

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Now on the 30th day of October, the Perry County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Mike Sauer, 1st Commissioner Jay Wengert District (absent), 2nd District Commissioner Keith A. Hoehn, County Clerk Jared Kutz and Deputy Clerk Amanda Layton present.

Prior Minutes

Commissioner Hoehn motioned to approve the Commission open session minutes October 27, 2025. Commissioner Sauer seconded the motion, and the motion passes by vote:

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

Accounts Payable, Warrant/Checks

Now at this time the Commission inquires to the various accounts presented for payment as follows: General Revenue Fund \$74,683.82; Road & Bridge Fund \$9,563.04; Landfill Fund \$13,073.36; Assessment Fund \$3,305.55; R & B Sales Tax Fund \$19,688.20; Recorders User Fee Fund \$838.25; Local Parks Sales Tax Fund \$36,645.61; Sheriff Civil Fee Fund \$90.00; Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund \$664.00; Joint Justice Center Sales Tax Fund \$659.00.

The Commission found these to be just charges against the County on October 30, 2025, and payable out of various funds, in the amount of \$159,210.83.

County Payroll Report

Now at this time Treasurer Schemel requests approval and authorization for county payroll disbursement for October 31, 2025, in the amount of \$127,932.96 for the work period covering October 11, 2025, through October 24, 2025.

Public Comment

Resident Jeff Bohnert requested clarification related to the Transient Tax that recently changed to include short-term rentals. Bohnert was provided with additional information and clarification related to the tax collection. Bohnert informed the commission of a stop sign and county road sign at the end of PCR 810 has not been put back with the completion of road work completed in that area.

Service Recognition

Now at this time comes Deputy Laban Petzoldt along with Sheriff Klaus. Petzoldt was recognized by the commission and Sheriff for five years of service to Perry County.

Sheriff's Report

Now at this time comes Perry County Sheriff Jason Klaus who give report on the happenings at the department. Klaus reported he is at full staff with three employees on light duty. He provided an update on the department's fleet saying he anticipated swapping five cars in 2026, with the ultimate goal of being two cars annually. Klaus has been researching the panic button system for the county's buildings and the City of Perryville with the hopes of creating a uniform integrated system that allows for cost savings.

Sheriff Klaus said there were 10 calls in the previous week related to animals.

Klaus presented the commission with a draft of a revised pay schedule for employees of the sheriff's department.

Klaus reported RSOC Grant award allows the sheriff's department to replace and upgrade computers for patrol vehicles. The sheriff will be donating Perry County's current equipment to another county without equipment.

Klaus has been hosting public tours at the PCJJC that have been well received by the community. Tours were advertised online and in the Republic-Monitor and on Perry County's website.

Clerk's Report

Now at this time, the Commission meets with Clerk Jared Kutz who discusses work the clerk's office has done on the Commission's behalf. The Clerk shared correspondence from Missouri Public Commission Service Commission.

The Clerk shared property tax information on various school districts for informational purposes related to school districts.

The Clerk provided information on Perry County voter canvas that begins November 1 and will be completed by March of 2026.

First Reading of Road District Contract

Now at this time, the Commission takes up the first reading of the contract between the City of Perryville and the country related to Road District Funds. No action was taken

Convene to Executive Session

Commissioner Wengert motioned to enter into executive session per Section 610.021(3) RSMo to discuss personnel matters with. 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 Sauer 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).

Convene to Executive Session

Commissioner Sauer motioned to enter into executive session per Section 610.021(9) RSMo to discuss contractual matter with Sheriff Klaus. 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 Sauer 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 Sauer motioned to adjourn the meeting until Monday, October 27, 2025. Commissioner Hoehn seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Presiding Commissioner

County Clerk