

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
March 21, 2022 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	Rick Woodall, President Thomas Helmer, Vice President David Berry
ATTORNEY:	Trudy Selvia
AUDITOR:	Kristina Berish
COUNCIL:	David Fuhrman Larry Parker Phillip Gick
AUDIENCE:	20 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on March 21, 2022, at 9:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Rick Woodall opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

PLANNING & ZONING

Lisa Zeiner stated the committee had interviewed three firms for the comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance and stormwater ordinance. Due to what the companies specialize in, the committee recommended to hire HWC for the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance (\$173,900) and hire Christopher Burke for the stormwater ordinance (\$29,500). Greencastle City would like to partner with the project for the 2-mile fringe.

HWC portion will take approximately eighteen months to complete and Christopher Burke around four months. This would tie into an active Drainage Board. Rick Woodall made the motion to approve the recommendation and hire HWC along with Christopher Burke. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EMS AMBULANCE

Kelly Russ said this was tabled from last meeting. They had received three bids:

American Response Vehicles out of N Carolina \$214,108
Emergency Vehicles Plus out of Michigan \$231,048
Fire Services out of Florida \$218,051

Russ recommended approving the bid from Fire Services. They have a dealer/shop in Indianapolis. The money has already been appropriated for the purchase. Tom Helmer made the motion to approve Fire Services bid. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE HYDRANTS

Mayor Bill Dory came to the meeting to discuss adding 52 new fire hydrants to lines outside of the city. These new hydrants will improve fire protection to residents and businesses in these

areas. A small part of the project includes adding approximately 280 feet of new water line at Doc James Road and US 231 to interconnect two large water mains.

The City is requesting approval for the project and will work with the County Highway Department on any permits required. Construction on the project should occur sometime this year depending on the lead time for the hydrant assemblies and other parts.

The Commissioners approved the project.

HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENT

The Commissioners received eight applications. Interviews were held and they were hoping to appoint someone at today's meeting. However, they have found it necessary to hold second interviews to address some questions. A special meeting will be held at a date to be determined.

CUMULATIVE FUNDS

A public hearing has been advertised for April 4, 2022.

RESOLUTION 2022-03-21-1 FOR DUST CONTROL OF ROADS

Tabled from the last meeting. Tom Helmer made the motion to approve the resolution. Rick Woodall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE LIGHTS – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Scott Monnett requested to change the courthouse lights to blue in April and allow pinwheels on the courthouse lawn. Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

JONES SCHOOL PROPERTY

Commissioners have been approached by someone from Hendricks County to purchase the property. Gentleman could not attend the meeting today. Tabled.

MOWING COVERED BRIDGES

Last year the Commissioners had to hire someone to clean up and mow around the bridges. County will be hiring someone again this year.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Clint Maddox gave updates on department and the roads.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING

Dave Berry said company has been working on the outside of courthouse. Also getting quotes to get material to put on courthouse to hopefully take care of the pigeon problem. He is also looking at how to fix the uneven sidewalks. Waiting on quote.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Rick Woodall said twelve requests had been submitted. An additional one submitted last week. Requests will be taken on an ongoing basis. Have till end of 2024 to spend. Today they are going through the requests submitted at this time. Last Thursday afternoon Rick Woodall said Barnes and Thornburg requested more information on some of the projects to finalize the plan. Hope to have plan in front of them at their April 4 meeting to approve.

South 43 Water

Infrastructure upgrades

2.5M

Reelsville Water	Infrastructure upgrades	2M
Clear Creek/Heritage Lake	Sewer Plant Expansion	518K
Russellville Water Tower	New water tower	200K
Health Department	Mobile trailer/equipment	420,162
Beyond Homeless Shelter	Upgrade and programs	150K
Mental Health America	New programs	100K
Putnam County Hospice	Packets for Senior citizens	21K
Putnam County Library	Upgrades	194K
Putnam County EMS	Equipment upgrades	175K
Volunteer fire departments	Lost revenue 50K each X 9	450K
Putnam County Essential Workers	Premium pay 3K X 80	240K
Grand total		6,968,162
ARPA funds		7,298,697
Remaining balance		330,535

Another submittal from Putnam Pantry Coalition for \$50,000.

