

Cameras included in city's five-year capital plan

FLOCK CAMERAS

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who was absent – asked if anyone wished to speak on the issue.

“We had hoped to have a representative here to give a presentation, but we don’t have one, and the chief (Cruse) is not here,” Landry said. “Do we have anybody in the audience that wants to speak about the Flock camera system?”

Just as Landry prepared to move on to the next item on the agenda, Councilman Bill Brynes spoke up, stating, “I’ve got a question. These cameras are already up around and about. Who authorized that? That should be a decision of the city council.”

“We have not bought them. They are just up,” Landry replied.

“That’s not the question. If someone is going to take away the responsibility of this council and run it their way, they don’t need us, and we don’t need them,” Brynes stated.

“I totally agree,” Councilwoman Venita Woodfaulk commented.

“That was the reason I brought it to the council,” Councilwoman Shirlye Hampton said. “Because it’s on the five-year plan (capital improvements plan). Who authorized it?”

“John, do you want to speak to that?” Landry asked.

When Hart did not respond, Landry continued by stating, “I certainly don’t have any answer for that. It is something they wanted to try out. It’s not a done deal, even though the cameras are up. I don’t even know if they’re working yet or not.”

City Attorney Hope Demps stated she thought the Flock license plate readers “are working, because he (Cruse) said that it actually was instrumental in the return of someone (missing) recently.”

“I think what Councilman Brynes’ problem is, who gave permission?” Woodfaulk stated.

“It should have come before the council,” Hampton added.

“The real question is, how many other tasks are employees -- including John -- doing without the council’s knowledge or permission?” Brynes asked.

“I don’t have an answer,” Landry said. “We will pass on that, and we’ll look at it, hopefully, at the next

meeting.”

The Flock camera issue came up again later in the meeting, as the council discussed Hart’s proposed Five-Year “Capital Improvement Program (CIP).”

“There’s been no changes (in the CIP) since the last meeting, Hart said.

“I still have a question,” Hampton said. “Why do we have \$61,000 for Flock cameras (in the five-year plan)? It is like we already paid for them. I don’t understand what’s going on, John.”

When Hart did not offer a response, Hampton continued to ask, “So, have we paid for this?”

“We haven’t paid anything. That is on the capital improvement plan, but to the best of my knowledge we have not paid anything for Flock cameras,” Hart stated.

“I might be wrong, but I thought when we discussed these cameras, they were only for around the schools,” Brynes said.

Hart explained that the school zone cameras were “speed cameras, not license plate readers,” adding, “These are two different programs.”

“He (Brynes) is correct,” Woodfaulk stated. “When we discussed cameras, it was never anything about a Flock camera. It was always the school system (speed) cameras.”

“At the next meeting, John, maybe you can explain to us what is going on and why it was not brought before the council,” Hampton suggested.

“We don’t need to take any action on this five-year plan tonight, so we will await and hear what John can tell us next meeting,” Landry concluded.

The Perry City Council is the latest in a long line of cities and counties across the country weighing the pros and cons of the use of automatic license plate reader (LPR) cameras – similar to more than a dozen being installed locally on a trial basis with Flock Safety.

At the city council’s previous April 28 meeting, PPD Chief Jamie Cruse answered questions posed by Hampton and local residents about the city’s use of the emerging technology that proponents say will help police solve crimes faster, while critics argue it will widen surveillance and

raise privacy concerns.

According to Cruse, the city has nine LPR cameras installed and operational. They are located at:

- Hwy. 221 (Jefferson St) at the city limits. (checks northbound and southbound lanes and counts as two cameras).
- Hwy. 27 East at Plantation Rd (checks eastbound lanes).
- Hwy 19 at Jackson Rd. (checks southbound lanes).

- Jefferson St at Madison St. (checks the Walmart entrance only, into the parking lot, at the traffic signal).
- Byron Butler Hwy. at Hampton Springs (checks westbound Hampton Springs).
- Byron Butler Hwy. at Hampton Springs (checks southbound Byron Butler).
- Byron Butler Hwy. at Hampton Springs (checks northbound Byron Butler).
- Byron Butler Hwy. at Hampton Springs (checks eastbound Hampton Springs).

