

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 30, 2024**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 9:30 a.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were David Etienne (DE), Stan Goffinet (SG), Kelli Harding (Kelli), Paul Malone (PM), Keith Huck (KH), and Gale Garner (GG). First Deputy Kelli Wilgus was also present. There was no *Sheriff*, Attorney or *News Representative* present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

PM made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by KH. Motion carried 6-0.

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- a) Council- Cash Transfer—Reimbursement for County Health Insurance Expenses
FROM: 8950.12300.00000.0000 ARPA-2021 Fund \$377,463.33
TO: 1000.12300.00000.0000 General Fund \$377,463.33

DE stated these were funds awarded to County Government to cover those expenses through the General Fund and this would be reimbursing it.

KH made a motion to approve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 6-0.

- b) Community Crossing Support Letter

DE stated this is done every year. Highway Superintendent Steve Howell stated he needs the Council's permission to apply for this grant.

Kelli made a motion to approve the Community Crossing Support Letter of the Commissioners, seconded by SG. Motion carried 6-0.

- c) Dissolution of Solid Waste

DE stated this is to reaffirm what the Commissioners have done with the Ordinance to dissolve Solid Waste and to begin with the new Solid Waste unit.

Kelli made the motion to accept, seconded by SG. Motion carried 6-0.

- d) Pareto Health

DE stated this requires a payment of approximately \$44,000 which goes into a fund where it stays, and if the County opts out of this program, it will be refunded this money. This program prevents future laser out of the County's insurance which can be very expensive. Currently the County has one for \$200,000 it is paying, and with an aging labor force, the County feels that this would be a good program to protect it in the future. By the County participating in this program, it will protect future lasering out. Commissioner Randy Cole stated that lasers increase what the County has to pay from the normal \$60,000 which the County self-insures. If an individual has a severe health issue, it could cost as much as \$250,000. This is what the County has to pay before the reinsurance kicks in. The \$44,000 is paid in 2025 and 2026. This is a capital investment in a Mutual Group and they require a capital contribution. Kelli stated if the County ever opts out of this, it will get this money back, and Cole confirmed this.

GG made a motion to approve, seconded by SG. Motion carried 6-0.

- e) The next meeting is Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Meeting Room.
- f) KH, as well as others on the Council, thanked PM for all his years of dedicated service to the County. PM stated it has been a privilege and an honor to serve.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. CST.

PM made a motion to adjourn, seconded by KH. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes approved this 23rd day of January, 2025.

President, Perry County Council

Minutes reviewed by:

Kristinia L. Hammack, Perry County Auditor

Minutes prepared by:

Leisa M. Ecker, Perry County Deputy Auditor