COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
November 9, 2026

Present at the meeting were Commissioners:

R. Franklin Campbell - Chair
Brenda L. Watson – Vice Chair
William G. Lyons - Secretary
Shannon Hines – Chief Clerk
William R. Bunt - Solicitor

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public: Kristie Gantt, Sarah Geesaman, Chris Grayson, Jason Harvey, Brian Hockenberry, Taira Little, Darla McNaughton, Michelle Orris, Wes Smith, Scott Stump, Randy Waggoner, Brian Weidow, Wendy Welfley, Robert Woolever

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on November 9, 2026 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Updates/Announcements: Commissioner Watson stated that the Veterans Day Parade was held in New Bloomfield over the weekend. She commented on the great attendance and noted that West Perry's Marching Band was missing.

Commissioner Lyons commented that he had attended the Land Judging competition, sponsored by the Conservation District and NRCS, last week. He noted that it was held at the Ken Martz farm and all school districts attended.

Commissioner Campbell reiterated that the parade was great and reminded everyone to remember veterans on Wednesday.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to amend the minutes of the October 26, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted that Angela Schlegel's name needed replaced with Shannon Hines' name in the participant section. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Overview: Chris Grayson presented a financial overview as of September 2026. He noted that the cash and investments on the balance sheet are approximately $400,000 higher than the previous year, total assets were consistent with the prior year, and total liabilities and deferred inflows were bit higher than the year before. Mr. Grayson compared the 2025 general fund revenue to the 2026 revenue. He said that at this point in the year you would expect to be 75% expended and went through the general government, judicial government, and public safety revenues for the year. He commented that overall, the general fund expenses were at 69% of expended budget.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Landex software maintenance agreement with Optical Storage Solutions Inc. (Harris) for the Register & Recorder's Office at a cost of $15,780. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Wendy Welfley, Register & Recorder, noted that this was the eleventh year with no price increase for the software support, but said she did anticipate an increase next year.

All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2026/2027 Continuing County Probation/Parole Grant in the amount of $72,001. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Michelle Orris, Chief Probation Officer, said that it was the annual grant used to offset the salary and benefits of a Probation Officer. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Business Service Order with Comcast for back-up internet at the Perry County Prison at a monthly cost of $182.90. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Warden Harvey said this would be the back up internet provider and said it was needed. Commissioner Campbell noted that Comcast had conducted a site visit. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Status: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Sierra Rau to the position of Full-Time Caseworker at Children & Youth Services effective November 30, 2026 at hourly rate of $21.36. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Dominic Fry to the position of Lieutenant at the Perry County Prison effective November 15, 2026 at an hourly rate of $30.23. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Braden Baer to the position of Part-Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison effective November 10, 2026 at an hourly rate of $24.43. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Ashlyn Stevens, Part-Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective October 30, 2026. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: None

Post Comments: Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, commented that the election went well last week and thanked all those that helped. She said that her office was processing provisional ballots, poll book updates, and reporting. She noted that West Perry's Marching Band was at a competition which made them unavailable for the Veterans Day Parade.

Taira Little said that last week the Perry County Economic Development Authority released the Explore Perry app. She said the app is free and is available for download. She encouraged everyone to download it and if you see something missing to let her office know.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk William G. Lyons, Secretary