Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the Perry County Board of Commissioners, Perry County, Illinois, held on the 2nd day of July, A.D. 2026, in the Pinckneyville County Government Building, Pinckneyville, Illinois.

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

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

Chairman Morgenstern took up the matter of the approval of the agenda. Chairman Morgenstern asked of those present in the gallery who was requesting to address the Board. Commissioner Folden asked to be recognized regarding solar farms. Chairman Morgenstern moved to approve the agenda, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Folden. The motion passed with voice vote with Commissioner Folden and Chairman Morgenstern both voting "aye."

On the approval of the regular meeting minutes of June 18, 2026, Commissioner Folden moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2026, seconded by Chairman Morgenstern. The motion passed with Commissioner Folden and Chairman Morgenstern voting "aye" by voice vote.

Under Public Comment, there was none.

Under Resolutions, Chairman Morgenstern moved to approve Raffle License #2026-RL12 for Delta Theta Tau Sorority to sponsor Addison and Allison Leonard's Band & Choir trip to Europe. The sorority is planning to raffle a firearm. Commissioner Folden seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner Folden and Chairman Morgenstern both voting "aye" by roll call vote.

Commissioner Folden moved to approve Raffle License #2026-RL13 for the Fraternal Order of Eagles 2522. This is an annual renewal license for a monthly raffle. Chairman Morgenstern seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner Folden and Chairman Morgenstern voting "aye" by roll call vote.

Commissioner Folden moved to approve Raffle License #2026-RL14 for the American Thresherman's Association. This is an annual renewal license. Chairman Morgenstern seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner Folden and Chairman Morgenstern voting "aye" by roll call vote.

Commissioner Folden moved to approve Resolution #2026-R84 to

pay for remainder of building renovation from contingency fund. This resolution is providing for the payment of $97,905.73 from the contingency fund. The entire renovation cost was $1,945,042.41. The funds for the repair of the elevator are coming from the tort fund. Chairman Morgenstern seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner Folden and Chairman Morgenstern voting "aye" by roll call vote.

Under Discussion, Commissioner Folden presented a detailed breakdown on projected income from solar farms. He cautioned that the County should not grow too reliant upon the income generated from the solar fields, as the revenue will decline as the solar fields age. But, in the short term, the revenue received from the solar fields will provide some tax relief over time. Mr. Pete Spitler of the *Weekly Press*, asked if there was any update on the County's solar project on the highway. Chairman Morgenstern indicated that the company is bringing in investors. He fully expects the field to be built. The company will have seven years of ownership before the revenue stream shifts to the County, thus providing the County with income for between seven to ten years.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Folden, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Morgenstern. A voice vote on the motion to adjourn was conducted, with both those present voting "aye". Chairman Morgenstern gaveled the meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron A. Atkins

Chairman Morgenstern

Commissioner Folden

Commissioner Martin