naeger to give a report on the department. Naeger will keep the Perry Park Center open as a cooling center into this week. Tomorrow is the deadline for Perry County residents to file for FEMA assistance. Naeger is working on a survey from FEMA Review Counsel. Naeger attended the PCSD 32 meeting where it was determined that modules are being installed for classrooms for students. The school is in a holding pattern. Naeger is working on issues regarding radio communications. Naeger attended Chem-PAC training in Franklin County. Naeger will be attending damage assessment training this week. EMPG grant has been submitted.

### **Legion Lake Project Update**

Now at this time comes Mark Webb with Smith and Company to provide an update on projects at Legion Lake. Webb reported construction on the pavilion has not started by KB Construction. The restroom has been ordered and it will be six months before it gets delivered. A signed easement is needed for the electrical work to move ahead. Clerk Kutz was following up with Citizens Electric regarding this document. Discussion was held for the water and sewer placement. The Commission was advised to have conversations with Baer Engineering regarding the sewer.

### **Clerk's Report**

Now at this time comes Clerk Jared Kutz to discuss work done on the Commission's behalf. National president of the VFW Auxiliary will be in Perry County and has requested the commission's presence at the MNVM in September 15-17 for the presentation. Clerk Kutz has advised organizers be in contact with Heritage Tourism and the MNVM director. The Clerk provided an update on the Baby Box. Training will be held on August 18, 12:30 p.m. with the blessing following at 2:30 p.m. The Commission advised Deputy Layton to investigate holding a dedication of the building on August 25.

### **Recess**

Now at this time, the Commission enters into a recess to participate in the 2025 Board of Equalization.

### **Reconvene**

Now at this time, the Commission reconvenes in regular session.

### **Adjourn**

With there being no further business, Commissioner Wengert motioned to adjourn the meeting until Thursday, July 24, 2025. Commissioner Hoehn seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

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Presiding Commissioner

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County Clerk