Keeping some back per the State for incidentals for paying Barnes & Thornburg, audit, etc.

COUNTY WIDE EMAIL

Rick Woodall said the county had received quotes from three companies: Synergetic, Distinct and Air Linx/AIRHOP. Due to cybersecurity the county needs to have a county wide email system. The money has been appropriated already for the project. They will most likely hold a special meeting since they have questions for each company before deciding.

BAKER TILLY

The company acts as a financial advisor, they had submitted three different contracts for the county. 1) Capital plan which would help the county know our finances when looking at large projects such as an annex. Contract not to exceed \$5,000. 2) Long range plan (1-3 years). Contract not to exceed \$35,000. Once approved it would take approximately two months to complete.

Rick Woodall made the motion to approve these two contracts. The contracts will be paid from the EDIT fund. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The third contract is for financial advice. This would let the county know what the best finance options are for projects. Councilman Dave Fuhrman suggested getting the information from contracts just approved and see if they want to proceed with this contract. The company can also help with how to invest. This would be something they would work with the County Treasurer. The Commissioners tabled the third contract.

Rick Woodall said he will get contracts to the company.

The Commissioners and Council have debated on whether they need an annex or a storage building. The county is already facing a large storage problem. If they build an annex, it will be at least two years before it will be built. The county is looking at having a study done to analyze what the county needs are for space before proceeding with discussion of an annex.

PUTNAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

During the initial COVID outbreak the fairgrounds allowed a clinic to be stationed in the community building. It was their understanding they would get paid for expenses. FEMA denied their request. The Fair Board has now approached the Commissioners, if there was anyway the county could reimburse them. Consensus is the county should not have to pay this bill since they were not involved in the clinic. The Commissioners have a lot of questions, Rick Woodall asked them to attend their April 18 meeting to discuss.

PUTNAM COUNTY 200 YEAR OLD CELEBRATION

Rick Woodall said preserving the document showing our county is 200 years old. It will be displayed at the museum. A facsimile of the document is to be hung in the courthouse. A committee will be formed to work on the celebration.

PROPERTY TAX – FORM 11'S SENT OUT BY COUNTY ASSESSOR

Rick Woodall was asked by the Assessor to pass on the following information, the State has implemented some changes that will increase property taxes. Some triggers are farm ground, the assessed value per acre will be increasing. Non farmers every 4 years there is a cycle of addressing cost of materials. They are projecting 8% increase in assessed values when you receive your F11's from the Assessor.

PHONE SYSTEM

Rick Woodall said our current provider is CinergyMetro. He reached out to them for a quote, they were not very responsive. Dave Berry and Tom Helmer will be heading this project. Gigtel has submitted a proposal for a cloud-based communication suite. Tabled for further research.

BRIDGE 276

Clint Maddox said the road is closed. Currently cutting trees and getting site ready.

CLAIMS

March 10, 2022 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

March 17, 2022 – Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

March 21, 2022 – Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Dave Berry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

March 11, 2022 – Dave Berry made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

March 7, 2022 – Rick Woodall made the motion to approve. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Finance – add Woodall name for signature

MAIL

The Board of Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

Dave Berry made the motion to adjourn. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Woodall, President

Thomas Helmer, Vice President

David Berry

Attest: Auditor's Office
Kristina Berish

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The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on March 21, 2022, at 11:00 AM at the Putnam County Courthouse.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ROAD PLAN

Clint Maddox and Robyn Hughes went over the proposed plan showing the roads, length of road, type, and estimated cost for the Commissioners to review.

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Dave Berry made the motion to adjourn. Tom Helmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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