

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PERRY COUNTY COMMISSION MET in its regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the Albert Turner, Sr. Courthouse Annex in the commission courtroom. The meeting was presided over by Chairman Turner. Commissioner Anthony Long led the invocation. District #1: Chairman, Albert F. Turner was Present; District #2: Anthony Long, was Present at 6:12p.m.; District #3: Thomas Brett Harrison was Present; District #4: Barbara Howze was Present at 6:18p.m.; and District #5: Vice Chairman, Carlton Lewis was Present. A Quorum was established.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and Seconded by Commissioner Harrison to adopt the Agenda with the addition of a bill sent by Attorney Chestnut that has 2 options; once we approve one of the options, we will advertise for four weeks on the voting precincts (item 12). **Motion Carried**

Motion to Approve the Minutes for:

- A. November 12, 2025 (No action taken)
- B. December 8, 2025 (No action taken) and
- C. December 22, 2025 (Emergency Meeting); Gavel Passed to the Vice Chair, **Chairman Turner** made a motion to approve the Emergency Meeting for December 22nd, 2025 and **Motion was Seconded by Commissioner Long Motion Carried. One Nay, Commissioner Harrison.**

Engineer's Report:

Action Items:

Motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve Resolution 01-13-26 and **Seconded by Commissioner Long. Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Long to purchase a gas system for \$44,184.70 and **Seconded by Commissioner Lewis. Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Howze to purchase a F250 pickup truck for the highway department to be used as a fuel truck for not more than \$45,000 and **Seconded by Chairman Turner. Motion Carried.**

Rules and Regulations:

Action Items:

Motion was made by Commissioner Long to give a 20 year abatement to the Judson College and **Seconded by Commissioner Howze. Secondary Motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and Seconded by Commissioner Harrison** to table the item until the name change has occurred. **Motion Failed. The Original Motion was revived: Motion was made by Commissioner Long and Seconded by Commissioner Howze; Nay by Commissioner Lewis and Nay by Commissioner Harrison. Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to get the elevator fixed and to contract with Diversified for \$30,000 and **Seconded by Commissioner Howze. Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and Seconded by Commissioner Lewis to approve the Amendment to the construction budget by \$86,611 in order to pay for the jail expenditures per the Sheriff's approval. **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Long and Commissioner Harrison to approve the purchase of 4 big truck tires by the Highway Department. **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Long and Seconded by Commissioner Howze to approve the temporary suspension of the nurse's contract from October 2025 to February 2026. **Motion Carried.**

Budget and Finance:

Action Items:

Motion was made by Commissioner Long and Seconded by Commissioner Howze to approve the pay/off the USDA loan for \$840,000 for county roads 53 & 65. **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Harrison and Seconded by Commissioner Long to table the IT Contract **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Long and Seconded by Commissioner Lewis to approve the hiring of Patricia Williams temporarily for \$10 under contract. **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Long and Seconded by Commissioner Howze to hire DelShante Gillion for \$15 in the Revenue Commission office under a 12 months contract. **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Long and Seconded by Commissioner Howze to pay the heating shelters \$100 each for a total of \$400: East Perry Vol. Fire Dept., West Perry Vol. Fire Dept., Providence Baptist Church and Eagle Grove Baptist Church. **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Howze and Seconded by Commissioner Lewis to approve the exemption status for the Deputy Administrator and the Detective. **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made to go into Executive Session at 7:05p.m. by Chairman Turner.

Motion was made by Commissioner Howze and Seconded by Commissioner Lewis to come back in from Executive Session. No action taken.

Motion was made by Commissioner Howze and Seconded by Commissioner Lewis on the changes to the settlement regarding the discussion in Executive Session. **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lewis that we draft legislation to include Option 1 and advertise the legislation (**Option 1 -location being the New National Guard Armory**) and **Seconded by Commissioner Harrison.:**

Roll Call Vote: District 1; Nay, Dist. 2 Yay; Dist. 3 Yay; Dist. 4 Nay; and Dist. 5 Yay. Motion Carried.

Clerk:

Motion was made by Commissioner Long and Seconded by Commissioner Harrison to Approve the FMLA for LaShonda Brown and Michelle Jackson. **Motion Carried.**

Claims:

Motion was made by Commissioner Long and Seconded by Commissioner Howze to approve the claims. **Motion Carried. One Nay Commissioner Harrison**

Motion was made by Commissioner Long to Adjourned.