There are another six inactive cameras that are currently either in permitting or planning stages:

- Hwy. 98 at O’Steen Road (2 cameras in one, checking eastbound and westbound lanes).
- Hwy. 98 at Oakland Drive (checks northbound lanes).
- Hwy. 19 at Slaughter Road (checks southbound lanes).
- Hwy. 19 at Grubbs Road (checks northbound lanes).
- Hwy. 27 near Connell Road (checks westbound lanes).

According to Cruse, the city also currently has five cameras installed -- but not yet operational, as they await power hook-up -- at local city-owned parks. The park cameras will not have LPR capabilities.

The Taylor County Sheriff’s Office (TCSO) has one operational LPR on the Beach Road near Deadmans Curve and has been approved for six more permanently based LPRs, as well as two portable units with “speed read-outs,” according to Undersheriff Marty Tompkins.

“We do not currently have a contract in place to continue, purchase or initiate a program with Flock, other than the trial we will start once all of the systems are operational,” Cruse told Perry Newspapers last

month. “Additionally, there are other vendors offering comparable systems with similar capabilities. If another vendor can provide a solution that is equal to or more capable than the Flock

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City Manager John Hart and Perry Police Department (PPD) Chief Jamie Cruse provided some additional information to consider in support of a trial program that includes 15 automatic license plate reader (LPR) cameras on major highways in and around the City of Perry.

“It’s important to recognize what these tools provide,” Hart said Monday. “For approximately \$60,000 a year — roughly half the cost of an officer’s salary and benefits package — these cameras operate 24 hours a day, helping law enforcement identify stolen vehicles, locate missing persons and track individuals involved in serious crimes.”

“This is not a finalized program. It is a trial so the council and the public can evaluate the effectiveness before making a policy decision,” Hart added.

“If we signal that Perry is not willing to utilize available tools that neighboring jurisdictions are already using, we risk

cameras currently being installed, we may consider pursuing a partnership with them.”

“There has been no payment made for the cameras. If we decide to

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creating gaps that criminals can exploit. Our goal is to ensure Perry is not a pass-through or target area, but a community that uses every reasonable and lawful tool to protect its residents,” Hart said.

“Any permanent implementation would include clear policies governing use, data access and privacy protections, all subject to council approval,” Hart told Perry Newspapers.

Contacted after the city’s recent May 12 meeting, Cruse highlighted a pair of recent cases in which Flock Safety cameras were utilized and helped achieve a positive result:

- On May 7, 2026 (Case #PPD26OFF003962) there was a reported burglary at The Grove Apartments. A vehicle description was obtained from a security camera. “We used the Flock system to get a vehicle tag and last location,” which led an officer to locate the vehicle at Walmart,” Cruse said. Units located the suspect, Nicolas

Whitaker, who had three out-of-county warrants, and the stolen property was located in his vehicle. The vehicle was impounded and a search warrant was obtained. Whitaker had committed other burglaries, which were later reported. Utilizing Flock cameras, the suspect vehicle and the suspect were located within an hour, and an arrest was made with recovery of stolen property,” Cruse added.

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On May 13, 2026 (CAD EVENT – PPD26CAD004434) PPD received a call regarding a missing elderly male from Jefferson County, possibly heading into our jurisdiction. The tag information was flagged in the Flock system and confirmed the vehicle was southbound on US Hwy. 19 into Perry. Officers encompassed the area and located the estranged subject in the Save-a-Lot parking lot, successfully using the Flock Safety system to negate a future “Silver Alert,” Cruse said.

City gathering information

ARREST

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Johnson was charged with one count of battery (domestic violence) and transported to the Taylor County Jail.

Because the victim alleged Johnson made a threat to take his own life at some point during the altercation, the deputy initiated Baker Act paperwork.

According to City Manager John Hart, city officials are still gathering

information as they conduct an investigation into the incident.

Johnson began working for the city in November 2021 as a Utility Mechanic I in the Gas Department and was promoted to Utility Mechanic II in December of 2022.

