

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
March 4, 2024
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:	David Berry, President Tom Helmer, Vice President Rick Woodall
COUNCIL:	Stephanie Campbell, President Phillip Gick Larry Parker
ATTORNEY:	Jim Ensley
AUDITOR'S OFFICE	Kristina Berish
AUDIENCE:	21 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on March 4, 2024, at 9:00 AM. The meeting was held at the Putnam County Courthouse. David Berry opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

PUTNAM COUNTY AG DAY PROCLAMATION

Heather Poynter came to the meeting to present the proclamation for approval. Berry made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING/ZONING

Director Lisa Zeiner presented a rezoning ordinance for the Bainbridge Quarry. Plan Commission met on February 12, 2024, a favorable recommendation was given on parcels: 67-05-16-100-007.000-13 and 67-05-15-200-001.000-013. Helmer made a motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously for ordinance #2024-3-4.

Zeiner said the Town of Cloverdale adopted the new UDO, entering into an interlocal agreement for her office to handle their administrative duties. Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Zeiner presented a proposed fee schedule for the planning department. Increased fees to be in comparison with surrounding counties. Woodall made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously for ordinance 2024-3-4-1.

ADULT PROBATION

Teresa Parrish and Judge Headley came back to the board to now ask for half of an employee's health insurance (\$11,500) to be paid from the Commissioners' budget instead of the full amount which is what was asked at the last Commissioners meeting. After discussion, Woodall made the motion to approve the request. Helmer seconded. Berry opposed. The motion passed.

GIS DEPARTMENT

Robbie Cudnik presented an agreement from CoreLogic to receive county data from WTH, the county receives \$250. Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EMS – FEE ORDINANCE

Director Kelly Russ said last February they had approved a fee ordinance. However, it was approved but not signed by the board. She was here today to get that cleaned up so it could be recorded and updated.

Russ asked if the Commissioners had time to review her request to go to Washington on a work trip. They would get back with her on a decision.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Engineer Jim Peck presented a report:

- 1) Manhattan Road crash summary for years 2018- 2023.
- 2) Community Crossings – submitted to INDOT.
- 3) Peck would like to hire USI to do the CCMG construction documents at a fee of \$20,000 and the PASER report for \$35,000. It would be paid from money already appropriated in the highway budget. Berry made the motion to approve USI to do both reports. Helmer seconded. The motion carried.
- 4) Annual operations report – upload to Purdue LTAP. Woodall made the motion to approve the report. Berry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) Tandem trucks (2) – the 2 trucks they were using to trade in, one of them failed and to repair the long block would be \$34,596.77. They will be switching truck beds and trading in one truck instead. The lease payment will go from \$79,810.87 to \$92,722.97. They are reviewing the budget to see how to afford the increase in lease. Woodall asked about the truck that broke down, Peck said it would need to be looked at for next year's budget.
- 6) Bridge inspection – Phase IA – March 1st
- 7) Eric Freeman had contacted him about moving the depot and could the highway department help them. It is being moved across the road. It must be moved before the end of June 2024. Peck said he would help them with the design.

MINUTES

February 19, 2024 – Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA report due at the end of the month, Woodall is working with Baker Tilly to get it completed.

911 console upgrades were done but it is not working as it should. Woodall stated he wanted everyone in the room together who is involved to see what is going on and get it resolved. JES had submitted a quote \$12,834.00, Woodall suggested paying it from the LIT PSAP fund. Woodall made a motion to approve the quote. Helmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2024 EDIT plan – have a meeting to discuss next week. Tabled.

Dust Bowl Road use agreement: Ensley said approved at the last meeting, just needs signed.

Ensley said at the last meeting the Commissioners signed a document for EPIC, changes needed to be made. Will need to be signed.

Bridge 159 – an action was taken several years ago regarding the bridge. The county did an imminent domain that goes through a person’s driveway. Ensley presented an easement agreement for the Commissioners to review and approve. This came up due to a sale of the property and the new owner is concerned. This document takes care of the driveway indefinitely.

Putnam County Hospital Board – member resigned. The Commissioners will need to fill this position.

Woodall said he has tried multiple times via phone to talk to someone at the Putnam County Hospital about renting additional office space. No response. He planned to go to the hospital in person to see if that would help.

There is \$644,000 left in the ARPA fund, Woodall proposed taking 500K and putting half of it towards County Road 1200N and the other half for the cul-de-sacs in Heritage Lake. He brought it up today for discussion purposes only.

SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Baugh presented an award to reserve deputy Tom Sutherlin thanking him for his years of service.

ADJOURN

Berry made a motion to adjourn. Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

David Berry, President

Tom Helmer, Vice President

Rick Woodall

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