

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 5, 2026**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were Kelli Harding (Kelli), David Etienne (DE), Paul Brockman (PB), Gale Garner (GG), Brad Harth (BH), and Cory Filley, (CF). Auditor Kristinia Hammack and Sheriff David Faulkenberg were also present. There was no *Attorney* or *News Representative* present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

DE made the motion to accept as modified, seconded by GG. Motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a) None

**REORGANIZATION OF BOARD**

- a) Elect President, Vice-President
  1. PB made a motion to nominate Kelli Harding as President, seconded by DE. Motion carried 6-0.
  2. BH made a motion to nominate David Etienne as Vice President, seconded by Kelli. Motion carried 6-0.

- b) 2026 Monthly Meeting Schedule

Kelli stated that typically the Council meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., unless there is a special meeting or a holiday.

DE made a motion to keep the schedule the same as 2025, seconded by PB. Motion carried 6-0.

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) Board Appointments

**1. Alcohol Beverage Board**

There is one position open, and Nicholas Stahly submitted a letter of interest.

CF made a motion to appoint Stahly, seconded by DE. Motion carried 6-0.

**2. Animal Welfare & Education Board**

The Council has one appointment for 2026, and no letters of interest were received. Auditor Hammack is to readvertise.

**3. Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)**

The Commissioners appointed three at their meeting earlier this day. The Council has two open appointments for 2026. Letters of interest were received from Paul Brockman, Kelli Harding, Mandy Jackson, and Nicholas Stahly. Kelli stated that the Council needs to pick two from those interested, however the Commissioners picked three already. These appointments are politically affiliated, with no more than three of the same party. The other open position will be readvertised.

DE made a motion to nominate Nicholas Stahly, seconded by BH. Motion carried 6-0.

**4. Public Library Board**

There is one Council appointment to fill. Three individuals applied, being Brad Harth, Nick Weyer, and Nicholas Stahly. Harth was appointed early this day by the Commissioners.

PB made a motion to appoint Nick Weyer, seconded by CF. Motion carried 6-0.

**5. Redevelopment Commission**

The Commissioners had three appointments earlier on this day, selecting David Etienne, Sherri Flynn, and Kelli Harding. There are two appointments that the Council needs to make, with three people interested. Letters of interest were received from Mandy Jackson, Tony Hollinden, and Pat York.

BH made a motion to nominate Pat York, seconded by GG. Motion carried 6-0.

DE made a motion to nominate Mandy Jackson, seconded by PB. Motion carried 6-0.

**6. Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

There is one appointment. Letters of interest were received from Paul Brockman and Balaji Kashyab. The Commissioners appointed Brockman and Kashyab earlier on this day. The Council open appointment will be advertised.

**7. Personnel Policy Handbook Committee**

There are two Council appointments internally, and letters of interest received were from CF and Kelli.

DE made a motion for CF and Kelli to serve, seconded by GG. Motion carried 6-0.

The next meeting is Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Courthouse meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m. CST.

PB made a motion to adjourn, seconded by GG. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2026.

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President, Perry County Council

*Minutes reviewed by:*

*Kristinia L. Hammack, Perry County Auditor*

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