One year later, in November 2023, Johnson was promoted again, filling the vacant City Gas Department Superintendent position, overseeing the city’s gas department, parks and city garage.

“His strong work ethic and dedication to the city were among the many reasons he deserved this latest promotion to gas superintendent,” Hart said in 2023.

Johnson has also received praise for restoring city parks to pre-hurricane conditions and led an extensive natural gas expansion program running new gas lines for emergency generators and other gas appliances over the past several years.

PPD: ‘Your assistance is vital’

VANDALISM

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unusual noises or have home security/Ring doorbell footage on Saturday night/Sunday

morning, please check your recordings and contact us,” Perry Police Department (PPD) Capt. Lin Gray said.

The PPD Criminal Investigation Division may be reached by

calling (850)584-5121 or information can be e-mailed to: investigations@perrypolice.net.

“Your assistance is vital in keeping our community safe,” Gray said.

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- Coordinate the Pre-construction conference with the project architect and/or engineer
- Review contractor package for grant information completion
- Insure “Notice to Proceed” is issued to the contractor
- Conduct required Employee Interviews
- Review and approve contractor payroll requests along with the architect and/or engineer
- Review and recommend approval of all change orders as they relate to State contract compliance

To ensure compliance with 2 CFR 200.320 proposers for the RFP are **to include pricing within the submittals.** Once the Taylor County BOCC’s ranking committee establishes the most qualified individual or firm, the Taylor County BOCC will negotiate the price and profit with the selected individual or firm. All records shall be maintained in accordance with state and federal CDBG requirements. To maximize competition, the Taylor County BOCC is advertising this RFP in the Tallahassee Democrat, a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) newspaper, the and will also be emailed to the County’s Minority and Women Business Enterprise list as updated from the Florida Office of Supplier Diversity. The solicitation will also be posted on the County’s website at www.taylorcountygov.com. The entire Request For Proposal Package may be obtained by contacting LaWanda Pemberton, County Administrator at LPemberton@taylorcountygov.com, or Melody Cox at Melody.cox@taylorcountygov.com. The Request for Proposal Package is also posted on the County’s website at www.taylorcountygov.com.

SUBMITTAL PARAMETERS AND DISQUALIFICATION

Proposals will be publicly opened on Monday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 or as soon thereafter at a regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners

meeting. Proposers shall submit one (1) signed original and three (3) complete copies of the package. All submissions shall be sealed, and clearly marked with the “CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT Grant Administration Project” and delivered to the Clerk of Courts, 1st Floor Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Perry, Florida 32347 no later than Friday, June 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. The Respondent’s name and mailing address MUST be clearly marked on the outside of the proposal envelope. Proposals must be clear, concise, and specific. To facilitate effective evaluation by the County, proposals shall be limited to 70 pages, excluding sectional dividers, and front and back covers. Proposals which exceed this length will be considered non-responsive and will not be evaluated. Proposals are due and must be received by the due date outlined in this RFP. Responses/qualifications proposals received later than the date and time specified will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered. The Taylor County BOCC will not be responsible for the late delivery of any proposals that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, or any other type of delivery service. Responses/qualifications proposals must be signed by an individual of the respondent’s organization legally authorized to commit the respondent’s organization to the performance of the product(s) and/or service(s) contemplated by this document. The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all qualifications proposals or any parts thereof; and the award; if an award is made, will be made to the most responsible firm with the best qualifications proposal whose proposal and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of Taylor County and reserves the right to waive

irregularities in the RFP responses.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2025-CA-000196

STOCKTON MORTGAGE CORPORATION, vs. Plaintiff, ALEXANDREA J. PARROTT, et al, Defendants,

