

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
February 19, 2024
9:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:
COMMISSIONERS: David Berry President
Tom Helmer, Vice President
COUNCIL: Stephanie Campbell, President
Phillip Gick
Larry Parker
ATTORNEY: Jim Ensley
AUDITOR'S OFFICE: Evelyn Williams
AUDIENCE: 21 Individuals

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on February 19, 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.

DUST BOWL

Mr. O'Leary stated all 1000 spots for the 100-mile ride sold out in 3 days with participants from 28 states and 3 countries. His request is to use Putnam County roads on Saturday July 27th from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. A portion of the event proceeds will go toward supporting cycling initiatives in west-central Indiana. Berry made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. The motion carried.

FLOYD TOWNSHIP FIRE FUND

Michael buying a new fire truck. They have chosen to go the Cumulative fund route which has a lot of steps. He would like the Commissioners opinion on going forward with it. Berry said he thought it was a great idea and they are headed in the right direction. Ensley stated it's more of a County Council question.

ADULT PROBATION BENEFIT CHANGE

Garret Nichols stated they are asking the county to pay for employee health insurance that is now paid by Alcohol and Drug fees. The employee switched tiers. According to Teresa Parrish they are losing money. Berry feels there is more than enough money in the fund according to auditor financial records. Helmer would like to table the matter for further investigation. Ensley stated they would need to get more information. Council members stated this should be brought up at budget time.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Brian Williams stated the wage study threw the nurses into an exempt category. They would like that to remain nonexempt. Brian stated the new job descriptions are needing signed by the Auditor's Office. Ensley stated he would advise making notes on the new job descriptions provided by the wage study what they approve of and don't.

Helmer motion to appoint George Snider to the Health Board. Berry seconded. Motion carried.

PLANNING SCANNER LEASE

Lisa Zeiner stated her office currently doesn't have a way to scan documents. They are looking for a new device to lease.

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

THINK GIS permissions requires an additional editor license. Berry made a motion to approve. Helmer seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Jamie France – Annual Report. Helmer stated it was a good report and Berry stated it was very thorough. France stated the 2025 grant will be coming out in April and they will get on their agenda for that.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Peck submitted report:

- 1) Bridge 297 to be replaced with a culvert.
- 2) Obtaining Engineering proposal to replace Bridge 78.
- 3) Both Projects are at the intersection of County Road 500 North and County Road 25 West.
- 4) ULD agreement for detour route.
- 5) County Road 600 West to County Road 600 North to 775 West.
- 6) Indicated to INDOT County Road 600 North is not a viable option.
- 7) Local Road Safety Plan.

MINUTES

February 5th Regular Session – Helmer made the motion to approve. Berry seconded. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Kristin Cleary – READI 1 and READI 2 – gave updates on grants given. Helmer stated he would like to see housing addressed with the new cycle of funds.

MAIL

The Commissioners acknowledged their mail.

ADJOURN

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

David Berry, President

Tom Helmer, Vice President

**Attest: Auditor's Office
Evelyn Williams**