

## PCARC Meeting Minutes November 12th, 2025

### Opening

A meeting of the Perry County Amateur Radio Club was held on this date at the Duncannon EMS building. The meeting was called to order at 1905 by Matt Morrison.

- Members Present
  - Matt Morrison, KB3PSN
  - John (JD) Denchak, N3JJD
  - Kurt Hepschmidt, K3HEP
  - Sam Garula, KB3DNZ
  - Rich Luxbacher, WA3ENQ

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. JD made a motion to accept the minutes and Kurt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### Reports

The treasurers report was read. A disbursement was made in the amount of \$245.46 to cover website hosting fees for the next year.

### Old Business

- EMA Update
  - The GoFundMe is live for county equipment fundraising
  - No new updates from the county 911 center. Matt reports he has not heard back in response to his questions for CommPros. Kurt reports that he was informed Matt can call CommPros directly to ask technical questions and clarify what equipment could possibly be mounted on county towers.
  - An emergency exercise is in the planning stages from the American Red Cross. The exercise will take place in May 2026. Matt was contacted by the county to notify of this upcoming opportunity and request club participation. Further details will be sent when available.
- ARES Team
  - No new changes. Continue to work on trainings. A county EC is still needed before a team can officially be started.
- VE Team
  - Matt reports that 2026 test dates were due to be posted to the Laurel website. Dates were selected (one per quarter) and posted to the Laurel page. The dates are as follows - Feb 8, 2026 / May 17, 2026 / Aug 16, 2026 / Nov 22, 2026. All test days are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.
- Winter Field Day

- Will be held at Marks house in Shermans Dale on Jan 24-25th. Matt has the logging software but will not be available during the majority of the event. He will coordinate with Mark to get the logging software to the site. Members are asked to bring a side dish, drink, or snack to share.
- GMRS Activities
  - At the previous meeting, Matt had suggested reaching out to GMRS licensees in the area to increase club roster and engage the GMRS community in our emergency communications goals. After brief discussion, it was decided that Matt would design a postcard to send to the active licensees within the county after the holidays. He will bring the designs to the December meeting for approval before printing.

### **New Business**

- Fundraising
  - JD suggested the club investigate various fundraising options to help meet our goals at the county. One possible option is sub sales through R&K Subs at a net profit of \$2.75 to the club for each sub sold.

### **Open Discussion**

- The suggestion was made to reach out to local papers to post a press release about the county equipment fundraising. Gloria Miller has been sending club announcements to the local papers, Sam stated he could provide a press release for Tom and Gloria to submit in the papers.
- NE3H is a SK. His estate list has been circulating. Sam reports that there is a tower with antennas at his house, free for the taking provided the recipient coordinates removal and transportation of the tower at their own expense.

### **Adjournment**

Kurt made the motion to adjourn. JD seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1953.

Following the meeting, a presentation on the Meshtastic system and the Susquehanna Valley Mesh was provided by a guest speaker. The presentation was recorded with the presenter's permission and posted to the club website.