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Order to Cancel Foreclosure Sale entered on May 12, 2026, and Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 26, 2026, in Case No. 2025-CA-000196 of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Taylor County, Florida, wherein STOCKTON MORTGAGE CORPORATION, is Plaintiff, and ALEXANDREA J. PARROTT is Defendant, the Office of Gary Knowles, Taylor County Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 11:00 A.M., at the EAST DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 108 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET, PERRY in TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA 32347, on the 23rd day of July, 2026, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: COMMENCE AT THE SE CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST AND RUN NORTH 280 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POB RUN WEST 323 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY 449 FEET TO STATE ROAD 5-A; THENCE RUN SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID R/W LINE 151 FEET TO THE FORTY LINE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 377 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING LESS AND EXCEPT ALL ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY. THE ABOVE PROPERTY BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE

SE CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE RUN N 0°46’04” E ALONG THE FORTY ACRE LINE 294.90 FEET; THENCE RUN N 89°43’47” W 34.0 FEET TO THE WEST R/W LINE OF DORMAN PEACOCK ROAD FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N 89°43’47” W 303.64 FEET; THENCE RUN N 30°10’39” E 393.54 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY R/W LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 27; THENCE RUN S 59°07’30” E ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE OF U.S. #27, 123.77 FEET TO THE WESTERLY R/W LINE OF DORMAN PEACOCK ROAD; THENCE RUN S 0°05’13” W ALONG SAID WESTERLY R/W LINE OF DORMAN PEACOCK ROAD 278.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Also known as: 2419 S Dorman Peacock Rd., Perry, FL 32348 together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.2.065.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR AT 108 N. JEFFERSON STREET, 1ST FLOOR, PERRY, FL 32347, PHONE NO. (850)758-2163 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OR PLEADING; IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-995-8770 (V) (VIA FLORIDA RELAY

SERVICES).

Dated: May 14, 2026

GARY KNOWLES

Clerk of Court, Taylor County

By: Kathryn Lago

Deputy Clerk of Court

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that Linda Wicker, owner(s), desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Bay Breeze Realty, intends to register said name in Taylor County with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, pursuant to the fictitious name statute (Chapter 20953 or Section 865.09). Upon receipt of proof of publication of this notice, I/we expect to engage in business at our address: 112 1st Ave. SW, Steinhatchee, Fla., 32359. The extent of ownership is: Linda Wicker(owner) (100%).

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice

is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the fictitious name statute, Chapter 20953 or Section 865.09, Florida of State, Corporation Division, Tallahassee, Florida, upon receipt of proof of publication of this notice the fictitious name, to-wit: ELITE 9 SERVICES under which we will engage in business. We expect to engage in business in Perry, Florida and our address is: 245 Will Clark Road, Perry, FL 32347. The extent of ownership is Ray D. Johns, Jr. and Lydia Johns 100%.

NOTICE OF SURRENDERED VEHICLE

Pursuant to Florida law, notice is hereby given that the following vehicle has been surrendered and remains unclaimed: 2017 Chevrolet Sonic, VIN #1G1JF55B7H4136184.

NOTICE OF SURRENDERED VEHICLE

Pursuant to Florida law, notice is hereby given that the following vehicle has been surrendered and remains unclaimed: 2004 Chevrolet Malibu, VIN #1G1ZT54894F201273. Unless claimed by the owner and all lienholders within 35 days after publication of this notice, the vehicle will be disposed of pursuant to Chapter 713, Florida Statutes. Contact: Key Chevrolet of Perry.

NOTICE OF SURRENDERED VEHICLE

Pursuant to Florida law, notice is hereby given that the following vehicle has been surrendered and remains unclaimed: 2014 Chevrolet Express Van, VIN #1GAWGRFG8E1164640. Unless claimed by the owner and all lienholders within 35 days after publication of this notice, the vehicle will be disposed of pursuant to Chapter 713, Florida Statutes. Contact: Key Chevrolet of Perry.

NOTICE OF SURRENDERED VEHICLE

Pursuant to Florida law, notice is hereby given that the following vehicle has been surrendered and remains unclaimed: 2005 Cadillac STX, VIN #1GYE637450124096. Unless claimed by the owner and all lienholders within 35 days after publication of this notice, the vehicle will be disposed of pursuant to Chapter 713, Florida Statutes. Contact: Key Chevrolet of Perry.

LEGALS