

PERRY CITY AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE MEETING
PERRY CITY OFFICES
June 9, 2026

4:03PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shanna Johnson, Bob Barnhill, Jolene Eddington, Tyra Bischoff, Anita Nicholas, Stacy Thompson, Ryan Jackson, Carrie Hansen, Angie Cefalo, Zach Allen, Destry Roskelley, Toby Wright, Brittney Zieseniss, Scott Hancey, Tesla Hancey 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

Softball & Sports Events

Shanna Johnson informed the committee that only two teams had signed up for the softball tournament as of the meeting date. Members were encouraged to recruit additional teams. Ryan Jackson confirmed a third team was in the process of signing up. It was noted that the t-shirt order deadline was Thursday for any teams wanting to sign up. A home run derby was also confirmed as an additional event, scheduled from 8:00 PM to 8:45 PM on July 3rd. Safety measures for spectators during the home run derby were discussed, including the use of caution tape and extra cones to keep attendees safe.

It was reported that a new temporary fence had been installed at the softball field.. Additional sand had been purchased to fill and grade the field. The scoreboard was confirmed to be operational.

For kickball, two age divisions were confirmed: 7–12 year olds at 9:00 AM and 13–17 year olds at 9:45 AM on the 4th. Registrations were still low but expected to increase closer to the event.

July 1st – Awards Dinner & Flag Dedication

The committee reviewed preparations for the awards dinner, flagpole dedication, and time capsule event, all scheduled for July 1st. Catering from Iron Gate has been reserved, invitations drafted, and plaques ordered pending the names of award recipients. A test run of the flagpole was recommended before the event. It was noted that the light fixture from Colonial Flag had not yet been received, and a follow-up with the vendor was assigned.

The time capsule has been ordered and is approximately two feet long with a 3.9-inch opening. Discussion was held regarding whether to bury the capsule or display it on a shelf at City Hall. A

suggestion was made to contact a monument company to create a marker if the capsule is buried, so its location would not be forgotten. Proposed contents include the July 4th schedule, current city budget, organizational chart, challenge coins, and items reflecting current community topics. Citizens will be invited to bring additional small items. The event is scheduled for 7:00 PM, with soft serve ice cream to be served.

Challenge coins have been ordered for former mayors attending the America 250 events, and one coin will be placed inside the time capsule.

July 2nd – Baby Contest & Uncle Sam

Nine contestants have registered so far: one Uncle Sam, five Miss Liberties, and three babies. Tyra Bischoff and Misty Moesser are leading this event, with Anna Ostler assisting.

July 2nd – Movie in the Park

The movie license has been paid. A 22-foot screen was obtained. It was confirmed that Braxton Niebergall would provide the projector and handle sound. Popcorn was ordered for approximately 200 people. Glow sticks and tablecloths still need to be purchased. The committee discussed securing the screen to the truck using rope and tie-downs.

July 3rd – Theater Show

“Song and Dance man”, put on by Aspire Performance Academy is scheduled at the church across the street from the park at 7:00 PM and will run approximately 30 minutes. Setup access to the church is available at 6:00 PM. Carrie Hansen emailed the advertisement flyer to Shanna to be posted on social media.

July 3rd – Deadlifts & Donuts

The deadlift competition is scheduled at 6:00 PM and the donut eating contest at 7:30 PM. Signups for the deadlift have been strong, while donut contest participation remains low. Brittney Zieseniss noted that two reusable banners would be ordered — one for deadlifts and one for donuts.

July 4th – Full Day Schedule

The committee reviewed the full schedule for Independence Day. Key events include:

- **6:45 AM** – Scout troop flag ceremony at Perry Park (7:00 AM raise)
- **6:30–7:00 AM** – 5K/Fun Run Registration; 7:15 AM start confirmed
- **7:00 AM**- Flag Ceremony
- **7:00-10:00 AM**- First Responder Breakfast
- **11:00 AM** – Parade
- **12:00 PM** – Kids' games, bounce house, food trucks, Aspire games, car show, and other activities begin

A scout troop (Troop 589) was confirmed for the morning flag ceremony on the 4th. Angie Cefalo is coordinating and will confirm their participation at both the July 1st flag dedication and the July 4th morning ceremony.

Parade

Brittney Zieseniss reported that parade preparations are well underway. Steve from the Honor Guard has confirmed attendance. Eric, who announced last year, will return with a wireless microphone. "One Group of 8" will perform the national anthem during the parade, stepping out after the Honor Guard stops. Coordination between Eric and Luke regarding the sound system was discussed; it was confirmed they would coordinate directly with one another.

