PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2026

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were Kelli Harding (Kelli), David Etienne (DE), Gale Garner (GG), Cory Filley (CF) and Brad Harth (BH). Auditor Kristinia Hammack was also present. Paul Brockman (PB) was absent. There was no *Sheriff, Attorney* or *News Representative* present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CF made the motion to accept as presented, seconded by BH. Motion carried 6-0.

AMANDA HINTON, HEALTH NURSE SUPERVISOR

a) Injury Prevention Grant

Hinton appeared to discuss the Injury Prevention Grant. This is an opportunity for up to $10,000 that is 100% funded with no match required. Hinton stated that she would like to build the Safe Sleep program. Hinton also mentioned swim safety options like swim lessons and/or life jackets. Hinton added that she wasn't sure if the grant would allow for both programs. If it does not, Hinton stated that she would like to just do the Safe Sleep program to go along with the state's initiative of maternal/child health.

BH made the motion to approve the grant, seconded by DE. Motion carried 6-0.

b) FIMR (Fetal-Infant Mortality Review) Safety Pin Grant

Hinton explained that this grant is a full-time position and is 100% grant funded. Hinton added that it is a two-year grant and that they would need to reapply next year since they are applying halfway through this term. BH asked if they would be sharing an employee with Crawford County and Spencer County? Hinton stated that the employee would just be reviewing cases from those 2 counties. Kelli asked that this was a full-time position that was 100% funded and if the grant goes away, that means the position goes away? Hinton stated that was correct. Kelli asked Hinton to describe the position and what they would be doing? Hinton stated that they would be gathering data and medical records from cases and reviewing them. They would then take this in front of a board to discuss/review outcomes and prevention strategies. Hinton added that the state will come in and train this position. Kelli asked about benefits regarding this position? Hinton stated that benefits could be put in as part of the salary to be covered and reimbursed by the state. Kristinia Hammack asked if it was set up reimbursable to submit quarterly? Hinton stated that she would have to ask. Hinton explained that Crawford, Spencer and Perry counties are the only southern Indiana counties not currently participating. Hinton also added that once this position is established, there are other things that they can ask for such as nutrition for expecting families and things of that nature. BH asked if the Council wanted to table this for the time being until further information could be gathered. Hammack stated that she could work with Hinton and get the information needed by the September meeting.

BH made the motion to table this until September 24th, 2026, seconded by CF. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 a.m. CST.
CF made a motion to adjourn, seconded by DE. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regular council meeting is Thursday, September 24th, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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President, Perry County Council

Minutes reviewed by:
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