Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the Perry County Board of Commissioners, Perry County, Illinois, held on the 19th day of March, A.D. 2026, in the Pinckneyville Community Building, Pinckneyville, Illinois.

Chairman Bruce Morgenstern called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., and lead the invocation and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was answered by Commissioners Joseph Folden and Jennifer Martin and Chairman Bruce Morgenstern. Also present were County Clerk Robert Kelly and Attorney Aaron Atkins.

Chairman Morgenstern took up the matter of the approval of the agenda. No one from the gallery asked to be recognized. Commissioner Martin moved to approve the agenda, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Folden. The motion passed with voice vote with Commissioners Folden, Martin and Chairman Morgenstern all voting "aye."

On the approval of the regular meeting minutes of March 5, 2026, Commissioner Folden moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Martin. The motion passed with Commissioners Folden, Martin and Chairman Morgenstern voting "aye" by voice vote.

Chairman Morgenstern asked to receive public comments. Mr. & Mrs. Mike Griffin presented their issues with the industrial noice created by a ventilating fan at Knight Hawk Coal. Since the fan was installed on January 12, 2025, Mr. & Mrs. Griffin have had no peace at their home at 4419 New Church Road. In May of 2025 modifications were made to the fan to attempt to make the noise level more acceptable. However, it did little, if anything, to improve Mr. & Mrs. Griffin's situation. The noise makes it impossible for them to have their windows open on nice days, or to enjoy sitting or entertaining in their yard. 35 nights out of 67 they have had to use a back bedroom and cannot sleep in their own bedroom due to the noise. This amounts to roughly 2/3 of the time that they cannot use their own bedroom. Mr. & Mrs. Griffin indicate that this noise has affected the value of their home. The Griffins have resided in their home for 25 years and for the last 14 months the noise has rendered life unbearable. They have consulted with the Health Department, the Zoning Administrator, and the Sheriff. No one is able to help them. The Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals said that there is nothing they can do to help.

Chairman Morgenstern indicated to Mr. & Mrs. Griffin that the matter is on the agenda to be discussed at the Zoning Board Meeting on April 1. County Clerk Bob Kelly indicated that he

would speak to Mr. Carter at Knight Hawk about the matter again.

No one else in the gallery requested to be recognized.

Chairman Morgenstern proceeded with the agenda, and began with approval of a Raffle License for St. Paul UCC under #2026-RL09. Commissioner Martin moved to approve awarding the license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Folden. Roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Folden and Martin and Chairman Morgenstern all voting "aye."

Commissioner Martin moved to approve Resolution #2026-R52 to appoint Sandy Meacham to the Perry County Housing Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Folden. Roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Folden and Martin and Chairman Morgenstern all voting "aye."

Commissioner Folden moved to approve Resolution #2026-R53 to appoint Allison Simms to the 708 Mental Health Board to complete the unexpired term created by the resignation of Mike Wilson. Commissioner Martin seconded by motion. Roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Folden and Martin and Chairman Morgenstern all voting "aye." Chairman Morgenstern and the Commissioners took this opportunity to thank Mike Wilson for his many years of dedicated service on the 708 Mental Health Board.

The County of Perry, as trustee for the taxing districts therein has undertaken a program to collect delinquent taxes and to perfect titles to real property in cases in which the taxes on such real property have not been paid, pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/21-90, and pursuant to this program, the County of Perry, as trustee for the taxing districts therein, has acquired an interest in the following described real estate: PPN 2-61-1890-020, T6-R1 Township. Commissioner Martin moved to approve Resolution #2026-R54 resolving to convey said parcel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Folden. Roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Folden and Martin and Chairman Morgenstern all voting "aye."

County Superintendent of Highways Brian Otten advised that the County has always pursued a policy of trying to reduce the number of rock roads in the county and to pave as many as possible. A year ago the State indicated that it had $400,000,000.00 to spend on shovel ready projects in economically disadvantaged areas. Mr. Otten submitted a proposal asking for funding for Perry County. IDOT approved $5,000,000.00 which will cover 33 miles of road in Perry County. This was the largest award in District 9. It is a 100% grant. Mr. Otten requested that the Board approve the Joint Agreement with IDOT for the Local Project Funding Project under Resolution #2026-R55. Commissioner Martin moved to approve Resolution #2026-R55. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Folden. Roll call vote was

taken with Commissioners Folden and Martin and Chairman Morgenstern all voting "aye."

County Superintendent of Highways Brian Otten then presented Resolution #2026-R56 to award the Soil Cement Project to Byrne and Jones Construction, which is to carry out the above mentioned paving project. Commissioner Folden moved to approve Resolution #2026-R56. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Folden and Martin and Chairman Morgenstern all voting "aye."

Mr. Mike Schmitz gave the monthly animal control report. During the past month, the animal control shelter took in sixteen dogs and three cats. Three dogs were returned to owner, four went to rescue, one went to foster care, five were adopted and one was euthanized. Two cats went to rescue, two went to foster and one kitten died in the shelter. Chairman Morgenstern thanked Mr. Schmitz for his report.

Chairman Morgenstern requested a motion to approve the warrant for payment of bills. Commissioner Martin moved to approve the warrant, seconded by Commissioner Folden. Roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Folden, Martin and Chairman Morgenstern voting "aye".

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Martin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Folden. Chairman Morgenstern called for a voice vote on the motion to adjourn, with all present voting "aye". Chairman Morgenstern gaveled the meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron A. Atkins

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Chairman Morgenstern

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Commissioner Folden

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Commissioner Martin