A check-in table staffed by a volunteer will be used to distribute parade numbers, with corresponding numbered cones marking each participant's designated position in the lineup. Craig will return with a monster truck.

Food Trucks

Food truck logistics were discussed at length. Confirmed vendors include Trino's Tacos, Southern High Barbecue, Miranda's Empanadas, and potentially the World's Greatest Corn Dogs. Perry Ice was also expected to attend. It was agreed that food truck parking areas need to be more clearly delineated using barricades, cones, and labeled signage to prevent congestion, particularly around the north parking strip. The committee agreed to block off that road section and clearly mark food truck parking.

5K & Walk 250

It was noted that outreach to race coordinator Andrew was needed regarding bibs, trophies, and ribbons. The committee discussed ordering between 50 and 75 ribbons for the Walk 250 participants, pending clarity on how many 5K registrants are also participating in the walk.

Aspire Games / Kids' Activities

Carrie confirmed that kids' games and Aspire activities would begin after the parade, with setup available before the parade. The committee discussed ticket pricing for Aspire games and agreed to maintain a structure of approximately one dollar per punch, with discounted multi-punch passes available for purchase the week prior. Face painting was noted as potentially being reduced to one ticket rather than two, as last year's pricing felt unnecessary.

Photo Booth

It was reported that professional photo booth rentals were cost-prohibitive, with the least expensive option at \$269. The committee agreed instead to repurpose supplies from a previous photo booth and set them up near the Liberty Bell for self-service photos.

Prizes

For kickball, the winning team will receive movie theater candy and Perry Ice coupons. The home run derby winner will receive a Perry City America 250 t-shirt and a certificate designating them as Home Run Derby Champion.

Sponsor Updates

No businesses had yet sponsored the drone show. The committee discussed offering sponsorship opportunities at a more accessible donation level to encourage participation. The committee expressed interest in pursuing additional drone show sponsors and agreed to develop a tiered offering.

Task Review & Assignments

The following action items and assignments were identified throughout the meeting:

- **Softball/Kickball:** Ryan Jackson to finalize team registrations by Thursday for t-shirt order.
- **Colonial Flag vendor:** Follow up needed to obtain outstanding light fixture for flagpole.
- **Theater Show ad:** To be emailed and posted to social media by the following day.
- **Time capsule:** Monument company to be contacted regarding a possible buried marker.
- **Movie screen/truck:** Verify truck availability; arrange rope/tie-downs for screen setup.
- **Raffle prizes:** Continue outreach to Walmart manager Kyle.
- **5K coordinator Andrew:** Follow up on bibs, trophies, and Walk 250 ribbon quantity.
- **Food truck parking:** Zach to coordinate barricades and signage for designated food truck parking area.
- **Parade sound:** Eric and Luke to coordinate directly on sound system setup.
- **Scout Troop 589:** Angie to confirm attendance for both July 1st and July 4th flag ceremonies.
- **Drone show sponsorship:** Committee to develop and circulate a revised, accessible sponsorship offering.

Community Awards

The committee reviewed current nominations for the Community Awards to be presented at the July 1st awards dinner. A community survey is to be published by June 11th, with selections finalized by Monday, June 15th, to allow time for winner notification and RSVP confirmation ahead of the Iron Gate dinner.

Grand Marshal nominees discussed included Reese and Jana Nelson, Paul and Mary Nelson, and Reese and Carol Quayle.

Citizen of the Year has one nominee: Jolene Eddington, a former city clerk and treasurer with 35 years of service to Perry City. She was praised for her longstanding community volunteerism, including ongoing support of the 4th of July celebration since the 1980s, her involvement with the awards dinner, and her participation in various city and community activities. The committee encouraged additional nominations.

Business nominees include Heritage Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, recognized for their family-owned operation, community contribution, and sales tax revenue, and Pronghorn Bicycles, recognized for their support of the Mountain View Bike Park.

Boyd K. White Award: Jerry Capener was suggested as a strong nominee. Bob Barnhill agreed to submit a formal nomination form with supporting details.

Mayor's Award: The Mayor will select this recipient independently. Paula Smith, who recently concluded her leadership of the CERT team, was mentioned as a potential suggestion for the Mayor's consideration.

ITEM 4: Minutes Approval

- **March 10, 2026 Committee Meeting**
- **April 16, 2026 Committee Meeting**
- **May 18, 2026 Committee Meeting**

MOTION: Stacy Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from previous meetings. Tyra Bischoff seconded.

All committee members were in favor.

ITEM 5: Adjournment

MOTION: Zach Allen made a motion to adjourn. All Committee members were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59PM.