

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
August 15, 2023**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were President David Etienne (DE), Keith Huck (KH), Earla Williams (EW), Paul Malone (PM), Stan Goffinet (SG), Kelli Harding (Kelli) and Gale Garner (GG). Sheriff Alan Malone, and Auditor Kristinia Hammack were also present. There was no *Attorney* or *News Representative* present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**KRISTINIA HAMMACK, AUDITOR**

**a) Additional Appropriations**

- INMATE HOUSING-PERRY COUNTY JAIL; MEALS  
#4929.39201.00000.0380--\$40,000.00

This money is needed for inmate meals. Sheriff Malone hopes this appropriated amount will get his department through the end of the year. Kelli asked why there is a decrease from the original \$60,000 request. Sheriff Malone responded the lower amount is due to receiving misdemeanor funds, which are funds from a person convicted of a misdemeanor and are housed in the Perry County Jail. What is the cost per inmate per day? Malone stated that it costs \$1.31 per meal, 3 meals per day which is \$3.92 per day. Kelli asked how he came to the \$40,000 amount? Malone replied that the misdemeanor funds he mentioned will be approximately \$13,628 and he will come back to the council at a later date to ask for those funds. A check will be made payable to the county, but State Statute requires that the money be spent on the jail.

The current population in the jail is averaging 90 inmates and it has been this number for some time. There are 7 inmates ready to go to prison, which will give some relief, however he continues to receive inmates. Due to the type of charges he is seeing, they will be at the jail for quite a while. With this current inmate count, he is not able to house inmates from other counties, which decreases the amount of money the county gets from the other counties. He currently only houses 2. Malone added the jail is a 132-bed facility, but the staff size is the same as when there were 40, 50, 60 inmates.

EW asked who plans the meals? Sheriff Malone responded they have a licensed dietician.

Kelli thanked Sheriff Malone for funding this from the Inmate Housing fund as it helps with the County General Fund.

Sheriff Malone mentioned he is very proud of his staff.

KH made motion to accept, seconded by PM. Motion carried 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m. CST.

PM made a motion to adjourn, seconded by KH. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:  
Kristinia L. Hammack, Perry County Auditor*