

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**SPECIAL SESSION**  
**FEBRUARY 13, 2023**  
**1:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

COMMISSIONERS:	Thomas Helmer, President David Berry, Vice President
COUNCIL:	Phil Gick
ATTORNEY:	James Ensley
AUDITOR:	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	28 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on February 13, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Tom Helmer opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

**TOWN OF CLOVERDALE**

Jason Hartman came to the meeting to request \$109,350.38 from the 2023 EDIT plan. INDOT is widening 231 by County Road 800 S. There is a utility conflict. The water main relocation will be a large expense. INDOT is paying 90% of the project but the other 10% is what they are asking for the county to pay. Kristin Clary said this would help in the county match they need to do for the READI grant. INDOT is needing an answer by this Wednesday on funding.

Helmer made the motion to look at using the EDIT funds this year to help pay for this project. This is not approving the EDIT plan itself. Berry seconded. The motion passed. Ensley would work with Hartman on commitment letter after the plan is approved.

**OPIOID GRANT FUNDS**

Helmer said this was tabled from their last meeting. It had been discussed about creating a committee. After some discussion it was decided: a Commissioner, a County Council member, Sheriff, representative from Health department, Karen Martoglio with Mental Health Association, a representative from P.I.E. Coalition and a school principal would serve as the committee to give a recommendation to the Commissioners.

Auditor Berish said the county received on December 9, 2022 in fund 1237 restricted \$170,100.42 and in fund 1238 unrestricted \$72,096.52. The county would receive funding (not same amount) from 2022 – 2038.

Mayor Dory helped explain process and why there is such a quick push for part of the funds for a matching grant. If the coalition could get money from this opioid grant they could use it in their application for a matching grant and get additional funding.

Example if they received 50K from the opioid grant they could get 50K from this other grant. Unfortunately, the State gave a short turnaround time once this matching grant came out, less than 30 days. Deadline February 28, 2023.

The Commissioners would contact people to get a representative from P.I.E. Coalition and the school. Committee will meet Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Commissioners meeting room. Anyone interested in wanting funding can show up at the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Berry made a motion to adjourn. Helmer seconded. The motion passed.

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**Thomas Helmer, President**

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**David Berry, Vice President**

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**Attest: Auditor's Office  
Kristina Berish**