

PERRY CITY AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE MEETING
PERRY CITY OFFICES
May 19, 2026

4:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shanna Johnson, Bob Barnhill, Jolene Eddington, Tyra Bischoff, Anita Nicholas, Stacy Thompson, Kim Barnard, Jay Barnard, Ken Bunce, Sherrie Kimber, Thomas Kimber, Ryan Jackson and Misty Moesser

ITEM 1: Welcome & Call to Order

Shanna Johnson welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2: Procedural Issues

A. Conflicts of Interest Declaration(s), If Any

None.

ITEM 3: Celebrating 250 Years

Event Updates

Schedule: The committee reviewed a draft event schedule covering the full Fourth of July week.

National Anthem / Flag Ceremony at Parade: The committee discussed coordination with Aspire regarding student performers for the National Anthem at the parade and the logistics of stopping the parade for the performance, referencing past successes and failures. A large portable speaker with a wireless microphone, to be positioned at street level near the audience, was proposed as the sound solution. The committee also sought Boy Scout participation for the flag ceremony, and Angie Cefalo indicated she could connect with a local Scout troop through a family contact.

Movie Screen / Box Truck: A privately owned box truck was offered by Jay and Kim Barnard as a projection surface for the Movie in the Park, eliminating the need to rent equipment. The committee expressed strong support for this arrangement.

Perry Community Walks: Angie Cefalo provided a brief update on the Perry Community Walk series. The first scheduled walk had been canceled, and upcoming walks were being advertised on social media. The committee briefly discussed aligning a future walk with the June 13 grand opening of a new trail and mountain bike trail.

Sponsor Updates

The committee briefly discussed drone show sponsorships. It was noted that the initial sponsorship asking price had been set too high and had attracted no interest. The committee agreed to reduce the price to encourage local business participation. Sponsors would have their logo or name incorporated into the drone show display.

Budget:

No formal budget report was presented. Budget-related items were addressed incidentally throughout the event planning discussion, including cost considerations for the box truck, DJ services, photo booth, t-shirts, and drone show sponsorships.

Task Review & Assignments

The committee reviewed several event assignments and follow-up items.

Hamburger Stand: Sherry and Thomas Kimber volunteered to run the hamburger stand. Questions were answered regarding past years. Zach Allen was identified as the city contact for power, water, and equipment needs.

Car Show: The event will be held at the event center, with vehicles placed toward the back to improve space and traffic flow. Additional signage will help direct attendees. Ken Bunce will work with TNT for trophies and dash plaques, and the event flyer is ready to be shared online and in print. Award categories will include favorites such as Best Car, Best Truck, Best Motorcycle, Mayor's Choice, and Best in Show. T-shirts will also be ordered for participants. The committee also discussed food options, including inviting food trucks or offering pizza by the slice.

Entertainment and Activities: A photo booth is being researched and would likely be placed near the t-shirt sales table. The committee also agreed to offer one children's craft this year.

Softball: Ryan Jackson reported field maintenance needs, including securing loose bases and checking the scoreboard. Additional softballs will be purchased. He is also exploring added activities such as a Friday Home Run Derby and a Saturday Kids' Kickball Game, with more details to come.

Additional updates included leaving decorative bunting in place at the softball field, reminders that America 250 t-shirt orders are due by June 11, and confirmation that Fourth of July event details will be included in the June city newsletter, with final content due early next week. Ryan Jackson plans to submit the softball schedule in time for publication.

Community Awards

The committee discussed the Community Awards to be presented at the July 1 dinner. An online nomination form is already built but needs to be activated on the city website. The committee agreed to publicize nominations immediately and set a deadline of the June 11 City Council meeting, at which the nominees could be presented. Committee members were encouraged to solicit nominations from the community.

ITEM 4: Minutes Approval

This item was tabled. Minutes for the previous meetings will be moved to the next meeting.

ITEM 5: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59PM.