

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, October 27, 2025

Now on the 27th day of October, the Perry County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Mike Sauer 1st Commissioner Jay Wengert District 2nd District Commissioner Keith A. Hoehn, Clerk Jared Kutz and Deputy Clerk Amanda Layton are present.

Prior Minutes

Commissioner Hoehn motioned to approve the Commission open and executive session minutes dated October 23, 2025. Commissioner Sauer seconded the motion, and the motion passes by vote:

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

Public Comment

Now at this time comes Terry Wichern, a resident of PCR 800 who had questions related to Perry County's new chip and sealing partnership program with private citizens.

Service Recognition

Now at this time comes with Sheriff Jason Klaus who, along with the Commission, recognizes Deputy Adam Ballew for five years of service to the Perry County Sheriff's Department.

Road and Bridge Report

Now at this time comes Road and Bridge Supervisor Bruce Orman to give report of the department. Orman confirmed the oil program is done and all chip and seal projects are completed. Commission shared the concerns of residents on a number of county roads in their districts.

Buildings and Grounds Report

Now at this time comes Building and Grounds employee Bryan Lorenz to give report on the department. Lorenz reported the water softener has been repaired at the PCJJC. A leak in a water heater at the PCJJC has been addressed. Lorenz is working with Blue Ridge Boat Dock Company this week to determine why the dock installed at Legion Lake has shifted. Lorenz reported that Missouri Vocational Enterprise will be in this week to collect unused filing cabinets and other materials from the PCJJC for return processes.

Emergency Management Report

Now at this time comes Emergency Management Director Pat Naeger to give a report on the department. Naeger reported on a grant award of \$26,000 from RSOC for additional radios. The fence materials will be delivered today for surround at PCJJC communication tower enclosure. Naeger has completed documentation for Perry County to be certified Storm Ready. Disaster Assistant Grant work is still being completed. FEMA Public Assistance grant deadline is November 8.

Clerk's Report

Now at this time comes Clerk Jared Kutz to discuss work done on the Commission's behalf. The clerk provided an update from legal counsel on the sale of the former sheriff's department. The county can anticipate that this week that deed will be signed on Wednesday. Perry County Farm Subdivision. Legal is preparing a resolution the commission will sign.

The Commission approved a letter of support for Downtown Perryville for a grant opportunity for the organization.

The Commission reviewed a contract between Perry County and City of Perryville related to road districts. Contract will have first reading on Thursday, October 30.

The group discussed the abundance of benches in the hallway of the courthouse and how they should be removed.

Recess

The Commission recessed to walk the main floor of the historic Courthouse to determine placement of wayfinding signs.

Heritage Tourism Report

Now at this time comes Perry County Heritage Tourism Director Trish Erzfeld to give report on the tourism department. Erzfeld presented the most recent draft of the Legion Lake Map. Plans are underway to determine the final placement of where signage will be placed at Legion Lake and how pavilions will be identified.

Erzfeld planned to meet with Perry County Treasurer Katie Schemel to discuss the collection of transient taxes. Erzfeld provided an update on the Highway J Fire Tower. She made contact with an individual who can provide more information related to the future of the tower.

The Commission will need to determine the location of Karst signage at the courthouse.

Erzfeld informed the commission when Christmas light installation is happening on the downtown square.

The group briefly discussed America 250, with Erzfeld asking if the Commission had determined if the county would be purchasing flags for display around the courthouse and bunting for the building. The Commission is taking it under advisement.

Request for signs

Now at this time comes Jim Martin, representing the Perry County Democratic Central Committee. Martin presented the commission with a rough sketch of potential signs to be placed on the courthouse lawn to encourage political involvement and updates of when political central committees hold meetings. The commission said they would take it under advisement.

Adjourn

With there being no further business, Commissioner Hoehn motioned to adjourn the meeting until Thursday, October 30, 2025. Commissioner Wengert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Presiding Commissioner

County Clerk